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OPENING CEREMONIES HELD ON THURSDAY.

HON. J. D. EDGAR ELECTED SPEAKER—DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS—PREMIER LAURIER AND SIR CHARLES TUPPER DELIVER ELOQUENT SPEECHES.

The formal opening of Parliament took place on Thursday. The actual ceremony was reserved till last Friday, when the Hon. J. D. Edgar was elected Speaker.

The opening was marked by brilliance beyond any session in recent time. Ottawa's fashion and beauty turned out in large numbers and handsome summer gowns. His Excellency arrived, accompanied by his secretary and A.D.C., in a carriage drawn by four horses, with an escort of dragoons. The 43rd Battalion was drawn up before the buildings to receive him. There was a large crowd to attend the ceremony. The spaces outside the buildings and the corridors and galleries inside were filled with citizens and visitors from all over the country. It was just at 3 o'clock when His Excellency arrived. He proceeded at once to the Senate and found a brilliant assemblage in possession of the scarlet chamber. The Countess of Aberdeen, with Lady Marjorie Gordon, was present. The seats on the floor were filled with ladies in beautiful evening costumes and a few Senators scattered here and there. The desks had been removed to make more room for those by whom special invitations had been received. The galleries were overflowing with ladies and their escorts.

The Speech was as follows: Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The necessity of making provision for the public service has compelled me to summon you together at this somewhat inconvenient season. It is impossible to lay before you at this season the public accounts for the past year, or, indeed, any of the reports usually submitted to Parliament.

Under these circumstances, and in view of the fact that you will be required to reassemble early in the ensuing year, it does not appear expedient to invite your attention to any measures beyond the passage of the supplies.

The operation of the tariff will be made the subject of careful enquiry during the recess, with a view to the preparation of such a measure as may, without doing injustice to any interest, materially lighten the burdens of the People.

Immediate steps will be taken to effect a settlement of the Manitoba school question, and I have every confidence that when Parliament next assembles, this important controversy will have been adjusted satisfactorily.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons. The estimates for the current year will be laid before you forthwith.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons. I hope that when you will have given the necessary attention to the consideration of the year's supplies. I may be able to relieve you from the duty of further attendance at this session of Parliament.

The House was adjourned until Monday last, when the consideration of the Address, in reply to the Speech from the Throne, was taken up.

The address was moved by W. B. McInnes, of Vancouver, and seconded by Rodolph Lemieux, member for Gaspe. Both gentlemen acquitted themselves well.

Sir Charles Tupper, in a two hours speech, arraigned the Government in his own sledge-hammer style. He charged them with being in power under false pretences; that they had no mission from the people, particularly with regard to the tariff; that they had obtained office by double-shuffling on the Manitoba School question, and that the Premier's avowal of the correctness of an interview with the reporter of a foreign newspaper, by which he was to inaugurate the policy of handing over our magnificent canal system to the tender mercies of a foreign government, and all this without having previously consulted our own Parliament, was an outrage.

The Hon. Mr. Laurier made one of his usual able and moderate speeches, in reply. He twitted Sir Charles on his defeat and said that whatever reflections his opponents might make as to how they had obtained power, they had reached it and were there to stay. Regarding the School question, he had promised to settle it, and would do so to the satisfaction of all well-meaning men. He did not hope to please extremists on either side. The tariff, he said, would be attended to at the next session, and then only changed gradually on the lines of a revenue policy. The Premier was loudly cheered by his friends, and the adjournment of the debate was moved by the Hon. Mr. Foster.

Before the adjournment, tributes were paid by the Premier and Sir Charles Tupper to the late Hon. Sir David Macpherson and the late Mr. Clark, M.P., for North Grey.

Hon. Mr. Fielding, Minister of Finance, laid on the table a return show-

ing the warrants issued by His Excellency the Governor-General since last session. For the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1896, there were three warrants issued, \$2500 on the 16th May for works on the Fraser River; \$12,000 on the 10th June on account of ship channel between Montreal and Quebec, of which \$11,487.41 was expended, and \$10,000 on 10th June for dredging in Ontario and Quebec, of which \$4368.45 was expended. Under the present Government four warrants have been issued on account of fiscal year 1896-97, amounting altogether to \$2,096,022.40, of which \$742,147.08 was expended. These warrants were issued on 15th July for \$1,066,667.53 to pay salaries, and on 15th August for \$935,561.16 for same purposes. On 25th July a warrant for \$1500 was issued for repairs to Government survey boat, Sampson, employed in Fraser River, B.C., and on 15th August a warrant was issued for 2,333.01 to pay wages in Government work shops to 1st July.

NOTRE DAME DE GRACE.

The bazaar in aid of the Monastery of the Precious Blood, at Notre Dame de Grace, is receiving the patronage it so well deserves. A large number of city people have already visited it and the residents of the locality are enthusiastic in its interests. Rev. Father Marchal, the curé of Notre Dame de Grace, encourages the workers by his frequent attendance and kindly sympathy.

Madame Décarie, president of the Bazaar, with a number of lady assistants, have charge of an important section, and are very actively furthering the good work they have undertaken. Mrs. Dugald McDonald, Mrs. Captain Kelly, Mrs. Boud, Madame Lafleur, Miss Coleman, Miss Curran, Miss McKenna, Miss Gillis, the Misses McDonald and the Misses McCall, are working diligently for the success of the English table.

On Wednesday, August 19, Mr. Dan McCarthy, the well-known Irish comedian, and a number of popular artists from the city, attended the Bazaar, and contributed largely to its success by the delightful programme they provided for the guests present. There was a larger attendance than on any other previous evening, and the treat provided was duly appreciated. Mr. Dan McCarthy was the star of the evening, and his songs and clever dancing drew forth loud applause. Messrs. McCrea and Lyons, negro sketch artists, were very amusing in their characters of colored aristocrats. Another interesting feature was a Highland fling gracefully danced by little Miss Elsie Graham. Miss Maud Collins' piano selections were very creditably rendered. Mrs. Tighe, the popular vocalist, was also present and contributed to the evening's pleasure by her rendering of the old favorite, "Annie Laurie." Mr. T. Grant, Mr. W. Casey, violinist; Mr. O'Brien, Irish piper; Messrs. Cooke and Cooper, accompanists, and Mr. F. Pierson, Irish comedian, did full justice to their respective parts and were greeted with hearty applause. The ladies of Notre Dame de Grace tendered a vote of thanks to Messrs. Sparrow and Jacobs, Mr. Dan McCarthy and the ladies and gentlemen who took part in the entertainment, for their kindness and courtesy in aiding the good work in such an effective way.

MANITOBA SCHOOLS.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL SIFTON HAD AN INTERVIEW WITH PREMIER LAURIER.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Globe says:

Attorney-General Sifton, of Manitoba, had another interview with Mr. Laurier. He afterwards left for Winnipeg. Before going he was asked for a statement in regard to the Manitoba school question, and replied as follows:—"I have been here for some days, with my colleagues, Messrs. Watson and Cameron, and have been in conference with Mr. Laurier, with a view to an amicable settlement of the Manitoba school question. The conference was for the purpose of arriving at each other's views in respect to a basis of settlement. I am not in a position to say more than that the views which have been expressed by Mr. Laurier upon the subject are such that I believe that when I return to Manitoba and lay them before Mr. Greenway and my other colleagues there is reason to hope that a satisfactory basis of settlement will be reached. At least I return to the west feeling that much has been done towards bringing about an understanding."

FATHER SHERMAN

TAKES HIS FINAL VOWS LAST WEEK.

Rev. Father Thomas Ewing Sherman, who took his final vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in the Order of the Jesuits at Detroit Saturday, is only one of the many sons of distinguished families in America that have become followers of Loyola. Few men have had promise of a more brilliant future than had young Sherman when he joined the famous company of ecclesiastics whose influence extends over the entire civilized world. He was educated at the University of St. Louis and at Georgetown University, graduating from the latter institution at the age of 18. General Sherman had designed his son for the law and Thomas Ewing was sent to Yale, where he earned the degree of doctor of laws. Then he returned to St. Louis, in which city worldly success hung ready for his hand to pluck. On his return he helped to organize St. Mark's Literary Society in the St. Louis

University, and was one of the rising young men of the town, sought for by the bar, the pulpit and society in general, when one day he suddenly turned his back upon it all and entered the Company of Jesus. It was said that strong influences were brought to bear upon him to dissuade him from this step, but he was true to his resolve and fixed in his determination to give up his life to the church. The Jesuits sent him to Stonyhurst, England, for his novitiate. His ordination took place some years ago, but his final vows were not registered until Saturday.

LIFE INSURANCE.

THE ORDER OF THE VISITATION AT ST. LOUIS ADOPT IT.

The Catholic Columbian refers to a new departure made by religious communities, by which the members of an order adopted the principle of life insurance. It says:—

The debt on the convent of the Visitation nuns of St. Louis will be lifted, some day, through one of the most novel schemes that religious have ever adopted: the payment of insurance policies on the lives of the nuns. The scheme was suggested to the Mother Superior by a woman who makes policy writing her business and was at first received with quiet amusement and no thought of acquiescence. But the agent and the Superior both have good business heads, and it was not long before the former had convinced the latter that the plan was not only feasible, but would also benefit the institution. Archbishop Kain was consulted by the Superior, and readily perceiving the advantages that would accrue to the Sisterhood, he gave his hearty consent, and negotiations between the nuns and the companies were arranged by the agents as rapidly as possible.

For many reasons the insurance companies think they have closed a good deal, as the quiet routine of the convent is generally conducive to long life. The inmates are rarely exposed to epidemics, few of them are the victims of accidents, and the regularity of their daily duties preserve their health, so that the policies will probably run on for many years.

On the other hand, the sisters are satisfied with their bargain and the insurance amounts to \$98,000, which will not, of course, benefit the individual, who has taken a vow of poverty. To meet this difficulty each nun, after signing the policy made out to her, assigned it to the community and so ended her connection with the business; the payment of premiums and all other business matters will be attended to by the Superior.

The money raised by this novel departure from the ways of the cloister will be applied to the payment of the debt on the new institution of the Visitation in St. Louis. The Sisters are delighted to find themselves in the way of being out of debt and the woman whose bright mind originated the plan is congratulating herself on its success and the prestige it will give her.

FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE.

An Irish Franciscan pilgrimage will take place on the 31st inst. It will be conducted by the Franciscan Friars of Montreal, and leave Jacques Cartier wharf, for Cap de la Madeleine, at 7:30 p.m., returning to Montreal Tuesday evening. The Father in charge of the pilgrims humbly begs his pilgrims to allow him a few words of direction through the columns of THE WITNESS as regards the tickets, badges, etc.

1. It is most desirable that all the pilgrims should wear the pilgrimage-badge from the moment they go to take the boat until they return home.
2. A beautiful badge can be had at a low price from the following ladies:—Miss Gethin, 49 Sussex Avenue; Miss Flynn, 85 St. Hubert Street.
3. State-rooms can be engaged at the following addresses:—Miss Gethin, 49 Sussex Avenue; Miss Hanrahan, 29 Seymour Avenue.
4. Tickets can be had at the following addresses:—Miss Gethin, 49 Sussex Avenue; Miss Flynn, 85 St. Hubert Street; Miss Gleeson, 179 Centre Street; Miss Hanrahan, 29 Seymour Avenue; Sandler's, Notre Dame Street.

THEY ELECT OFFICERS.

At a regular meeting of the Father Matthew Temperance Association of Montreal, held Aug. 16th the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months:—Reverend Director, Very Rev. Canon Foley, President, W. Hogan; 1st vice-president, J. P. O'Coner; 2nd vice-president, F. Frawley; secretary, E. Kelly; assistant-secretary, F. Johnson; treasurer, P. Daley. Committee of Management: J. O'Keely, W. Hogan, J. Frawley, E. Horan and E. McCauliffe.

SIR DAVID MACPHERSON DEAD.

The R.M.S. Labrador, from Liverpool, arrived at Rimouski with her mails and landed her passengers for the Lower Provinces. They brought the news of the death of Sir David Macpherson, who was a passenger. His death was unexpected and took place on Sunday afternoon, when the Labrador was in mid-ocean. Dr. Wright, of Ottawa, who was also a passenger, aided the ship's surgeon and did all that was possible, but without avail. The body was preserved in ice, and will be landed at Quebec.

GRAND COUNCIL C. M. B. A.

The Biennial Session.

The biennial convention of the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association met yesterday, at Ottawa. The delegates attended mass at the Basilica, after which they were presented with addresses of welcome by the Mayor on behalf of the city. At the opening business session, Mr. O. K. Fraser presiding, the financial statement, membership report, trustees' report and supervising examiners' report, were submitted.

The financial statement shows that the total amount paid out during the past two years was \$280,057; balance in the treasurer's hands, \$3,105. The membership in the various provinces is shown as follows: Ontario, 155 branches, membership, 6,486; Quebec, sixty-three branches, membership, 2,224; New Brunswick, nineteen branches, membership, 927; Nova Scotia, seventeen branches, membership, 758; Prince Edward Island, six branches, membership, 156; Manitoba, five branches, membership, 282; North-West Territories, five branches, membership, 101; total, 270 branches; membership, 10,934. In 1894 there were seventy-three deaths; in 1895, eighty-nine, and in 1896, to July 1, fifty-five.

The report of the medical examiners shows that since the last convention 3,145 sought admission, and of this number two hundred and fifteen were rejected because of ill-health.

TWO MINISTERS ELECTED.

HON. WM. PATTERSON AND HON. A. G. BLAIR BY LARGE MAJORITIES.

OWEN SOUND, Ont., August 25.—Hon. Wm. Patterson, Dominion Minister of Customs, was elected to-day to represent the constituency of North Grey in the House of Commons by 420 majority. The constituency had been made vacant by the death of John Clark, Liberal, who was returned at the recent Dominion election over James McLaughlin, the defeated candidate in to-day's bye election, by 32 majority.

ST. JOHN, N. B., August 25.—The combined efforts of the Federal and Provincial Governments resulted to-day in a complete victory in Queens and Sanbury. Hon. A. G. Blair's majority is 685. Mr. Wilnot was beaten by nearly a hundred and fifty, in his own County of Sanbury.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF CHICAGO.

WILL IN FUTURE BE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF NUNS.

The opening of the fall term in the five Roman Catholic schools in the parish of the Holy Family at Chicago, of which the Rev. M. J. Dowling is head, will see some radical changes in the management and supervision of the schools. Heretofore the boys and girls of the parish have been taught in separate schools, but beginning in September arrangements will be made to have both boys and girls who are above the fourth grade attend the Holy Family school on Morgan street, between Twelfth and Maxwell. This school will be considered the central one of the parish and from here will be supervised the other four schools.

Up to the present the teachers of parish schools have been chosen from among the secular members of the parish. The Sisters of Charity from the Blessed Virgin Mission, aided by a number of Sisters from the Duquesne Cathedral, will do all the teaching in future.

Sister Mary Hilary will hold the position of principal of the Holy Family school, formerly occupied by Father O'Neill. While Father O'Neill will be relieved from all duty connected with the day schools, he will still hold his position as superintendent of the parish Sunday schools and their weekly publications.

Directly over Sister Hilary will be Father James Curran, who will have general charge of all the schools.

DEATH OF REV. MICHAEL F. FLATLEY.

Rev. Michael F. Flatley, rector of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, in Malden, Mass., and one of the best known Catholic clergymen in the state, who was stricken with paralysis at Saratoga several days ago, died there Saturday afternoon.

Father Flatley left Malden about ten days ago with several other clergymen to spend a few days at Saratoga in rest and recuperation. He was in his ordinary state of health, and the stroke of paralysis came very unexpectedly.

Rev. Father Flatley was born in Ireland in 1843, and, after pursuing his early studies there in a private classical school, came to America. He entered the Holy Cross College at Worcester and graduated in 1865, receiving the first honors of his class and carrying off the gold medal. His theological studies were made in St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, and he was ordained priest there on December 28, 1868.

Father Flatley celebrated his silver jubilee on December, 28, 1893.

CHINAMEN IN MONTREAL.

A correspondent of the Witness says: "The Chinese population of Montreal numbers about five hundred souls. Three hundred are permanent residents, and are engaged as laundries and small shopkeepers. There are over one hundred Chinese laundries in the city, and a dozen stores, in which Chinese

goods and such supplies as are needed by their countrymen are kept. Two hundred of this population are transients. Once in three weeks the C.P.R. brings into Montreal about one hundred men direct from China. They are kept here in bond until the necessary papers are secured to enable them to proceed to the United States or South America. These 'birds of passage' make it necessary to have Chinese hotels and boarding houses for their accommodation. The length of their stay in the city varies from a few days to several months."

BEWARE!

[From the Northwest Review.]

A section of the Conservative party, smarting under its recent defeat in the province of Quebec, talks of repudiating its policy on the school question. Those very men, by their extreme and aggressive conduct, were the chief cause of the humiliation which overtook the party in the general elections.

Such men as Clarke Wallace, McLean, McNeil, Sprout, etc., did more to create a distrust in the minds of electors, as to the honesty of the party in its treatment of the Catholic minority of Manitoba, than any other cause. Their repudiation of the constitutional guarantees of Catholic minorities and their almost brutal indifference to our rights and liberties directly contributed, in no small degree, to a distrust in the minds of the Catholic electors of Quebec against the government.

The electors of Quebec saw the party torn by internal dissensions over a question which involved the rights and liberties of the Catholic minority of Manitoba. They were conscious that this feeling arose more from bigotry and intolerance than from any principle of justice. In fact they saw in it a repudiation of the laws of justice to gratify a feeling of bigotry and intolerance, and they decided that little trust could be placed in such men.

And now we find this very same faction of the party appearing on the public platform in opposition to the Hon. Mr. Patterson in Grey, and openly repudiating the policy of the late Government on the school question. These tactics may succeed in North Grey, but if they be endorsed by the Conservative party, as its policy, they are sure to bring upon it the contempt of all right thinking men and the determined opposition of all the Catholic electors of the Dominion. Better rid the party of these disturbers once and forever than to bring upon it the ruin which such a policy must inevitably entail.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION AT HOWTH, IRELAND.

BLESSING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE.

On Sunday last, says the Irish Catholic in its latest issue, His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin laid and blessed the foundation stone of the new Church of the Assumption at Howth. The approaches from the railway station to the church were spanned by arches bearing words of welcome, flags, and banners. His Grace, who was accompanied by Rev. D. Petit, drove from the city, and across the road leading to the town was a beautiful arch with the words "Welcome to Our Archbishop." The hand of the Artane School and the Howth band were present and played national tunes. There was an enormous gathering of the people, and shortly after two o'clock, when the Archbishop arrived, the streets and roads were crowded with people, and cheers were raised in honor of His Grace. The Children of Mary and the pupils of the National Schools formed a procession, which preceded the carriage of the Archbishop. They carried banners, and at the front of the procession walked the altar boys, one of whom bore the cross.

The new church—the site having been generously given by Lord Howth—will form a striking feature in the landscape. The design is by the gifted architect of so many noble ecclesiastical works, Mr. W. H. Byrne, and judging by the plans it will certainly be in no way inferior to any of the works associated with his name. In the hands of Mr. Lacy, builder, of Howth, as contractor, the building is certain to be well and substantially completed. It is in the Romanesque style of architecture, comprising nave, transepts, side chapels, circular apse and sacristies. The ceremony of laying the stone and blessing the foundation was conducted with great solemnity, and when the stone was lowered into its place a beautiful silver trowel was handed to His Grace. It bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin on the occasion of his laying the stone and blessing the foundations of the new Church of the Assumption, Howth, 9th August, 1896. Very Rev. Canon Flanagan, P.P.; W. H. Byrne, architect."

After the religious function a public meeting was held to take steps to provide the necessary funds for the completion of the work.

WELL KNOWN NUN DEAD.

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 24.—Sister Stella, a Sister of Charity, widely known as a builder of hospitals and for her works of charity, died here yesterday.

THE SOCIETY OF ARTS, OF CANADA.

1666 NOTRE DAME STREET, MONTREAL. Distributions every Wednesday. Value of prizes ranging from \$2 to \$2000. Tickets 10 cents.

NEW YORK CATHOLICS.

Propose a Large Central Hall to Accommodate Their Young Men.

The Catholics of New York are evidently awakening to the fact that central club quarters are an absolute necessity in connection with the parish societies, and the Archdiocesan Union of Catholic Young Men's Societies will, at their meeting, on September 7, consider the question of a large central club house to be built in a convenient locality of that city.

This idea has been the pet project of the union for some time. It is proposed that the club house will be a place of rendezvous for all Catholic young men.

The plan for fund-raising will be put into operation immediately after the meeting. A series of entertainments will be given by the young men's societies of the parishes. The proceeds will be turned into the building fund of the union. Bonds will also be issued and sold to the various societies and also to such individuals as may take an interest in the project. These bonds will bear interest after three years from their issuance, or within one year after the building is completed, as it is estimated that it will require about two years' time to make the club house ready for occupancy.

Archbishop Corrigan, Bishop Farley and the Rev. M. J. Lavelle, pro rector of the Cathedral, are deeply interested in the project.

The main building will be 50x50 feet and five or six stories in height. In the rear will be a gymnasium and bath. This annex will extend almost to the third story of the main building, and will have a large basement containing shower, tub, needle and plunge baths. The upper part of this rear building will be occupied by the gymnasium. Many of the most famous athletes in New York are Catholics, and will undoubtedly give the union the benefit of their advice and help.

In the main building the front basement will be occupied by bowling alleys, where the archdiocesan contests can be decided. Back of the alleys will be the boiler, engine-rooms and electric plant. The main floor will be given up to the office, small reception rooms for members, a large reception room for ladies and a general reading room.

The entire second floor will be devoted to a large lecture hall, with seats arranged in circles on an inclined floor as in the auditorium of a theatre. A large stage will be equipped with appropriate scenery and paraphernalia. During the winter season entertainments will be given to help pay the maintenance of the building, and a series of lectures will be given by prominent Catholic clergymen and laymen on the plan followed at the Catholic Summer School at Plattsburgh, N.Y.

The third floor will be devoted to billiard rooms in front and card and chess rooms in the rear. The entire front part of the fourth floor will be given over to a large library. This floor was selected because it will be so far removed from the noise of the lower part of the building. On this floor will also be committee rooms for the various committees. The top floor will be used for living apartments for the steward and servants.

It is believed that \$200,000 will fully cover the cost of the building and its furnishings. The projectors hope that sufficient money will be raised within a few months to warrant laying the club-house foundations.

DEATH OF THE BISHOP OF CLONFERT.

We regret to announce the death of the Most Rev. Dr. Duggan, Bishop of Clonfert, which occurred on Saturday, August 15, at Jarvis street Hospital, Dublin, to which he had been admitted on Thursday, having been taken suddenly ill while walking in the city. Deceased was born in 1814, and more than half a century has elapsed since his ordination. His zeal, piety and learning since the beginning of his career as one of the sacred ministry of the Catholic Church, won for him the esteem of both clergy and laity. He never made himself prominent in politics. He was consecrated bishop of the diocese of Clonfert on the 14th of January, 1871. This important diocese contains twenty-four parishes, and includes a great portion of the counties of Galway and Roscommon, as well as the King's County. The great age of the venerable prelate led to the appointment of the Most Rev. Dr. Healy as Coadjutor Bishop in 1881. The late Bishop had innumerable friends and admirers, not only amongst persons of his own religious persuasion, but amongst those who were outside the Catholic fold. His loss to the Catholic Church in Ireland will not easily be replaced. He was a profound theologian and an eloquent preacher. His tolerance in matters polemical and political formed one of the most admirable features in his character.—*Monster News.*

RETREAT AT THE GRAND SEMINARY.

The second ecclesiastical retreat for the priests of the diocese of Montreal opened at the Grand Seminary, Sherbrooke street, on Sunday evening, under the presidency of His Grace Archbishop Fabre. There was a large attendance.