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OUR ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER. ST. BONIFACE, Dec. 12th, 1892. Messrs. E. J. Dermody & Co.

GENTLEMEN—I see by the last issue of the Northwest Review that you have been instructed by the directors of the journal with the management of the same.

I need not tell you that I take a deep interest in the Northwest Review which is the only English Catholic paper published within the limits of the Northwest Territories.

Yours all devoted in Christ, ALEX. ARCHBISHOP OF ST. BONIFACE, O. M. I.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Now that John Dillon has threatened to match the Home Rule pikemen against the Orangemen it is very likely that the warriors of the North will begin to cool off.

The Easter services of the church are always impressive. They are the expression of faith, reverence and devotion; and consequently are true symbolical representations of the spiritual realities she celebrates.—Facts.

It is announced that the Ulster Orangemen are drilling—not with rifles, but with "models" of rifles. It is an appropriate connection. There is as much "sham" about the warriors as there is in the arms.

In organizing a financial boycott on Russia, the Jews are striking back at their pitiless enemy in a way that will be felt. In every legitimate act of retaliation which they may put in force against Russia the Jews have our sympathy.

In the passing away of Elliot F. Shepherd, the secular press of the country has lost its star burlesque religious editor. He made fun of the tripod brethren of every denomination.

When God was allowed a place in the schools and governments of France and Italy there were no Panama Canal scandals nor Anarchist bombs. Where infidelity is cherished as the national faith the devil easily has it all his own way.

All of Rome (that is outside of the Vatican and Catholic institutions) seems to be at present in the hands of the Anarchists. If King Humbert was not stoned to death there on a recent occasion it was because his assailants did not learn to throw straight.

Every little trick known in the science of obstructive parliamentary tactics is being tried by the Tories in the effort to embarrass and delay Mr. Gladstone, but the efforts are fruitless. The Grand Old Man, as far as any serious opposition is concerned, has a genuine picnic.

The Protestant synod at its recent meeting in Dublin voted against Home Rule for Ireland. To be sure; but the synod must do something besides vote in order to prevent it.

Fresh honors continue to fall on Patrick Donahoe, the veteran editor of the Boston Pilot. The presentation to him of the Laetare medal of Notre Dame University, is but another well won testimonial to his long, faithful and brilliant service in the cause of American Catholic journalism.

Our contemporary the Catholic Sentinel says: "The first plow that traced a furrow in the plains that border the Saskatchewan river, in the remote regions of Northwestern Canada, was brought there with great difficulty by the now venerable Father Lacombe, one of the most successful missionaries that has ever passed their lives among the Indians."

The Holy Father recently sent a message to the President of the United States through the phonograph which was presented by Mr. Moriarty. At the request of his Holiness, the messages of the late Cardinal Manning and Cardinal Gibbons were repeated on the phonograph.

We have much pleasure in giving our readers a report of the Hon. John Costigan's speech on the vote of censure moved against Mr. Clarke Wallace for disloyal language used by him from an orange platform in Kingston.

The Northwestern Chronicle, of St. Paul the organ of His Grace, Archbishop Ireland has the following to say of Catholic schools:

"The Catholic school is the native home of the Catholic child, and removal from it is forced weaning from the mother's milk—an action always hazardous and usually more or less injurious."

This is noble language. It is true and it is grand. The Catholic schools have been the nursery of the Faith. They have done great work for spiritual and temporal good. The parent who wants his child brought up a good Catholic will sacrifice almost every temporal good to send him to a Catholic school.

CATHOLIC STATESMEN.

Romanism is incapable of producing great statesmen or master-minds in any considerable number. The ten million of Romanists in this country have not yet produced many really great men in any department of public life.

It is wonderful the amount of insulting impudence and stupendous cheek which actuate the author of the above choice morsel. By "Romanism," we presume this Baptist means, the Holy Catholic church "is incapable of producing great statesmen or master-minds in any considerable number?!"

Why is it that the world of to-day produces such mental and moral monstrosities as the writer of the above article in the Pacific Baptist. One would think that a man of ordinary intelligence, with any regard for truth or for his own reputation as a scholar, would be more careful in his remarks.

In every age of the world's history the Catholic church has produced men celebrated as statesmen, and master-minds, in every department of science, in every walk of life.

Government had failed to do or at all events had failed to advise the House. Instead of ascertaining this fact was laid at the very door of any action they should have taken or should take they have been giving contradictory assertions and increasing and aggravating a difficulty that was fast assuming dangerous proportions.

Is this what Mr. Laurier said? Will the hon. gentleman understand the picture drawn of his speech by the Sun? Can a man of the intelligence of the Leader of the Liberal party doubt for one moment the truth of what His Grace, Archbishop Tache said? The Archbishop of St. Boniface made a statement in which those schools were declared to be Protestant schools and he gave his reasons.

Mr. Laurier did not know whether what His Grace said was true or not? The Sun continues: "Mr. Laurier did not hesitate to say that if there had been any improper infringements of the rights of Catholic minority of Manitoba he was prepared to defend that minority anywhere and everywhere until those rights were restored."

Against what action? If Mr. Laurier means to describe the line of action of the Greenway government in promising his compatriots and fellow French Canadians that they would be protected in all their rights and privileges, provided they would vote for a Liberal and bring the Greenway party into power, and then ruthlessly violating those sacred pledges, if this is what he says is "characterized by cowardice, deceit and wrong," we heartily concur in his sentiments.

THE BRANDON SUN AND MR. LAURIER.

The Brandon Sun claims to be a Liberal paper, and we all know that Mr. Laurier is the leader of the great Liberal Party. During the debate on the Manitoba school question in the House of Commons, Hon. Mr. Laurier made a speech and the Sun in an editorial, makes some comments on that speech.

"Perhaps the most severe and caustic arrangement the Government has yet had was at the hand of Mr. Laurier. Conscious in his own rectitude and honesty of purpose he indicated the course that should have been and should now be pursued. There was no balking in defining his position no latent dread of offending any one, nor cunning attempt to ingratiate. He declared that the whole question as it was or was not Archbishop Tache's statement that the National Schools in Manitoba were only Protestant schools in disguise correct.

Let Mr. Laurier and his friends in Quebec make a note of this. Let them cease their bragadoocio and hypocrisy. It deceives no one—and, least of all, does it deceive the French Canadian Catholics of Manitoba. Such bluster about the truth or untruth of what His Grace, Archbishop Tache said, is conceived in exceedingly bad taste.

Mr. Costigan.—I am very glad that the tone of the discussion has been very moderate, but one who has occupied a seat in this Parliament as long as I have would be disappointed, if it took any other direction. On all questions that have come up for discussion here, we have already found gentlemen who occupy seats here meet those questions, no matter what they may be calculated to give rise to, in a calm, deliberate way, just as they have done to-day.

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That Mr. Laurier is quite satisfied that the Catholic minority has not been ill-used seems quite clear. Mr. Laurier's attitude in this matter shines forth in marked contrast with Sir John Thompson and the Government supporters. The former apparently expressed his honest sentiments fearless alike of the hostilities he might excite, the latter timorously approached the subject and with a vast amount of cowardly mask circumlocution left the matter in the same maze of doubt and uncertainty with which the debate began.

Unless Mr. Laurier is as thoroughly dishonest as the Sun, this is a slander on his good name. That Mr. Laurier is quite satisfied that the Catholic minority has not been ill-used, we refuse to believe. He, nor any other honest man, who knows anything about the question, can believe anything of the kind.

The Government has undoubtedly assumed a terrible responsibility in permitting it if they are not actually guilty of stimulating an agitation that may yet assume proportions not easily controllable. It is fast developing into a religious and racial war in which the bitterest feeling and deepest passions will be profoundly aroused.

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