

his will, for that high and responsible office, which he filled with great zeal and energy for thirty years. Both Bishops Provencher and his devoted priests were, as Mr. Hargrave tells us, injured to privations, but this good Protestant, living among the creature comforts of the high salaried officials of the Church of England, had simply no conception of the contrast between these voluntarily and cheerfully accepted privations and the comparative luxury enjoyed by the Protestant missionaries. While each of the latter, according to Mr. Hargrave's figures, received in hard cash, from England, an annual revenue which, in this colony where food, clothing and servants' wages were then so cheap, may be called princely and did indeed form the basis of solid family endowments still recognizable after sixty or seventy years, Father Provencher, both before and after he became Bishop, and all the priests who worked with him, had no fixed revenue at all and in point of fact handled very little money, and had to practise the strictest economy in all things. When the stalwart and handsome Father Provencher—he was six feet four and stout in proportion—went to Montreal on his way to be consecrated, his cassock, the only one he had had in four years, with which he had chopped wood, ploughed and built shacks, was all in tatters. While the first Anglican Bishop of Rupert's Land was revelling in seven hundred pounds sterling a year, the equivalent, in point of solid comfort, of five thousand pounds in England, all the annual cash expenses of Bishop Provencher and his one or two assistant priests did not much exceed the one hundred pounds he annually received as a grant from the Hudson's Bay Company. In other words—with, at the very most, one-seventh of the pecuniary assistance received by the Protestant missionaries the Catholic priests did ten times as much real spiritual work.

It affords us great pleasure to publish the Pastoral Letter in which His Lordship the Bishop of Peterborough proclaims the erection of the new diocese of Sault Ste. Marie. Those who know the Right Rev. Richard Alphonse O'Connor will not be surprised that, in dividing his own diocese into two, he should have given to the new bishop the lion's share. Self never enters into his calculations. "The desire of providing for the increasing demands of religion and of promoting the expansion of the Church" is his far as motive. Loss of revenue and clergy to a diocese is nothing to him, helps, they are the greater glory of deprived them, of he gives to Bishop and a need 35 priests and 64 churches with a Catholic population of 20,000, whilst he keeps for himself only 29 priests and 45 churches with a Catholic population of 24,000. And in making this generous division the Bishop of Peterborough does not even seem to suspect that he is betraying any exceptional generosity. The only charge he indirectly meets is that of avoiding "the burden of personal labor," which again, nobody that knows his activity and zeal would ever accuse him of. His grateful recognition of the labors of priests and nuns throughout the whole territory which hitherto was under his episcopal sway makes very interesting and edifying reading.

The article we print elsewhere on "The School System of Newfoundland," written by one of the ablest men in Canada, will come as a revelation to all who read it carefully. Newfoundland has solved the educational problem in a way that is at once most satisfactory to itself and most educative to other countries that still cling to the non-denominational delusion. The example of Newfoundland proves by contrast the folly of alienating the tremendous economic forces of religion for the sake of a wooden uniformity and an imaginary gain of national spirit.

Persons and Facts

A convent will be built this spring at Macleod.

Mr. Lucien Dubuc, barrister of Edmonton, left on Wednesday for France on important legal business. He is accompanied by Mr. Lapresle, manager of Revillon & Co., a French commercial firm in Edmonton. They will be absent about two months.

Bulawayo in Rhodesia has recently been honored by visits of Princess

Christian of Schleswig-Holstein and of Lord Roberts. On both occasions the cadets of our school took part in the parades which were held in honor of the distinguished visitors. Lord Roberts addressed some kindly words of approbation and encouragement to the young soldiers.—Zambesi Mission Record, Jan., 1905.

Mr. Hutchinson, the Labour representative who has filled the office of Lord Mayor of Dublin for the past year, was elected on Jan. 23 to a second term of office. In Cork an independent Nationalist, Mr. Alderman Barrett, was elected, defeating the outgoing Lord Mayor (Mr. Alderman Roche), who was the official candidate of the United Irish League.

The Rev. Mother Mary of the Passion (formerly Helen Mary Phillipine de Chappotin de Neuville), whose death is announced, was the foundress of the Institute of the Missionaries of Mary, or Franciscan nuns, who number at present more than three thousand religious and have ninety houses in various countries, including England and Ireland.

Dr. Birmingham, R.U.I., Demonstrator of Anatomy to the Catholic University School of Medicine, Cecilia Street, Dublin, died on Jan. 23. Dr. Birmingham had a remarkably brilliant career at the Royal University of Ireland, and was regarded, after Professor Cunningham, as the most able anatomist in Ireland. The very successful school of medicine to which he was attached owes much to his professional ability and to his capacity as an organizer.

Mr. Justice Richard O'Connor, who was the first Leader of the Australian Senate, has been appointed first president of the Federal Industrial Arbitration Court.

The Sisters of St. Boniface Hospital acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations. From the Physicians for surgical instruments, \$210; Municipality of St. Laurent, \$50; J. R. Whitla, \$25; J. Forrester, \$10; A. Bertrand, 1 doz. bottles of Vichy Water.

Captain Delahoyde, who died on Jan. 22 at his residence, Stonor-road, Kensington, was a notable Irishman, widely known and esteemed both at home and abroad. His distinguished brother, Dr. Delahoyde of Rutland-square, Dublin, has the deep sympathy of a large circle of friends in his sorrow. Deceased, who received his education in Clongowes Wood College, was a member of the Papal Zouaves from 1860 to 1870 that fought in defence of the sovereignty of the Pope, and at Porta Pia he distinguished himself for the valour with which he sustained the charges of the Garibaldian troops. His courage was further shown at Spoleto and Castelfidardo. His personal bravery and his skill as a leader in many a forlorn hope throughout the campaign brought him into prominence in Italy, and he was specially honoured by Pius IX.—Catholic Times, Jan. 27.

Last Tuesday evening at the annual diamond medal contest eight contestants who had already won gold medals in previous contests as silver medallists from different parts of the province, entertained an attentive audience of some twelve hundred people with their very creditable elocutionary efforts. Six of the contestants were young ladies and two young gentlemen. The winner owed her generally acknowledged pre-eminence to the almost manly power of her deep and mellow contralto voice and also to the fact that she had chosen a really effective and logically constructed speech, not a poem or merely a dramatic scene. The following is an extract from Wednesday's Free Press:

The judges of the contest were Rev. Fr. Drummond, S.J., St. Boniface College; Rev. Prof. Phair, St. John's College; and Mr. J. A. M. Aikins, K.C. Father Drummond announced that their decision was unanimously and without hesitation in favor of Miss Flo. Goldbloom, and he presented to her the diamond medal, amid the applause of the audience. This he said, was the fourth time a diamond medal had been presented, and he bore witness to the value of these contests in developing good elocution, and discovering remarkable talent in that line. He threw out a hint as to the danger of overtraining and forgetting that the great thing in human

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speech is earnestness. In spite of all defects, he said, the man who is earnest will make himself heard; though it is better if we can get earnestness with all sorts of perfection, and he thought they had come very near that in this contest. Many persons among the audience remarked the curious and interesting fact that two out of the four annual winners of this highest elocutionary honor are Jewesses, Miss Flossie Finkelstein having won the diamond medal last year.

Clerical News

Rev. Father Cherrier was called last Saturday evening to the bedside of Monsignor Ritchot at St. Norbert, where he found the venerable prelate apprehensive of approaching death, but fully resigned. Father Cherrier remained with him till the afternoon of Sunday. The Very Rev. Vicar General Dugas, who went out to see Mgr. Ritchot, on Monday, brought back a similar report. Not having seen him since the day after the fire which destroyed his home, he was much impressed with his altered appearance. On Wednesday the dying prelate had taken no nourishment for several days.

Rev. Father Heynen, who came in from Bruxelles on Friday of last week, missed his homeward train on Saturday and spent Sunday at St. Norbert, returning to Bruxelles on Monday.

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