

CANADIAN PLENARY COUNCIL.

RECEPTION TO BISHOPS.

Expressions of Loyalty Cabled the Pope and the King.

The opening of the Canadian Plenary Council took place in Quebec on Sunday last. Pontifical Mass was celebrated at the Basilica by Mgr. Sbarretti, Papal Delegate to Canada, and was a most imposing ceremony, no less than 32 archbishops and bishops and many of the clergy and laity being present.

In answer to a cable which had been sent to Rome, a message from Cardinal Merry del Val was read at the end of the Mass, thanking the members of the Plenary Council for their assurance of devotion, and expressing the best wishes of His Holiness the Pope that the results of the Council might be the increased welfare of the Church in Canada, and the great happiness of its members.

Mgr. Gauthier, of Kingston, preached the sermon in English, and Mgr. Bruchesi, our Archbishop, in French. Mgr. Bruchesi took for his text the words with which St. Matthew closes his account of such assemblies. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, and lo, I am with you even unto the end of the world." His Grace recalled the occasion on which these words were heard by the disciples, when Peter had called a council of the apostles at Jerusalem, and they had gone forth from this meeting strengthened for the fight in which they ultimately gained such a great victory. The example of this council was not forgotten by Peter's successors. The leaders of the Catholic Church on earth had from time to time called plenary councils at Rome, Nice, Ephesus and other centres.

OBJECT OF COUNCIL.

After an eloquent apostrophe to the memory of Laval, Mgr. Bruchesi outlined the purpose for which the council had been called.

"They do not come here to discuss the difficult problems of our political life," he said. "Neither will they treat questions of commerce, of art, and industry—not that they are wholly disinterested in these questions, for they have certainly at least everything that pertains to the progress and welfare of their country. Their object, however, aims at higher things and dominates all earthly interests. They have but one preoccupation, and that is the conservation and diffusion of the Catholic faith and the eternal salvation of souls for which they are responsible before Almighty God. They will not seek to formulate new doctrines, as the inventors and reformers of religious are to-day the fighting stock of the whole world. Their credo is complete and immutable, and from it not one syllable can be taken, for it is the old credo of Jerusalem, of the Catacombs and of the Vatican. What they have come here to do, I will tell you in repeating the words of Pius IX, as they are as true for us to-day as they were for those who were then gathered in solemn conclave in the Eternal City: "This council will examine with the greatest care and will determine what it considers best to do in these calamitous times for the greater glory of God, for the integrity of the eternal salvation of men for the discipline and solid education of the secular and regular clergy, for the observation of the ecclesiastical laws, for the reform of morals, for the Christian education of the young, for general peace and universal harmony."

INVOKE HEAVEN'S AID.

"With this object in view, your bishops will study together, they will listen to the evidence, sentiments and wishes of men of science and experience who surround them, and they will authorize discussions and debates which will alone be animated by the love of truth and charity in Christ. They will seek to correct abuses, to introduce salutary reforms, to encourage or create good works, in order to extend and to fortify at every point the reign of God on earth. But, knowing, however, that there can be no durable edifice unless God Himself lays the foundation, they will implore the aid of Heaven and they will pray together as the apostles prayed in the conclave of old, and then, aided by divine light and knowledge, will make recommendations which the sovereign authority in Rome will be called upon to sanction, and which you will receive, my brethren, with that piety and respect incumbent upon true and submissive sons of the Church."

CABLES EXCHANGED.

The following cables were forwarded to His Holiness Pius X and His

Majesty Edward VII. by His Excellency Mgr. Sbarretti. Cables and replies follow:

To His Eminence Cardinal Merry del Val, secretary of His Holiness at Rome.

The Canadian Bishops assembled in first Plenary Council feel it their duty to express to the Sovereign Pontiff their sentiments of filial piety and perfect submission. With their whole hearts they thank him for his paternal solicitude towards the Canadian Church and ask the apostolic blessing pledge of divine gifts, for all those who are to take part in the council, in order that they may contribute to restore all in Christ. (Sgd.) Mgr. Sbarretti, Apostolic Delegate.

The reply follows:— His Excellency Monsignor Sbarretti, Apostolic Delegate, Quebec, Canada.

The Very Holy Father accepts with happiness the sentiments of filial piety of the Canadian Bishops, who are holding their first Plenary Council and expresses the hope that from this same council the Canadian Church will reap abundant and excellent fruit. To this end and as a pledge of celestial aid he affectionately and very specially accords them the apostolic benediction. (Signed) R. Card Merry del Val

On Monday a cable was sent to His Majesty Edward VII. by His Excellency Mgr. Sbarretti: His Majesty King Edward VII., London:

The Apostolic Delegate and the Catholic archbishops and bishops of Canada in plenary council assembled in the city of Quebec, desire to convey to Your Majesty the expression of their own loyalty and that of all your other Catholic subjects in this Dominion, as well as their grateful appreciation of the religious and civil liberty which they enjoy under your gracious rule. All pray that your reign may be long and peaceful.

Sbarretti, Apostolic Delegate, Reply from King Edward VII. Monsignor Sbarretti, Apostolic Delegate, Quebec:

I thank Your Excellency and the archbishops and bishops assembled with you for your telegram of loyalty, which is in all the best traditions of the Church of which you are the hierarchy, and of the Dominion where you are assembled. It is my constant desire that religious and civil liberty should always be enjoyed by my subjects in all parts of the Empire.

Edward R. J.

CIVIC RECEPTION AND LUNCHEON.

From eight until ten o'clock on Monday evening at the City Hall a civic reception was held in honor of the Papal Delegate and visiting bishops. His Excellency Mgr. Sbarretti and His Worship Mayor Garneau occupied seats on an elaborately decorated dais. A very large number of the people of Quebec availed themselves of the privilege of paying honor to the distinguished guests. The band of the Royal Artillery gave a fine musical programme.

The Lieutenant-Governor tendered a luncheon at Spencer Wood on Tuesday. Mgr. Sbarretti and all the archbishops and bishops were present, besides Premier Gouin, Hon. Messrs. Allard, Taschereau and Kaine; Sir George Garneau, mayor, and Chief Justice Sir Francis Langelle. Only one toast was proposed, and that was a joint one, "The King and the Pope." Lieutenant-Governor Pelletier in his remarks said that the union of state and church in a country meant peace and harmony, and in his reply Mgr. Sbarretti spoke in a similar strain. While the toast was drunk the H.C. G.A. band played the National Anthem and the Papal Anthem.

In the afternoon a garden party was given at Spencer Wood. The guests on arrival were received by Lieut.-Governor and Lady Pelletier, Mesdames Oscar Pelletier and E. B. Garneau. The visiting prelates were the object of a demonstration in St. Saviour on Tuesday evening, and their arrival in that part of the city was witnessed by an immense crowd. When the archbishops and bishops arrived in carriages at Boulevard Langelle, which divides St. Rochs from St. Saviour, they were met by the men of the parish and the members of the National Trades and Labor Council and escorted to the St. Saviour presbytery, whence they marched in procession to the parish church. Benediction was sung and a sermon preached by Mgr. Cloutier of Three Rivers.

A sensation has been caused amongst the Belfast linen merchants, and manufacturers by a big advance in bleachers' prices. It is stated that the advance is the result of a combine amongst the bleachers.

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OBITUARY.

MISS ETHEL RYAN.

On Wednesday morning, at St. Ann's Church, was held the funeral of Miss Ethel Ryan, daughter of Mr. W. J. Ryan, of Wellington street. The immense concourse of people who formed the funeral cortege and who filled the aisles during the solemn requiem, testified most eloquently to the esteem in which the deceased was held, and also to the sympathy her many friends wished to express to her sorrowing parents, in the sad hour of their bereavement. Miss Ryan was an only daughter and had only passed from her school days when an affection of



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the heart snatched her from the love of her parents and the friendship of her girlhood associates. The full choir of St. Ann's, augmented for the occasion by the boys' choir, rendered the beautiful requiem service, while the presence of groups of children from St. Gabriel's added to the impressiveness of the scene. Rev. Father Rioux, Rector of St. Ann's, was the celebrant, assisted by Father Walsh and Father Holland as deacon and sub-deacon. At Cote des Neiges Cemetery, a Libera was chanted by the Rev. T. F. Heffernan, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas, after which the body was consigned to the grave, which was literally covered with a profusion of magnificent flowers, the offerings of sympathetic friends of the family.

REV. JAMES KILLORAN BE-REAVED.

The sudden death occurred on Tuesday, the 21st inst., of Mrs. James Killoran, mother of Rev. James Killoran, of St. Patrick's Church. The True Witness offers its sincerest sympathy. May her soul rest in peace.

MRS. THOMAS FYFE.

Rather sudden was the passing away of Mrs. Thomas Fyfe, formerly Miss Mary Ann Quinn, on Friday last, the 17th inst. Although not in good health for some years, yet the end was quite unexpected, after an illness of weeks. Her husband's residence, 16 Latour street, to St. Patrick's Church on Monday morning. Father Killoran celebrating the solemn requiem Mass. May her soul rest in peace.

News by the Irish Mail.

The Orange fanatics infesting the neighborhood of Scarva, attacked and considerably damaged the local Catholic school, on the night of August 22. The cowardly miscreants made good their escape.

The great tobacco crop which Lord Dunraven's plantation at Adare is expected to yield this year surpasses the most sanguine expectations of his lordship's experts, and already hundreds are employed in saving the crop. It is rumored that although Lord Dunraven has already over 100 hands in his employ, most of whom are permanent hands, that a sufficient number cannot be got locally, and that cars are to be sent to Kesh and Croom to fetch extra hands to pick and save this crop, thirty acres of which, it is said, are sown by his lordship.

The Kanturk Guardians have passed a resolution recommending the Estates Commissioners immediately to purchase the 930 acres offered by Mr. W. N. Leader, D.L., of Dromagh of the lands adjoining his demesne at £21,000. The Guardians considered Mr. Leader's offer very reasonable, and pointed out that there were a large number of evicted tenants in the district awaiting reinstatement.

The death has occurred of Sir Francis W. Brady, County Court Judge, of Tyrone, at the age of 85 years. He was the elder son of the late Sir Maziere Brady, who during three administrations was Lord Chancellor of Ireland. Deceased took a deep interest in musical matters and helped to found the Royal Irish Academy of Music, of which he was Senior Vice-President. He was one of the oldest members of the Irish Bar.

Among the visitors to Ireland this year from Chicago are Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Campbell, of Ashland avenue, Chicago. Both of them have been over a quarter of a century in the United States. Mr. Campbell is a native of Derry, near Coochell, and Mrs. Campbell is from Rathcooney near Elphin.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

Excursions

September 16th, 17th and 18th, 1909. Valid to return until October 4th, 1909. RATES FROM MONTREAL. DETROIT, Mich. \$15.00 BAY CITY, Mich. \$17.25 SAGINAW, Mich. \$17.15 GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. \$18.95 CHICAGO, Ill. \$18.00 ST. PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. \$34.00 via Muskoka route, via Sault Ste. Marie direct, via Detroit and Chicago. ST. PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS, going and returning via Owen Sound and Sault Ste. Marie. \$37.50 CLEVELAND, OHIO, via Buffalo and boat. \$13.85 CLEVELAND, OHIO, via Detroit and boat. \$17.50

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At the National Convention in Kilrush, on Aug. 23, for the selection of a candidate to fill the Parliamentary vacancy in West Clare, the choice of the delegates was Col. Arthur Lynch, of Boer War celebrity, who received 111 votes, 105 being given to Mr. John Valentine, Glasgow. Colonel Arthur Lynch is the only person on whom sentence of death for high treason has been pronounced in the United Kingdom without the horrible accompaniments of the sentence, which included not merely the hanging but the quartering of the prisoner. By the statute of 1870 the punishment of quartering, which in practice had not for more than a generation been carried out, was abolished. The formal passing of the death sentence on Col. Lynch after a trial at the Bar in the English King's Bench division for high treason, at which three judges presided, of whom one pronounced sentence, while all of them assumed black caps, was a grotesque mockery. It was well known that the sentence would not be carried out, and the judges would have been entitled in such a case, for convictions for high treason differ from convictions for murder, merely to record the sentence without pronouncing it. The farce was, however, performed, with the omission of the prayer "May the Lord have mercy on your soul," which under the circumstances would have savored of gross profanity.

The historic Hill of Faughart, some three miles to the north of Dundalk, was visited recently by some hundreds of pilgrims from that town who year after year, in accordance with a pious practice, make the pilgrimage to St. Deirdra's birthplace. Faughart has many historic connections. It was here that

Bruce was crowned King of Ireland and his grave is yet marked with a stone in the graveyard adjoining. To the east lies Dundalk Bay where the Battle of Dundalk took place in 944, and at the foot of the Moat is seen the place in which the English forces bivouacked before the battle of Faughart. To the right of the valley can be seen Castleown Mount the home of Cuchulainn, the landmarks of Roche Castle, the landmarks of the Pale, and to the north is Moira Pass—"The Gap of the North"—famous in Irish annals. Close by is St. Brigid's Stream and a station formed somewhat after those in Lough Derg.

Dr. Richard Flood, M.B., London-derry House, Newry, has received a letter from the Lords of the Admiralty informing him that they have appointed him surgeon and agent under the Admiralty for the care of sick and wounded seamen and mariners at Newry.

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Excellent Opportu

lish Speaking

The True Witness commented editorially that no Irish Catholic existed in Montreal, a strange amount of musical, that no effort had been made to follow up on in order to bring movement, but his generous at the time, and pressed himself as the object, and e see our people on with the other n comprise our grea obliged to leave it the moment.

Now, however, hope appears abn judging from the s of two ago, when again waited upon Shea, organizer of Church, with the o the possibility of society.

A meeting was last with the hear approval of J. Shane, P.P., D.D., Patrick's Church, the large number a very promising choral union will a few days, open speaking Catholics confined to no par welcome is assured. The object of the practically two-fo courage a love for the better class of rarely heard on o forms, and secondl cal intercourse be Irish Catholic lad. An amateur orch suggested in come society, and alrea applications have t

This will supply a will assist in devel talent of our young men and women, fo talent among them century long gone bardic strains rous heart, gave light t rhythm to the dan Kerry hills or the quietude of Killar same blood is flowi of a generation, p for, nor is it sloo ing, and for this re loathe to speak of cess for the choir i most satisfaction Prof. Shea has had perience in voice c success it is quite dilate upon here; assessed of this know raise our voice tr and ask our people of this venture, fo the support of all music.

Next week a meet to elect officers an sultation for the w society on a busin decide upon a name winter rehearsals w week, preparatory t with a secular prog close to the solemn with such works as bat Mater," or per Rhineberger's "Seve the Cross," and March, commemorat National festival.

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Professor Shea is about taking up th but there is every confident that he w splendid work at St hope is freely expre to be ably seconded by have the advancement and musically, of o heart. All applica bership can be sen Shea, 154 Fulford r 4514, or St. Patrick

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