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## CONFIRMATION AT COBOURG

(Contributed.)

Trinity Sunday, 1903, will long hold a place in the memory of the Catholics of Cobourg, for the events of that day shall ever have a prominent place in the annals of the Church in our good old town. His Lordship Right Rev. R. A. O'Connor, Bishop of Peterborough, arrived here on Saturday last for the purpose of administering the holy rite of Confirmation on Sunday to those children of the proper age who had been instructed and prepared for the reception of this great strengthening sacrament which should make them more firm and valiant soldiers of Jesus Christ and defenders of His divine faith. The chief credit for the preparation of the children to properly receive this sacrament, which was to them one of the most important events in their lives, is rightly due to the good and zealous Sisters of St. Joseph's Convent, who seem never to tire of the work of goodness and solicitude in behalf of the children under their fostering care.

The kindly and zealous priest of the neighboring parish of Grafton, Father Scanlon, was here on Friday and Sunday giving aid to Father Murray in the necessary preparations for the great event of Sunday. His Lordship celebrated early Mass at 8 o'clock, and at 10 o'clock Father Murray celebrated grand High Mass, after which His Lordship ascended the pulpit and delivered a forcible and touching sermon to the congregation, the spacious and handsome church being packed to the doors, including quite a number of other denominations, all apparently being interested in the feeling sermon of the day. His Lordship took his text from the Gospel of the day, Matt. xxviii, 18-20: "Jesus said to His disciples, all power is given to me in heaven and in earth; going, therefore, teach ye all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world."

His Lordship then prepared to administer the holy rite of Confirmation to the one hundred candidates prepared to receive that Sacrament. The children occupied thirteen pews on each side of the front of the middle aisle, and there were fifty-eight boys and forty-two girls. The grand altar was a perfect blaze of many-colored lights, and the Sanctuary was made beautiful with tasteful and effective decorations of rare and odoriferous flowers, making a scene full of joyous magnificence not soon to be forgotten. His Lordship was attended in giving the rite of Confirmation by Father Murray and the acolytes of the Sanctuary. The children were all tastefully and very becomingly dressed specially for the great occasion, and had been carefully drilled by the Sisters in the observance of every movement necessary to be made. Their beaming demeanor was the admiration of all.

The Catholics of Cobourg can scarcely fully appreciate the amount of good which the Sisters of the Convent have quietly and without ostentatious show conferred upon themselves and their children. They have in their own way taken upon themselves the spiritual direction of the children placed under their care and tuition, and where the parents have hitherto been careless and remiss they have brought the children up to a better appreciation of their duty to

their God and their neighbor. Under their benign care the children are every day becoming more improved in their Christian demeanor and good will to all. And where there may be at any time an act of insubordination or display of a refractory disposition be assured the good Sisters are not in any way blameable for it.

In the afternoon at 3.30 o'clock His Lordship, accompanied by Fathers Murray and Scanlon, repaired to the cemetery, where the greater portion of the congregation had already assembled, and at once proceeded with its blessing and consecration. This ceremony is never performed on any Catholic Church property until all debts or liens upon it has been fully discharged, so that the cemetery is quite free of debt, and the Church and all other church property nearly so. Father Murray has now been in charge of the Cobourg Mission for twenty-four years, and he is at present engaged in adding a very fine and much needed addition to the convent school. He is untiring in his energy, beloved by his people, and very popular with all.

On Sunday evening there was grand Vespers and another sermon by His Lordship, taking his text from John xv: "Remain in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine; so neither can you, unless you abide in Me." His Lordship delivered a very effective discourse to an overflowing congregation, including a good percentage of other denominations, after which he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to no less than seven converts to the faith. We have surely something to show for the progress of the faith in Cobourg.

## ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

The Ceremony of Blessing—Archbishop O'Connor Officiates.

Sunday last was a red letter day for the Catholic people of that section of the west end of the city embraced in the new parish of St. Francis. The new church on the corner of Grace and Arthur streets, which has been in course of construction for about a year, was completed and ready for blessing. The ceremony was performed at 10.30 o'clock, by His Grace Archbishop O'Connor, assisted by Vicar-General McCann.

The most holy sacrifice of the Mass, which was celebrated after the blessing, was attended by a crowded congregation chiefly from the new parish and the parent parish of St. Mary's. The celebrant was Rev. Father O'Donnell, Rev. Father Barrett, C.S.S.R., acting as deacon and Rev. Father Plumber sub-deacon.

The Archbishop delivered one of his lucid and informing addresses called for by the occasion. He congratulated the people of the district on their possession of a house of God where the adorable sacrifice would daily be offered. He spoke encouragingly of the co-operation of the people in the work when first contemplated and while under construction and prayed that God would bless them.

Vespers were sung in the evening by Rev. Father Williams, of St. Mary's.

In the new parish of St. Francis about four hundred and fifty families are enumerated. Rev. William McCann, the pastor, has worked most earnestly to accelerate the work and his example has especially inspired the parishioners. The church building is ornate and designed to fill the needs of the district in the centre of which it stands. There is street connection to the door by the Arthur street route. The church was designed and its construction superintended by Mr. C. J. Read.

## Confirmation at St. Peter's Church, Toronto

Trinity Sunday will be the central day in the lives of many of the parishioners of St. Peter's, for on that day some 25 children received their First Communion at the early Mass, and in the afternoon at 3 o'clock 50 candidates, of whom seven were converts and a considerable number adults, were Confirmed. All these were not members of St. Peter's parish, St. Helen's and St. Basil's contributing a quota.

The Archbishop, who was accompanied by Fathers Frachon and Murray, showed little sign of the hard work he had already done, for he assisted at the First Communion of the children of Our Lady of Lourdes and officiated at the dedication of St. Francis Church, Arthur street, on that day.

He examined the children thoroughly and at the same time encouragingly, so that they betrayed no nervousness. They came through the ordeal well, whilst the girls were assured that the Archbishop confided his questions to the boys, because he was quite satisfied that the former were well up in their catechism.

The examination was accompanied by a running commentary of a very instructive character, and, after Confirmation was given, its nature,

graces and duties were explained and urged home with great clearness and earnestness. A large congregation filled the church and in addition the sidewalk were lined with people. The services concluded with the Episcopal benediction and was over considerably before 5 o'clock.

## Knights of St. John Convention

The tenth annual convention of the Ontario Grand Commandery Knights of St. John was opened in O'Neill's Hall, Toronto, Wednesday, June 3.

Over one hundred delegates, ladies and gentlemen, representing the various Commanderies and Auxiliaries of the Province, answered roll call.

The reports of the officers and committees were very favorable indeed, especially the report of the Finance Committee, which showed that the order was progressing very rapidly, and also that it had secured a sound and substantial basis in the Province, both numerically and financially.

The numerous ideas and suggestions which were advanced by the different delegates for the promulgation and advancement of the Order, were the means of drawing out many valuable and instructive debates, all of which were conducted in a decorous manner. One suggestion which was adopted by the convention which is worthy of special mention, was that the Grand Commandery offer for competition "two valuable prizes" to be won by the Commandery and Auxiliary respectively, who should gain the largest number of members within a given period. This idea seemed to be suggestive to the delegates as not only being a means of creating a friendly rivalry amongst the different commanderies and auxiliaries throughout the Province, but that it would also have a tendency to arouse the enthusiasm of the individual member in trying to secure for his or her Commandery or Auxiliary as large a number of members as possible, ultimately strengthening the organization to a greater extent.

A very pleasant feature of the convention was the large attendance of lady delegates from their respective Auxiliaries, and the lively interest that they exhibited in the business of the session is proof positive that the Lady Knights have the welfare of the Order at heart.

The election of officers, which took place after the routine business had been transacted, was not the least interesting feature of the session. A few of the old officers, not deeming it expedient to monopolize the offices, tendered their resignations, they being also desirous of seeing some of the younger members taking an active interest in the organization. The officers were well contested, and the following is the result of the election:

Grand President—Thos. Callaghan.  
Grand Vice-Presidents—John Whelan, Miss M. Prendergast.  
Grand Secretary—G. P. McCann.  
Grand Treasurer—J. J. Nightingale.  
Grand Trustees—W. J. Dillon, Chas. J. Regan.  
Grand Auditors—Miss E. Goedike, J. E. Fullerton.

After the officers were duly installed by the Past Grand President, a vote of thanks was tendered him by the Grand President on behalf of the delegates for the able manner in which he and his fellow officers had guarded the interests of the Order during their term of office. Sir Knight Kelz responded with a few well-chosen remarks, thanking his officers for the assistance they had given him during his term of office, and also the delegates on the splendid manner in which they had helped in conducting the business of the convention.

The convention then adjourned in due form.

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The death of the Hon. James O'Brien, of Montreal, one of the millionaire merchants of Canada, who for many years has filled a seat in the Canadian Senate, places in the power of the Liberal Government an opportunity for favoring a friend. Already a swarm of budding statesmen, each of whom aspires to the vacant Senatorship, have made the Russell House their headquarters.

The Hon. James McShane, popularly known by that sobriquet which he gave to himself, "The People's Jimmy," is on the run for the vacant position; so is Mr. H. J. Cloran, who on more than one occasion was a defeated candidate for Parliamentary honors, but fell back for higher honors on the village of Hawkesbury. Here he was elected Mayor. Mr. W. E. Doran, the well-known architect, is not a dark horse but is before the world in the light of a June sun, searching for Senatorial honors. Dr. J. J. Guerin, a Minister without portfolio in the Province of Quebec, is anxious to transfer his great talents from the scene of his legislative triumphs to a higher sphere at Ottawa, and last, but not least of all, Mr. Edmund Guerin, the well-known K.C. of the commercial metropolis, is in the centre of the field, fully confident of winning the coveted prize. Who the future Senator may be, is somewhat difficult to tell, but indications are on the political firmament that Mr. Edmund Guerin gets into the Canadian Senate, not only on both feet, but with his head. He has the warm support of Mr. Gallery, the active and popular member for St. Ann's Division, Montreal, and those who know the persistence with which he backs up his friends in their requirements, will have no hesitation in predicting that his protégé, Mr. Guerin, will knock all competitors out of time and out of wind.

## THE COSTIGAN BANQUET.

Preparations for the forthcoming banquet to Mr. Costigan, which takes place on the 25th inst., are progressing favorably. A large attendance is anticipated and the presence of some of the leading orators of the Dominion is fully assured.

## OBITUARY.

Many will regret to learn of the death early Monday afternoon of Miss Gussie Sims, eldest daughter of Mr. R. A. Sims, the well-known contractor. Miss Sims' death took place at the family residence, 385 Sparks street, after only a brief illness. She was a particularly attractive young lady, was highly accomplished, being a graduate of Gloucester Convent, and possessed a disposition of character which endeared her to all with whom she came in contact.

Miss Sims was a faithful member of St. Patrick's Church. Besides her parents she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. J. A. McCabe, widow of the late Dr. McCabe, who at the time of his tragic ending, which threw a gloom over the large congregation attending St. Patrick's Church, was the able principal of the Ottawa Normal School, and Miss Ethel Sims, and one brother, Mr. Gerald Sims, an employe of the Dominion Express Company. Miss Sims, whose life was an exemplary one, died fortified with the spiritual graces which the Catholic Church imparts to the departing

## DEATH OF MRS. PATRICK McCABE.

One by one we are called upon to chronicle the demise of the older generation of settlers who link us with the past. This week it becomes my painful duty to record the death of Mrs. Patrick McCabe, which sad event occurred at her late home near North Lancaster, County Glengarry, on Tuesday morning, the 2nd of June, at the fine old age of 84 years. Mrs. McCabe was amongst the oldest settlers in the County Glengarry, having resided in the home in which she died for over sixty years. Leaving Loughrea in the County Galway, Ireland, when quite a young girl, Mary Cowan, for that was her maiden name—a name much respected in the home of her birth—with her younger sister, crossed the Atlantic and made for the home of an uncle, Mr. John Devine, who was engaged in mercantile pursuits in the village of South Lancaster. Here, two years later, she met with Mr. Patrick McCabe, a native of the County Monaghan, the home of the Clan McCabe, to whom she was married. Mr. McCabe himself lived to a fine old age, having passed away about seven years ago, after having reached the patriarchal age of ninety years.

In education Mrs. McCabe stood above the average; as a neighbor she was kind; as a Christian she ever true to the teachings of the Catholic Church; as an Irish woman she was true to the land of her birth; as a mother she was kind and indulgent, and as a wife she was affectionate. Endowed in an eminent degree with those fine qualities, we are not surprised that the home of Mrs. McCabe was invaded by anxious callers during her illness, and that her remains were followed to the grave by a large cavalcade of mournful sympathizers. May she rest in peace.

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## ST. BASIL'S SEPARATE SCHOOL.

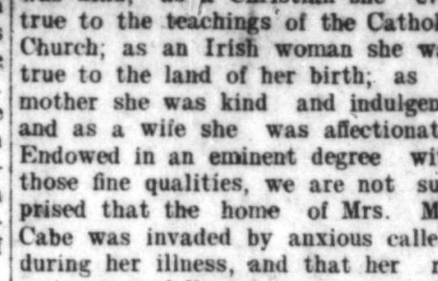
Names of pupils in Class II. who came first in general proficiency during the last six months:

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In Junior Division—Isabel Cassidy, Lillian Murphy, Albert Gates, Saxon Hunter, Susie Todd and Irene Hinchey.

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## SOCIALISM CONDEMNED

In the name of the Catholic Church Bishop N. C. Matz of Denver condemns Socialism. The Bishop's sermon was delivered at the Logan avenue cathedral in the presence of a congregation that filled the edifice.

After reviewing in a general way the labor conditions throughout the world, which he characterized as a spirit of universal unrest, the Bishop remarked:

"This fretful condition of our age is due in a measure to a new power, which has appeared on the stage and is forging ahead at a tremendous rate and demanding recognition at the hands of modern society. This new power is organized labor, which is composed of the bone and sinew of the laboring class.

"Young, full of vigor, conscious of its strength, and buoyant with hopes, it storms our capitals, fills our Legislatures with its representatives, formulates laws and carries them into execution. Willing or not, our age shall have to reckon with this power, and the sooner it prepares to do so the better it will be for all concerned. Youth and vigor are by their very nature prone to rashness and fond of experimenting, with no thought of what might be the cost and consequences of the experiment.

"Thus we have seen our last two Legislatures wrestling with the single tax theory, and the Western Federation of Labor, which was in session this week in this city, openly committing itself and all its members into the arms of socialism.

"The Catholic Church has ever been labor's staunchest friend, and has never failed to strain every nerve in bettering the condition of the laboring classes.

"When she had freed them from the bondage of slavery," the Bishop continued, "she devoted herself heart and soul to educate them. She it was who created the ancient guilds to protect labor from the ruinous power of competition and the oppression of the usurer.

"Under the mantle of the Church's protection these guilds grew into power and their members became wealthy. Their destruction by the revolution has been deeply deplored by the reigning pontiff, Leo XIII.

"These are facts which cannot be contested. And yet where can you find at this day one of these labor advocates or labor leaders willing to admit these undeniable claims? The truth is, these men are openly committed to socialism, the enemy of the Church. They have made a public confession of this in their convention in this city this week; and they are pledged to hand over the labor organizations which they control, bound hand and foot, to socialism.

"Socialism, in a nutshell, is the destruction of private property, which would be transferred to the keeping of the socialistic State, wherein universal suffrage should govern. Socialism, therefore, is a dream, and will never be but a dream as long as man is what we know him to be, an imperfect being, full of passions and prejudices. For this reason Christ, who understood human nature perfectly, did not reconstitute the human family in the New Law under the pattern of a religious community.

"It now becomes my duty as Bishop to warn all our Catholics against any and all unions, whatever may be their name, that would commit them to Socialism.

"President Moyer in his address, which was given to the public on Thursday, May 28, advises the reaffirmation of the doctrine of socialism as the most efficacious method for the working classes to ultimately secure the full profits of their toil."

"The moment this advice is acted upon and incorporated in the programme of a society or union as a doctrine to be professed by its members and put into practice, no matter by what means, this society stands condemned by the Catholic Church. We have always stood forth as the staunch friend of the laborer; we have at all times advocated his right of association for mutual protection, better wages where labor is hard and surrounded with dangers; shortening of the hours of labor under similar conditions.

"These are legitimate aims, and association for the securing of these aims is equally legitimate, just as much so as associations of capital for the maintenance of fair prices. But when capital combines for the purpose of advancing prices or depreciating labor beyond the limits of justice it commits a crime against society just as great as labor when it attempts to raise wages beyond the limits of equity.

"If the fear of God possessed our hearts and Christian charity formed our rule of life there would be no need of any such trusts or associations. Their existence points to an

evil which Christianity would banish from the face of the earth with that simplest of all commandments, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.'

"Sympathetic strikes are unjust because they imply the breaking of a just contract—freely entered upon between contracting parties. They are unjust because they are the ruin of industry and commerce, bring hardships on the people and create disorders endangering the welfare of the Commonwealth.

"In the erection of one large building in Chicago there is record of twenty-seven strikes and our own St. Vincent's orphanage has been delayed fully four months because of strikes. In the meanwhile the sisters and children were crowded together, all through the winter in a condition of sanitation that could never have stood the test of an investigation by the Board of Health. And this abnormal state of affairs is owing to the abnormal condition of the country with the daily occurrence of strikes throughout the land. That this is an outrageous situation which must eventually exasperate the people to such an extent as to bring about a revolution must be evident to any thinking mind.

"The reasons advanced to justify the situation, namely, the betterment of the laboring classes, may be ever so plausible; but if this betterment must be brought about by unjust, iniquitous means, it will never stand. We want to see the condition of the laborer improved, the Church wants it; she is pre-eminently the Church of the laboring man; but that improvement must be wrought along the lines of justice and equity, otherwise she could never countenance it. Now, if this betterment be attempted in the way contemplated by socialism, then the Church must stay to the labor party: 'You cannot do this, for this would imply an enormous iniquity, namely, the expropriation of landed proprietors and the confiscation of wealth.'

"Let no man be deceived on that score. The Church is God's representative on earth, and with God she will say with her last breath, 'Thou shalt not steal.' When Mazzini, the most celebrated Italian revolutionist and the most gifted and ardent plotter in the cause of Italy's unification under the form of an Italian republic, offered to Pius IX. the presidency of said contemplated republic, Pius answered: 'Non possumus,' we cannot; it is an injustice, because it involves the extinction and destruction by violent, unlawful means of all the principalities, dukedoms and little kingdoms of the realm which have existed for centuries in Italy.

"Now the salvation of the labor union lies, not in the embrace of socialism, but as the Holy Father clearly states, in a return to Christianity. The Church has saved labor twice; first by the abolition of slavery, to which it had been condemned by paganism; and, secondly, by the establishment of the guilds and the fostering care she bestowed upon them in the educating and training of the laborer in her industrial schools, the ancient monasteries. She can and she will save labor a third time, but on the one absolutely necessary condition, namely, a return to Christianity, without which she cannot exert her saving and elevating influence upon the laborer. She alone holds the key to the solution of the labor problem, which rests with Christian charity."

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