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The last issue of the *Wawa* was printed before the consecration of Right Reverend Bishop Augustine Dontenwill, which took place in the Cathedral of New Westminster, Sunday, August 22, 1897.

The Consecrating Bishop was His Grace Archbishop Langevin, of St. Boniface. The Assistant Bishops, Rt. Rev. P. Durieu, Bishop of New Westminster, and Rt. Rev. Isidore Clut, of Athabasca-Mackenzie. Right Rev. Bishop O'Dea, of Nesqually, preached after the Gospel a most eloquent sermon for the occasion. Were present at the ceremony—Rt. Rev. Bishop Lootens, of Victoria, retired; Rt. Rev. Bishop Legall, coadjutor of St. Albert, and about forty priests, from British Columbia, the North West, Manitoba and Washington.

The church was full to its utmost capacity, and nearly two thousand Indians covered the street and other vacant ground in front of the church.

There is not sufficient space in the *Wawa* for a description of the ceremonies of the consecration of a Bishop, of which the secular Press said: "The scene was truly an impressive one. The sight of the dignitaries as they were ranged about the altar was one to make the most careless think. There was something, too, about it, to appeal to the artistic sentiment, the blending of purple and white with black and scarlet in robes and vestments being truly picturesque. There was very little musical service, the *Veni Creator* and the *Te Deum* only being

rendered. Yet the ceremony lasted from 9 a. m., till noon.

At two o'clock, p. m., the 2000 Indians, who were present in New Westminster on account of the ceremony, gathered together in the grounds of St. Louis College, where the Bishops and Clergy had come to meet them.

First, August from Langley, addressed the new Bishop, in the name of all the Indians present, to assure him of their veneration, love and obedience in the same measure as they had departed to their first father, Rt. Rev. Bishop Durieu.

Bishop Dontenwill replied in thanking them for their good wishes, and assured them also of his love and entire devotedness to the good of their souls. Next, Rev. Father Camper, from Manitoba, rose up and addressed the Indians, stating how glad he was to see them so fervent Catholics. He will speak of them to the Indians of Manitoba, whom he will encourage to follow most steadily in the same path. He wishes them besides, to pray for their brethren across the Rocky Mountains, for those who do not know God, that they may be converted and saved; for those who are already good Christians that they may persevere until death; and also for the missionaries that they may be preserved long yet to work for the salvation of the Indians.

Afterwards, Archbishop Langevin rose and began by saying in Chinook *Naiku tloos tomtom kopa msai ka*, after which His Grace explained to the Indians in a few words, how what they had witnessed that day was a most palpable proof of the unity