

On Sunday evening, January 4th, the official reception of the new Delegate took place at the Basilica. The edifice was thronged with people of all denominations eager to get a glimpse of the new dignitary. The cathedral appeared in all its splendor of decoration and electric light. At 7-30 P. M. to the strains of the triumphal march, the procession for the solemn entry was formed, the altar boys coming first then the seminarists, the clergy of the city, the Cathedral Chapter, the Archbishop and his attendants. Last of all was the Apostolic Delegate with his attendants: as he entered the sanctuary, the choir struck up the "Ecce Sacerdos." The ceremonies usual to such occasions having been concluded, the Delegate pronounced the Papal Benediction, the first given by him in Canada. After Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, His Excellency, robed in golden vestments with mitre and crosier in hand, advanced to the railing of the sanctuary where Archbishop Duhamel, speaking in French and English on behalf of both clergy and laity, extended him a most hearty welcome. "The Delegate," he said among other things "comes into the midst of us, the representative of the illustrious Pope who governs the Church. He comes in the name of the one who is the Vicar of Jesus Christ on earth and who speaks in the name of the Saviour. The Sovereign Pontiff appoints delegates, to represent him all over the globe; they speak in his name to his children. Their utterances are productive of much good everywhere and contribute effectively to the solution of those questions that perplex the holders of temporal power on earth. The Holy Father transmits his authority to these, his representatives, who go and remind us how true peace and prosperity can never be obtained without the Catholic Church."

His Excellency replied also in French and English. He first thanked the Archbishop of Ottawa, his clergy and flock for the marks of profound esteem given by them to the representative of the Holy See. The present demonstration he regarded as a proof of the devotion and attachment existing in the diocese and throughout the whole of Canada for the Holy See and for our Holy Mother the Church. It was consoling to be able to count on such devotion and fidelity amidst the contra-