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BISHOP CASEY WARMLY WELCOMED HOME BY HIS PEOPLE ON SATURDAY

He Offered Mass for Them on Mount Calvary and in Bethlehem's Cave

In Reply to Address He Tells Eloquently of His Visit to Places Sacred Because of Association With the Saviour's Life—Brings Message from Pope Pius and the Pontiff's Blessing—Some References to His Journey in Interview.

Unbounded enthusiasm on the part of his people marked the reception to His Lordship Bishop Casey, who returned on Saturday evening from his visit to Rome and his tour of the Holy Land and part of Africa and Europe.

The public welcome at the railway station and along the streets was a notable tribute. From the moment that His Lordship stepped from the train, until he entered the palace, prior to the Te Deum in the cathedral, he was kept busy acknowledging the plaudits. Cheers and band music mingled. The interior of the station was thronged. Outside were thousands more. Up Mill street hill and curving around into Union street, people three and four ranks deep lined the route of the procession.

The various societies were good to look upon, and the bands were pleasant to see and to hear, but it was not until the barouche containing the bishop appeared in sight, that the ovations commenced. He was obviously much touched by the warmth of the demonstration. So dense was the throng, especially near Union street and so narrow the space left for the procession, that between His Lordship's carriage and the spectators, were but a few feet.

The train was scheduled to arrive at 6.40 o'clock, but was delayed about half an hour. As it entered, the band played "Home, Sweet Home," and there was a general but not deliberate movement toward the cars. The bishop's coach was the last one, and it had hardly stopped before the crowds were surging around it, and as His Lordship appeared on the platform, to be greeted by the local Roman Catholic clergy, there were cries of "There he is," and a more determined rush toward the car. Detective Killen and other policemen were present, but all that they could do did not result in stemming the crowds. Very Rev. Fr. Chapman had met His Lordship at Sussex.

The clergy assembled to welcome Bishop Casey included Fathers Coughlan, Carleton and Holland, of the Cathedral; Frs. White, Borgmann, Maloney and Scully, of St. Peter's; Fr. Gaynor, of St. John the Baptist church; Father O'Neil, of Silver Falls; Father O'Donovan, of Carleton; Fr. Walsh, of Trinity; Fr. Collins, of St. Rose's. Father Meahan, of the Cathedral, remained at the church to superintend the arrangements being made in connection with the arrival.

THE PROCESSION

Societies Gave Bishop Casey a Hearty Welcome Home.

His Lordship, with Fr. White on his left, and Rev. Father Maloney on his right, and escorted by the other clergy, then walked to the front of the station and entered a barouche, after which the procession was made up as follows:

City Cornet Band.
Knights of Columbus,
Led by Their Warden, Geo. Lundy.
A. O. H., Marshalled by Michael Driscoll.
Branch 134, C. M. B. A., Under Direction of J. O'Brien.
Irish Literary and Benevolent Society, Directed by John Callahan.
Holy Family of St. Peter's Church and St. Peter's Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society, Led by John Roberts.
St. Peter's Y. M. A., Directed by Frank DeGrasse.
Young Men's Society of St. Joseph, Joseph Nichol, Marshal.
62nd Fusiliers Band.
Father Mathew Association, with John Corr Marshal.
Barouches.

In the bishop's barouche with His Lordship were Father Chapman and Father White.

Second barouche—Rev. Fathers Carleton, Holland and Maloney.

Third barouche—Rev. Fathers O'Donovan, O'Neill and Coughlan.

Fourth barouche—Rev. Fathers Walsh, Collins and Gaynor.

The A. O. H. Knights, who marched as escort to the bishop, were under the direction of Capt. Thos. Kickham, who had as his first lieutenant E. J. McLaughlin, and second lieutenant, Wm. F. Brittney.

The parade was marshalled by J. McCarthy, mounted. The route was up Mill along Union and Waterloo.

Home, Sweet Home.

As the procession neared the cathedral the pealing of the chimes as they rang out Home Sweet Home sounded joyously. As the head of the parade reached the palace, lines were formed to the main door. Then, as the bishop's barouche drew near, the strains of Home Sweet Home were taken up by the City Cornet Band and His Lordship, preceded by the Hibernian Knights, drove through the lines of society men, back of whom pressed hundreds of the congregation. To right and left he had been continually acknowledging the people's salutations en route, and so it was to the door of the palace. Here the Hibernian Knights were drawn up as Bishop Casey alighted. Rev. A. W. Meahan, in cassock and surplice, met him at the foot of the steps and escorted him into the palace, where in the great hall the altar boys were drawn up in two lines.

The societies marched to the church and took seats, and the public followed until the vast space was thronged with people, who took places while Home Sweet Home and Home Again were played by the organist, I. J. D. Landry.

After resting a little in the palace and robing, Bishop Casey and priests, preceded by Rev. Father Holland as cross-bearer and the altar boys, marched to the main entrance of the cathedral, and thence to the sanctuary, the bishop bestowing his blessing on the people as he passed.

A Magnificent Picture.

The altar and sanctuary were artistically and appropriately decorated, and the altar was ablaze with lights, making a handsome picture. Over the throne and round the pulpit was gracefully draped the bishop's color, purple with white, while the candles on the altar were of purple and white, the electric lights were shaded by globes of these hues, and bows of purple and white ribbon hung from vantage points above the altar.

Immediately on entering the sanctuary the bishop led the chanting of the joyous Te Deum, priests and choir taking up the inspiring strains. This finished, the bishop ascended the throne with Rev. W. White, C. SS. R., in the deacon's place; Rev. J. J. Walsh, sub-deacon; Very Rev. W. F. Chapman, V. G., high priest; Rev. A. W. Meahan, master of ceremonies.

The Presentation.

Father Chapman then read the following address:—

To the Right Reverend T. Casey, D. D., Bishop of St. John:

May it please your Lordship,—The Catholics of Saint John bid you hearty welcome home from your first visit ad limina Apostolorum.

They have followed with prayer and solicitude your dutiful journey to that Eternal City hallowed by the memories of the early church and illumined by its history in every age. When you, as their representative, proffered their homage to the illustrious Pontiff, Pius X., the worthy successor of the immortal Leo, their hearts were with you; and, in that grand privilege, they felt assured you gave adequate expression to their zeal and devotion. It must have been gratifying to your Lordship to inform His Holiness of the growth of Catholicity in this diocese, and of the earnest co-operation of priests and people to advance the policy so beautifully expressed in his first encyclical: "To restore all things in Christ." Nor was it less a pleasure to hear from his lips words of commendation and approval. Since his elevation to the Chair of Peter, the Holy Father has received many expressions of loyalty and attachment from the faithful throughout the world, but none more sincere than those entertained for him by your Lordship's devoted children who fervently pray that God will enable him safely to guide the church through the storms that now assail her.

Your Lordship returns from Rome, no doubt more strongly impressed with the grandeur of Catholicism, and endowed with greater energy to accomplish the work of the Divine Master in the field especially assigned you by the Sovereign Pontiff. In your zeal for the advancement of religion, may it please you to know that you can rely at all times on the assistance of a united people whose sincerest wish is that your work may be crowned with success through many fruitful years. Your priests and people are grateful to the Almighty for having granted you a safe and prosperous journey, and, while again tendering you a cordial welcome, they beg your acceptance of the accompanying purse as a testimonial of their respect and esteem.

Signed on behalf of the Catholics of Saint John:

W. F. CHAPMAN, V. G.
A. J. O'NEILL,
R. O'BRIEN,
G. V. McINERNEY,
J. D. MAHER,
J. READY,
J. DONOVAN,
T. GORMAN,
W. E. SCULLY,
J. McGOLDRICK,
W. J. MAHONEY (Sec'y).

He then presented the address and purse to Bishop Casey. The address was beautifully engrossed, and had been magnificently bound by J. & A. McMillan.

HIS IMPRESSIVE REPLY

Mass for the People on Mount Calvary and Other Places Sacred Because of Association With the Saviour's Life — The Pope's Message.

Ascending the pulpit his lordship replied to the sentiments expressed for his priests and people in the address. His words were impressive and particularly so in the marked stillness throughout the great gathering, for all seemed to await his utterances with the greatest expectancy. He spoke extemporaneously, but a mere printing of his words does not convey the full idea of the impressiveness they had when given as they were amid such a scene. His reply is here given practically in full:—

"Very Reverend Father, Reverend Fathers, my dearly beloved people: I have, as you know, lately been in many and far distant lands. I have been in places where the sentiments of Peter could not but rise, throb and swell within my heart because I was following in the very footsteps of the Redeemer—and yet, knowing as you know that He is not far from here for this is the Master's house, here is His dwelling place, and here I am again with Him and you and among you; and no where else could I say with my heart as full as it is at this moment, 'it is good to be here.'

"Cold would be my heart if it were not touched to its most profound depths by your demonstration of loyalty, faith and devotion. Every little movement of yours is of concern to me and I know you did this not because it is me but because of the position in which the Master has placed me; the faith that is in you tells you to do it; your faith in the church of the living God. This demonstration is not to me personally but as the head of the diocese and is a manifestation of your faith and loyalty and devotion to the Holy See, made to me as its representative.

"I have heard many words of eloquence and grace and unction during the last six months but not one, if we except the apostolic benediction, sounded one-tenth as sweet to me as this welcome from my faithful priests and people.

"I went away nearly six months ago and there was in going a sense of duty, of joy as well as pain—duty because as you know it is for me to visit the Sovereign Pontiff from time to time in your name, to speak for you, to represent to him your progress, faith and loyalty and attachment to the Holy See and the faith it represents. It was simply a matter of duty.

"It was a joy, too, because for the first time in my life I was to see the Sovereign Pontiff, the Vicar of Jesus Christ, the successor of St. Peter, to whom the Master said 'Thou are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church; whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth it shall be bound in heaven and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth it shall be loosed in heaven.' With sentiments such as these I approached the Sovereign Pontiff, Pius X."

Audience With the Pope.

Not a sound but the speaker's voice was to be heard as he proceeded, the great congregation all interest in the bishop's reference to his audience with the Pope. "I need not tell you," he continued, "what were my feelings as I entered. I was quite overwhelmed in his august presence were it not for the amability, paternity and kindness which marks Pope Pius. That had all been known, yet coming into his presence my only thought seemed to be of the words the Master said to Peter 2,000 years ago, 'Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church.'

"I told him of your faith, of your loyalty to the Holy See, your piety and your good works and appreciation, joy and congratulation filled the mind and heart and lips of the Sovereign Pontiff. After that he conversed with me, saying when I met you to tell you of his appreciation. 'Tell them,' he said, 'that the Pope loves them, that they are all dear to him, and I make you the depository of apostolic benediction so that, when you return to them and bless them in my name, I bless them at the same time.'

"I went farther than Rome, Bishop Casey continued, "but I cannot tell of it all at present. it will come up from time to time as the sacred mysteries present themselves and the gospels bring the incidents to my mind. But I went to see the spots where the sacred mysteries took place.

Masses for the People of His Diocese.

"First to Nazareth, how sweet the name, yet never so sweet as now, Nazareth, of which it is said in the scriptures the angel of God was sent by God to a city of Galilee whose name was Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man named Joseph and the name of the Virgin was Mary.

"I went to Nazareth," the speaker, continued in most impressive tone, "and I saw there the spot where Mary's house stood and there I saw where Mary stood when the angel of God came and saluted her 'Hail, full of grace'; where she knelt on hearing the words that followed from the angel. The angel was to announce the most stupendous fact in the history of creation—the Son of God was to become a part of His own creation, the consent of Mary was necessary, the fate of the world is hanging on her deliberation, the angels look at her with awe, the august Trinity with affection, all awaiting the fiat that was to cause the Word to be made flesh. After due deliberation Mary breaks the silence and speaks to the angel 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to Thy word.'

"A marble plate marks the place and on it is engraved 'Here the Word was Made Flesh.' Over it rises an altar and on that altar on a Sunday morning I had the happiness of saying mass for you my own people.

"Then we went to Mount Tabor, but I would keep you too long if I were to dwell on that—it was beautiful, touching, it was in the Promised Land.

"Afterwards we went to Bethlehem, we saw all that the word means, the home of the Baby God. We entered the cave; it was Sunday morning again and—though not on the spot where the Lord Jesus Christ was born though that was shown to us—but right along side where the Magi stood in adoration, another altar has been erected and on that altar of the Magi I again had the happiness of saying mass for you.

On Calvary's Hill.

"So we followed the Master through many events of His life, bringing us at last to the middle of the earth—Mount Calvary. No Christian's heart throughout the world but would be stirred to its most profound depths by that Calvary. I had the supreme happiness of going up that mountain and seeing the place where stood the cross on which the world's redemption was effected. A split is still visible in the rock, which took place when the Divine Master died for the world's redemption. Standing by that split, I realized as never before what it cost our Divine Lord to save you and me. I remembered that the precious blood shed there nearly 2,000 years ago worked your redemption and mine. Though so far away it seemed as if all space were annihilated because the graces were at your disposal at home as well as for me on the spot—and with my heart filled with affection for our Saviour, and with sympathy in His sufferings I had the happiness of offering the holy sacrifice on Mount Calvary for you, and again the same in the Holy Sepulchre.

"Afterward we turned homeward, but again visited the Holy City and again had the happiness of a visit to the Holy Father. Once more we gained the same impressions and our souls were stirred and our hearts were filled again as he told us to bless our people in his name.

"Tonight I have to thank you again and again and in giving you the apostolic benediction remind you that it is that of the Holy Father himself.

Referring again to Rome, Bishop Casey said: "On one side, when we entered we saw the Colliseum, what the world exerted all its powers and lavished its wealth in erecting—the most gigantic of the world's structures. It is in ruins, pagan Rome is no more, the world's greatest efforts are reduced to nothing.

The Other Side of the Picture.

"On the other side of the picture is the grand, lofty, magnificent, the greatest church structure of the world—the marvellous dome of St. Peter with stamped on its every stone the letters which will never be hidden 'Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands.' This was our impression looking upon the Colliseum and St. Peter's.

"Once again speaking of the Sovereign Pontiff, he told me to bless you and he would bless you at the same time and I will now give you the papal benediction."

All kneeling, Bishop Casey then gave the Pope's blessing. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed, the bishop officiating with Rev. Father White deacon and Rev. J. J. Walsh sub-deacon, and the formal welcome home to Bishop Casey ended.

Of Deepest Interest.

Bishop Casey, speaking to a Telegraph reporter of incidents of his journey gave, in response to a question, a deeply interesting description of places in the Holy Land which he visited and which he will from time to time enlarge upon in his sermons—the scene of the ascension, the places where were enacted the scenes in Our Lord's passion. These and many others were referred to by his lordship as he reviewed his travels in that land so fraught with all that is of undying interest.

Their party had good opportunity of seeing all these so noted places, as the head of the Fransiscans there gave them as guide a German monk of the order who had spent some years in the United States and spoke English fluently.

His lordship also spoke eloquently of the beauties of the Vatican, the wonders of St. Peter's in Rome, and the magnificence of the ceremony in connection with the jubilee of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. In connection with this he said it was a wonderful sight to see Rome the night of December 8—the Eternal City was ablaze with light, churches, public and private buildings were all illuminated, the vast St. Peter's being almost a mass of electric splendor. In front of the Spanish embassy, where Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma to the public 50 years previous, had been erected a huge column half the height of the St. John cathedral spire and surmounting it the figure of Mary. This column was on the night of December 8 last aglow with lights from top to bottom and twelve brilliant stars illuminated the top.

Bishop Casey spoke of his audiences with the Pope, of the great heart evidenced in all the Pontiff's actions, of the cardinals and other church dignitaries. He also told of hearing mass in Notre Dame cathedral in Paris, of visiting St. Paul's in London, of Ireland and of his pleasure again in being at home with his people.

His lordship has been the recipient of many congratulatory messages since his landing in Halifax, all extending hearty welcome home.

THE TROUT HATCHERY

D. G. Smith in Town and Speaks of the Important Work Being Done.

D. G. Smith, the New Brunswick fishery commissioner, is at the Royal. Asked as to the progress made in the recently established provincial trout hatchery on the river Bartibog on the North Shore, Mr. Smith said he expected to double the business of last year. Applications for trout fry have been received from Albert, Kent, Charlotte and York counties, also from a number of private persons who asked for from 4,000 to 10,000 fry to be supplied them. In addition to supplying the North Shore district rivers whence the trout are taken to be stripped, Loch Lomond will this season secure 50,000 fry and a large number will be sent to other public waters. The eggs were removed from the parent fish in October and November and the fry began to hatch out about three weeks ago. Mr. Smith expected they would all be out in a fortnight's time.

The commissioner said the results hitherto had been most encouraging, and he expected to again double the work by next year. He regarded it as important that all public waters near large centres of population in the province should be well supplied with young fish to compensate for the loss by fishing the streams and lakes.

METHODIST TRANSFERS

Rev. Mr. Hamilton to Attend Committee Meeting in Toronto.

Rev. C. W. Hamilton, president of the N. B. and P. E. I. Methodist conference, will leave this evening for Toronto via the I. C. R. to attend a meeting of the transfer committee in that city. This committee, which is presided over by Rev. A. Carman, D. D., general superintendent of the Methodist church in Canada, is composed of the presidents of all the conferences in Canada and Newfoundland. The work of the committee is to consider and determine on applications for transfer from one conference to another. Among the transfers applied for which directly concern this conference, is that of Rev. R. W. J. Clements to Alberta. He is already there but has not been formally transferred. Rev. W. J. Howard, of St. Stephen, and Rev. J. A. Seller also wish to go to Alberta. Rev. G. W. Fisher, of Milltown, is desirous of being sent to Montreal; Rev. W. R. Pepper, jr., asks to be transferred to Nova Scotia and Rev. C. W. Squires wishes to come from the Newfoundland conference to that of New Brunswick and P. E. Island. Rev. Messrs. Seller and Pepper are students at Mount Allison and Rev. Mr. Squires is a graduate of Mount Allison at present taking a post graduate course at Harvard.

THEIR WORK WELL DONE

Annual Meeting of Hebrew Immigration Society Sunday.

The annual meeting of the Hebrew Immigration Society was held Sunday morning, and a review of the season's work was read. During the winter eighty-six people were assisted, involving the expenditure of $237. All the cases which came to the attention of the society were reported most deserving and the help given was greatly appreciated.

There is on hand a comfortable balance with which the society will be enabled to make a good start next year. The money subscribed during the past winter was all given by the local Hebrew community, with the exception of a small donation from the Baron Hirsch Society, Montreal. The ladies of the synagogue held a bazaar, and from the proceeds, the society also received a contribution. Among those to whom assistance was given were three Polish girls, several Roumanians and Galacians, and three Germans. All of the eighty-six were reported free from disease.

Rabbi Rabbinowitz has been very active in the work of the society.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary Ruddock.

Mrs. Mary Ruddock, widow of John Ruddock, at one time a prominent boat builder of this city, died Friday morning at her residence, 79 Acadia street. Deceased, who was prominent in good works and movements looking towards the betterment of the community, was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William B. Murray. She is survived by two sisters, Misses Annie and Maria, both in St. John. Mrs. Ruddock was a member of the Portland Methodist church and had taken a prominent part in the work of the North End W. C. T. U.

G. Herbert Clarke.

G. Herbert Clarke, only son of George and Phoebe Clarke, of Protection street, West End, died Thursday, leaving a wife and two children. The cause of death was meningitis.

Thomas P. Pugsley.

Thomas P. Pugsley, eldest son of the Attorney-General of New Brunswick, died early Saturday morning, after an illness of little more than a week. Nine days ago he was taken ill and within the past three or four days his condition had been alarming. The worst was feared and though everything that skill and care could do was being done, little hope was held out. On Thursday there was some improvement, and the family and anxious friends were brightened, but the betterment in the patient's condition was but temporary, and last evening he grew worse again. Just before 1 o'clock this morning he passed peacefully away, while his wife, parents and others of the family circle were gathered round his bed.

Mr. Pugsley was born in May, 1877, and was therefore nearly twenty-eight years of age. Open-hearted and of genial disposition he had made friends on all hands and frequent inquiries at the newspaper offices were made during the course of his illness. In his younger days Mr. Pugsley attended the Poughkeepsie Cadet School in New York state. He had been connected with various phases of legal and commercial life in St. John and was manager and secretary of the New Brunswick Building and Loan Association. Mr. Pugsley married Miss Russell, of Chatham, and she and their two children, as also his father, Hon. Wm. Pugsley, his mother and one brother, William, who is a student at Oxford University, survive. Attorney-General Pugsley had been engaged in his parliamentary duties at Fredericton during the period of his son's illness but came to the city at every opportunity. He arrived Friday night and went immediately to his son's bedside. To him and the other members of the family the warm sympathy of friends on every hand will go out in their bereavement.

Capt. Howard B. McAllister.

St. Stephen, N. B., April 15—(Special)—Death came in very sudden manner yesterday to Captain Howard B. McAllister, one of St. Stephen's most honored citizens.

While superintending the building of a store on property owned by him in Calais, he was stricken with apoplexy and died at his residence in St. Stephen a few hours later without having regained consciousness.

The announcement of his death caused deep regret among all classes. Captain McAllister was born in Milltown sixty-five years ago last February, and followed the sea the greater part of his life, commanding, among others, the St. John ships Parthia, Oromocto and Don Enrique. On retiring about seventeen years ago he took up his residence here and invested largely in real estate on which he erected an attractive lot of tenements, and also purchased and improved some store property.

He was interested in everything which tended to the advancement of the place, and was a valuable and public spirited citizen. He served at the town council board for several terms, but declined a nomination for mayor. He conducted quite a large insurance business.

Captain McAllister was twice married, his second wife and an adopted daughter surviving him. It is expected that the funeral will be held on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Fannie Parks.

Mrs. Fanny J. Parks, widow of Thomas Parks, died at Rothesay Monday morning, aged 83 years. Mrs. Parks was one of the best known residents of Rothesay, she was noted for her amiability and was a favorite with all the people. Deceased was a native of Londonderry (Ire.), and was married to Thomas Parks in 1854. Five daughters and one sister survive. The daughters are: Mrs. Daniel Pugsley, of Rothesay; Mrs. William Pugsley, of this city; Mrs. George S. Burpee, of Vancouver, and Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Harry Gilbert, of Rothesay. Miss Greer, of this city, is a sister.

Captain James Scott.

Yarmouth, April 17—(Special)—Captain Jas. Scott, one of the best known mariners in Nova Scotia, died at his home in Arcadia on Saturday afternoon of cancer of the face. Deceased up to eight months ago was in the employ of the Quebec Steamship Company, sailing one of its steamers between New York and ports in the West Indies.

Mrs. S. E. McDade.

Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth McDade, wife of William McDade, died at her home in Millidgeville Monday in the 75th year of her age. Deceased had been in poor health for a long time, although there was no appearance of disease. The cause of death seemed to be old age. She was widely known and highly respected, noted for her hospitality and good housewifery will be much missed. She was a Liverpool (Eng.), and came to th try when quite a child. She wa married. A son, of the first mar John N., of Dalhousie. Her second and one son and daughter also sur son is William N., who lives at daughter is Mrs. James Hann Military Road, this city. Dec also 25 grandchildren and th grandchildren living. The fune held Thursday at 9.30 a. m. Head.

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