

## THE CATHOLIC POSITION AS TO MARRIAGE

Letter From Officers of the Catholic Truth Society of the Archdiocese of Halifax on the New Marriage Decree

Halifax, June 19, 1911.  
Dear Sir:—We ask you to give to the Catholic church the same publicity in your columns that you have given the pastoral letter of the Anglican bishops on the marriage question, and the resolutions of various synods and associations condemning the action of the church.

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President,  
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The Catholic Truth Society Defines the Position of the Catholic Church on the Marriage Question

As there has been much misunderstanding and a little misrepresentation of the position of the Catholic church on the marriage question, the Catholic Truth Society of the Archdiocese of Halifax authorizes the following statement:—

1. The Catholic church does not, as has been falsely stated, regard as invalid the marriage of two Protestants by a Protestant minister. On the contrary, she has always upheld the validity of such marriages as being contracted in good faith. The best proof of this is the fact that, when married Protestants decide to enter the Catholic church, they do not have to be re-married.

2. The Catholic church does regard as invalid the marriage of two Catholics, or of a Catholic and a Protestant, by a Protestant minister or by any civil authority, which has been contracted since the promulgation of the new marriage law. The main object of this decree is to prevent hasty and ill-considered marriages, and the many evils admittedly resulting therefrom. Matrimony being a sacrament of the Catholic church, she has the right to lay down the conditions for its valid reception by her own children.

3. The Catholic church does not and cannot interfere with the civil law. Consequently, a mixed marriage contracted before a Protestant minister, though invalid in the eyes of the Catholic church, is not illegal, except in the Province of Quebec, for the reasons stated below. Outside of that province, if one of the parties were to desert the other or attempt to marry again, he or she would be liable to the penalties prescribed by the civil law.

4. It is not true that, when the Catholic party to a mixed marriage desires reconciliation with the church, he or she is required or advised to abandon the partner to the union and the children that may have been born of it. In such cases, the parties are urged to have the union validated in accordance with the laws of the church.

5. As regards the Herbert case, about which so much has been said, the Catholic church does not, as has been falsely stated, appeal to the civil law to annul the marriage. That appeal was made by one of the parties to the union who desired to desert the other. When French Canada, now the Province of Quebec, was ceded to Great Britain, the Catholic church was guaranteed the free exercise of her laws, and subsequent acts of parliament enacted that the marriage regulations of any religious body in the province should be the civil law as affecting members of that body. Consequently, the marriage of these two persons, who, be it remembered, were both Catholics, by a Protestant minister, being null and void in the eyes of the church, was decided by the courts to be also null and void under the civil law. The case is unfortunate, but the Catholic church is in no way to blame, the parties themselves and the clergyman who aided and abetted them in performing an illegal act, being altogether responsible for the sad result.

When making sweet croquettes add a little sugar to the crumbs in which the croquettes are to be rolled.

**Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills**  
positively cure  
Constipation  
and all  
Biliousness  
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25¢ per box

## AMUSEMENTS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

### THE GEM

A drama of an exciting and exhilarating nature is billed for the opening show at the Gem Theatre this week in "A Klondike Steal" by the Vitaphone Company, a splendid story of the frozen north, in which the leading characters are three young women who have been left a mine in the Yukon, and who meet with various adventures and share in an interesting romance in establishing their rights. The Edison Company presents "The Two Homes," a funny comedy of two old soldiers and political rivals, bitter enemies who are united through the nuptial union of their children in an elopement. By far the strongest drama of military life with touching incidents of home and heart interest which has been shown at the Gem for some time, is announced by the Edison Company, in "A Brother's Redemption," which is a tender story of a business disaster brought about by a wasteful youth, who eventually becomes a tramp, but redeems himself when his worthless brother is about to sacrifice his home life for the war, for the sake of his mother and his brother's wife, Miss May. It will be heard in "You Can't Make Me Stop Loving You," while the orchestra has new pieces.

### THE LYRIC

The Lyric Theatre expects to do its share in making coronation week in St. John a memorable one, as it will announce performances of merit after every evening. The first of the special features booked is Miss May Roberts said to be a most clever young lady subuniting a character act that has been the means of making her famous wherever she has appeared. Miss Roberts has an excellent voice which she will display appropriately in a large repertoire of new and old song hits. Four changes of costume are made during the performance and the representations of the life figures as depicted by Miss Roberts bring this attraction to a headline position. The picture element will be made up of four stellar subjects each selected with an evident desire to make the entire entertainment a grand one in every respect.

### THE UNIQUE

To open coronation week the management of the Unique Theatre have arranged a programme that is calculated to create interest even in the most blasé audience. The grand feature will be a film showing of Nathaniel Hawthorne's masterpiece, "The Scarlet Letter." The story is so well known that its recapitulation seems unnecessary. The film players have reproduced the salient figures of the tale with wonderful fidelity to facts and have made of them such fascinating bits of characterization that those who see it cannot but admire. The scenic surroundings of the play are said to be most elaborate as well as highly artistic. The weekly review of happenings in Europe will include a great fire at the flour mill in Moscow and short trips to London, Paris, Brussels and Vienna. To offset the serious side of the programme a sterling comedy, "Capit's Pocket Book," is expected to faithfully fulfil its mission. Thomas Malcolm will enter upon the final week of his engagement.

## SPORT NEWS OF A DAY; AT HOME AND ABROAD

### The Rifle

Canadian Rifle League.

The third match of the Canadian Rifle League was shot at the range on Saturday by the St. Andrew's church cadet corps. With poor conditions, the scoring was extremely good. Following were the results:

	Yds.	Yds.	T.
Corp. W. Welford	200	500	58
Sgt. E. A. Stephenson	32	26	58
Corp. E. F. Ellis	23	37	57
Corp. H. Dobson	29	29	57
Sgt. J. M. Gibson	26	34	50
Pte. H. McDonald	23	18	42
Capt. C. P. Inches	25	17	42
Pte. C. G. McKee	21	15	36
Col. Sgt. W. B. Wisely	18	12	30
Pte. H. Hodges	18	10	28
Totals	239	210	440

Owing to the fact that the 2nd regiment was on its way to Boston there was no competition of the 2nd Rifle Association.

### A Good Start

The 3rd Regiment is again taking a more active part in rifle shooting as was shown on Saturday by the large attendance at their weekly noon match. O. Battery being especially well represented in numbers and good scoring.

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### Baseball

THE N. B. & MAINE LEAGUE.

Results of Saturday's Games.

At St. John—St. John, 11; Marathons, 8.

At St. Stephen—Calais, 1; St. Stephen, 6.

At Woodstock—Woodstock, 6; Fredericton, 1. (Exhibition game).

The League Standing.

Won. Lost. P. C.

Fredericton..... 3 1 .750

Calais..... 3 1 .750

Marathons..... 2 3 .400

St. Stephen..... 2 3 .400

St. John..... 1 3 .250

Today's Games.

Woodstock at Fredericton.

Tomorrow's Games.

Marathons at Woodstock.

Fredericton at Calais.

The St. John's defeated the Marathons by a score of 11 to 8 in their game on the Shamrock grounds on Saturday afternoon.

Moloney pitched good ball for the losers on all the several innings, but the Marathons went up and he was hit hard. Eater pitched for the winners and played a fairly tight game, as did Donnelly, Parle and Fraser.

The St. John's and Marathons will play two games here on the holiday.

Gravenor, Eater, Moloney and Frank Shannon of the Marathons will leave for their homes in Boston today. Shannon resigned from the team but the other three were let go by the management.

Moloney may be here again later in the season. Three new men, Winter, Turbell and Williams, arrived yesterday to play with the Marathons. The first two are pitchers and Williams is a third baseman.

The Thistles defeated the Calais team by a score of 6 to 1 in the New Brunswick and Maine B. B. League game in St. Stephen on Saturday. Kyp pitched for the winners.

The Woodstock team, with Peasley and Unsworth pitched on Saturday afternoon on Saturday 6 to 1. Peasley pitched only three innings and played good ball. Conley pitched for Fredericton.

Game and Game.

The Moncton Victorians won and lost in Halifax on Saturday. In the morning game with the Societas they won 11 to 3, but in the afternoon the Victorians turned the tables and won 5 to 1.

National League results on Saturday: Cincinnati 6; Chicago 5; Cleveland 4; Philadelphia 3; New York 1; St. Louis 2; Boston and Pittsburgh game off on account of rain.

National League, Sunday—New York 5; St. Louis 4; Chicago 4; Philadelphia 3; Brooklyn 3; Cincinnati 1.

American League, Saturday—Boston 4; Cleveland 3; Detroit 2; New York 3; Chicago 8; Philadelphia 6; St. Louis 4; Washington 3.

American League, Sunday—Chicago 15; Detroit 16; Cleveland 10; St. Louis 7; Boston 2; Philadelphia 3; New York 1; St. Louis 2; Boston and Pittsburgh game off on account of rain.

Intermediate League Opens Tonight.

The Intermediate Baseball League will open this afternoon with the Victorians playing the St. John's. This is the first year the league and a trophy has been put up by Dr. Scribner & Co., 50 King square, agents for Stall & Dean's sporting goods. The game will be played at the Ballast wharf. The schedule has been drawn up and is as follows:

June 13—Victorians vs. St. John's.

June 14—Red Wings vs. Acadias.

June 15—Acadias vs. Acadias.

June 16—Acadias vs. St. John's.

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Twenty increases granted to seamen as result of strike which still persists, however.

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAIR

The fair of the Knights of Columbus will open this evening in their rooms and grounds in Coburg street, and there will without doubt be a large attendance. The committees in charge have been making preparations for the event for some time, and everything will be in readiness this evening