

ST. PATRICK AND HIS WORK.

Masterly Address Delivered in St. Mary's by Rev. Father Phelan. The fluttering of the Irish emblem from the top of the flagstaffs and the wearing of shamrocks, real or artificial, were the only outward indications that yesterday was St. Patrick's Day on Winnipeg streets.

At St. Mary's At St. Mary's Church pontifical high mass was celebrated by his grace, the Archbishop of St. Boniface, and was a very solemn and impressive service. Father Bellevue of St. Boniface acted as deacon, with the Rev. J. Labelle of the college as sub-deacon.

An Eloquent Address Seldom have the people of Winnipeg been given the opportunity of listening to as thoughtful and as scholarly an address as that delivered at high mass at St. Mary's Church yesterday morning by the Rev. Father Phelan of the Passionist Order of Chicago.

Father Phelan is an eloquent speaker and a typical son of Ireland, and his remarks during the whole discourse were listened to with the greatest interest. It was only natural, considering the day, and the nationality of the speaker, that the subject of address should be St. Patrick, Ireland's patron saint.

St. Patrick in Ireland Taking his text from St. John, Father Phelan spoke of the call St. Patrick had received to go to Ireland, and reviewed the history of the celebrated saint. He had gone to Ireland in the year 432, and the fruits of his labours were evident in the green little island to-day.

The Glory of Ireland Speaking of the several good qualities of the Irish race, the speaker referred to the many brave deeds of her sons; how they had nobly fought and died for the honor of their country, and in later years for the empire at large.

In the Future In speaking of the future of Ireland, the reverend father said that, unlike the individual who received his reward in eternity, Ireland as a nation would receive hers in time, and that time would be when she should take her place among the nations of the world.

St. Mary's Congratulated Father Phelan made reference to the splendid school building which had been erected by the parishioners of St. Mary's, assuring his hearers that it would stand as a lasting monument to their zeal and fidelity.

A Hearty Welcome After the service Father Phelan received many hearty congratulations from friends in the parish, who expressed their pleasure at being able to welcome him back again, and assuring him that it would be many a long day before he and his work in St. Mary's parish would be forgotten.

On Sunday evening Father Phelan will again preach in St. Mary's, taking the place of the Rev. Father Drummond, who last Sunday commenced a series of Lenten Sermons.—Morning Telegram, March 18.

LEBRET SCHOOL DISTRICT

To the Editor of the Free Press Sir,—Replying to my good friend Rev. J. P. Magnan. I frankly confess that I was technically in error, in describing the school district at Lebret as "a Roman Catholic separate school district."

When this school district was formed, my recollection of the school law in force at that time in the North West Territories was that the law provided for a double public school system under which the Roman Catholics could, with a certain ease, establish a school, and propagate their own religious tenets.

Furthermore, the reverend father's own letter goes so far as to prove too much, when we consider the statements of it, in the light of the strenuous argument put forward by Sir Wilfred Laurier in his speech, introducing the autonomy bill. The premier argues and avers that separate schools are in existence (in some form at least) in the Northwest Territories, recognized by the government, the principle is there, the schools are there, and so the premier makes for a continuance if not an enlargement.

However, call the "Catholic public school No. 12, Lebret, Northwest Territories," what you may, I am convinced that the money I have paid in taxes to the support of this school went to the support of a school in which the dogmas of the Roman Catholic Church were taught, and if separate schools mean what Sir Wilfrid Laurier even defines them as, I, as a Protestant, am supporting them in the case of the Catholic public school No. 12, Lebret Northwest Territories, my good friend, Rev. Father Magnan, and Mr. McPhillips to the contrary notwithstanding.

S. CRUTHERS. Manitou, March 15. Ed. Note.—If a majority of electors in a school district are Roman Catholics and elect a majority of school trustees of their own way of thinking, is the school a separate school? Mr. Cruthers thinks it is. But how can this result be prevented by legislation?

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In a Montana hotel there is a notice which reads:—"Boarders taken by the day, week, or month. Those who do not pay promptly will be taken by the neck."

ENGLAND TOLERATES FRENCH SPOILIATION OF BRITISH SUBJECTS

To the following well deserved castigation of Lord Lansdowne by the Liverpool "Catholic Times" of the 3rd of March, we have only to add that our Foreign Minister is no doubt gagged, as the secular press in England is, by the English Freemasons in league with their French brethren.

The forced sale of the English Catholic Church in the Avenue Hoche, Paris, reflects disgrace on the French Government, but it is a very small matter compared with the spoliation of the English Benedictines at Douai. Their stately College and Abbey, with chapel, study hall, piazza, hospice, and the rest, representing at the lowest estimate £130,000, were sold for £11,000. Library, stained glass windows, organ, furniture of all descriptions, statuary, fixtures, everything save the few things the monks rescued at the eleventh hour, was knocked down to the cheapest bidder.

THE LATENT POWER OF CATHOLICS

Mr. Burke contends that the Catholics of Liverpool are not making a proper use of their electoral power. "No one in Liverpool," he says, "will venture to set forth Catholic opinion when elections are pending—some from fear of being snubbed in high places, others because they are politicians first and Catholics afterwards."

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