

GREAT WEEK APPROACHING
ARRANGEMENTS FOR SPLENDID
MANIFESTATION OF CATHOLIC
FAITH IN MONTREAL

The plans for the part which the city executive will take in connection with the reception and entertainment of the Cardinal Legate, as well as other dignitaries in attendance at the Eucharistic Congress, began to take definite shape last week. At a meeting of the civic reception committee, presided over by Mayor Guerin, the committee decided that the most important buildings, parks, squares, etc. should be called for the decorations to the City Hall as well as to all other important buildings, parks, squares, etc. It was further provided that the services of an architect should be secured in order to design a suitable arch and pavilion to be erected on the docks at the point where His Eminence and party will make a landing at the coming of the steamer General from Quebec to this city. It is the express intention of the committee that this latter should be of such a character as to be in thorough keeping with the important event for which it will be built. Final arrangements for the grand civic reception to be held at the City Hall were also discussed, and it is the intention of the city authorities that all should be done on such a scale as to be compatible with the dignity of the occasion which they are intended to commemorate.

Mayor Guerin struck a true note in the discussion when he declared that there could be no question of expense taken into consideration, as the coming Congress was an event which was unparalleled in the history of the city, and the authorities should recognize their duty in making it the occasion of the most lavish display. The name of the city was at stake. In fact the coming Congress was an unprecedented opportunity for Montrealers generally to show that they were in thorough keeping with the important event for which they were to act in the present instance they will be judged by the whole civilized world. Not only as a Catholic but as a citizen, Mayor Guerin declared that Montreal should do herself proud on the occasion of the coming Congress.

The immediate cause of the remarks of the Mayor was the fact that certain of the members of the committee had proposed to hide a white silk time as estimates as to the probable cost of the pavilion and other decorative effects should be prepared from various architects. His Worship affirmed that the question of cost was but a secondary one, and that, no matter what the cost should be, the best available should be secured. The main idea was that the city generally should do its utmost to make the coming Congress one memorable world over amongst all the Congresses of this nature which have thus far taken place in old world centres.

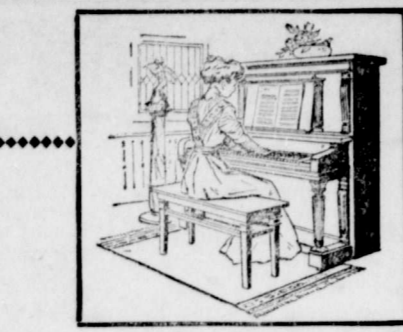
It is arranged that at the official reception at the docks, invitations to the number of 1,000, and the holders of the invitation cards being admitted to seats in the pavilion. A flotilla of river steamers, gallantly bedecked with bunting, will proceed down the golden caissons, to meet the Government steamer bearing His Eminence and party. The predominant colors in the decorative schemes will be red and purple, surmounted by the papal ensign, yellow and white. On arrival at the docks, the Cardinal Legate will be officially welcomed by the Mayor and aldermen of the City of Montreal, as well as by representatives of the Provincial Government and other dignitaries. An illuminated address, written in both languages, and bound in morocco, will be presented in a golden casket, to which the distinguished party will be accompanied in triumphal procession through the city streets, to the Cathedral, where, as stated in former letters, the official welcome of the ecclesiastical authorities will be offered. Here a solemn service will be held, it being the official opening of the Congress. At the grand reception, to be held during the course of the week at the City Hall, but a limited number will be able to be present, as but five thousand cards are being issued, the function which was brought about by Mayor Guerin is that relating to the formal attire which, on such occasions, is generally required. The ladies attending would have to be dressed in black, with the mantilla which is de rigueur at all papal receptions in Rome.

Mayor Guerin, on the grounds that it would be too much to force ladies to procure for themselves the requisite dress for the occasion, has issued a notice that the dress-makers and milliners' shops in town are overcrowded with work and it would be practically impossible for all to secure such dresses for the occasion. Moreover, it was the city which was giving the reception, hence it was within its right to determine just what conditions should prevail. The only restriction which will be enforced is that all ladies attending the function must not be décolleté. No robes as to colors of dress or style of same are to be enforced.

The work of erecting the three or more arches which will mark the route of the procession through the city streets is going on apace. Architect Venne, whose plans were accepted by the commission of architects named to deal with this phase of the decorative effects, is supervising the work of building two arches.

All the streets through which the procession of the Blessed Sacrament will pass are being gone over in order to ascertain their exact state. The men of the road department received instructions from the board of control some months ago that all such streets should be the ones to receive the greatest attention, and the orders have been carried out, as throughout the whole line of march there is but one continued series of excellently paved streets.

An improvement which will be brought about, and which is assured will greatly add to the appearance of the large Place D'Armes, the square in front of the Notre Dame Church, is the removal of the unsightly and cumber-



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some railing which hitherto has enclosed the monument of Maisonneuve. It is proposed that this fence shall be torn down and the monument surrounded by an open square, thus the appearance of the church front as well as facilitating all traffic at the point where the Eucharistic procession is to form.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ANNUAL CONVENTION AT
QUEBEC**

The annual convention of the Knights of Columbus was held in old Quebec last week. From all over the United States and Canada came delegates to this most important function. The city was decorated in lavish fashion thus giving evidence of the hearty reception of the delegates by the people of the ancient capital. His Worship the Mayor presided over the opening of the convention, the one in English being by His Lordship, the Right Reverend M. J. Fallon, Bishop of London, and that in French by the Reverend Canon Gauthier, pastor of St. James Cathedral, Montreal. Both are pulpiter orators in the very best sense of the term and on this occasion each maintained high standards. The result of the convention was the signing of the famous Declaration of Montreal, which is a most impressive sermon delivered on the one occasion.

His Lordship, Bishop Fallon spoke first, it being his initial appearance outside of his own diocese since his recent consecration. His Lordship is a keen and devoted member of the Order and his sermon was inspired by his enthusiasm. He said that when twelve years ago, as a young priest in Ottawa, fired by the zeal and enthusiasm of youth, he first joined the Order, he believed that the Knights of Columbus were the Crusaders of the twentieth century, destined to blossom and bloom like a rose in the garden of God. These twelve years having passed, the enthusiasm of youth having been tempered and many changes of opinion having taken place, he was surprised to find that the Knights of Columbus had lived up to the high ideals he had accepted for them, and that they were really the Crusaders of the twentieth century.

His Lordship said that he was not one of those who considered that the Church was composed only of the Bishops and priests, but that he considered that the bishops, the priests and laity, united in one harmonious body, formed the Church. There was a great mission for the laity. They had to take an active part in the work of the Church. They were to do more than merely attend Mass once a week, subscribe to collections and go to Communion once a year; they had to participate in all movements and to aid their properly constituted guides, the bishops and priests, with enthusiastic intelligence. For that reason the part to be played in this mission by the Knights of Columbus was a very important one. Because of their unity and solid organization the Order was in a strong position to do wonderful work.

The great evil of the day was indifference and doubt. The spirit of disbelief had taken a firm hold on a considerable proportion of the world. It was the duty of the active Catholics to combat this spirit. When the voice of doubt and disbelief was raised he should speak the truth and make it known that he is ready to speak with firmness and faith. It was the duty of the Knights of Columbus to be at it in all the practical works of the Church, and certainly they could do no better than by spreading the word of truth.

WHISKEY IN IRELAND

In reply to our request for information with reference to the number of men engaged in the whiskey industry in Ireland, a friend sent us on a copy of a letter bearing on that matter from Mr. Thos. Worthington, Commercial and Intelligence Branch, Board of Trade, London. Mr. Worthington states that he has no available information other than that given in a statement which he enclosed, and which was extracted from the "Consus of Ireland, 1901, Part II, General Report" with Tables and Appendix." According to this there are employed in Ireland under the head of maltster and distiller, the grand total of 1,063, of whom 1,000 are men and 63 are women. And this is one of Ireland's remaining industries, to threaten which is to threaten to sink Ireland under the seas! Let us give the benefit of the doubt numbers, and take it that an even thousand men are employed in this industry. We all of them employed all the year round. We are under the impression that distilleries, or large departments of them, only work part of the year. But supposing we take it that the wages paid

average £50 per year per man employed, and as labourers at 12s. or 10s. a week for a probationary period, the production of the 1,000 hands, and as many of the hands do not work all the year round, we think that £50 a year per hand is a liberal estimate. That would give an annual wages bill for this particular "one of our few remaining industries," of £50,000. And, by way of contrast, let us say that we export nearly £3,000,000 worth of eggs and produce, about £9,000,000 worth of potatoes yearly, and the practical question is not the wiping out of this industry, but the more hitting of it, and by hitting it reduce our enormous whiskey tax to England. From the point of view of the wages paid we can see what a humbug, and a dishonest humbug, all this talk about the "one of our few remaining industries." Very little of this whiskey labour is so specialized that it could not be readily absorbed by industrial activity in other channels. If this country, as a consequence of the increased tax on whiskey, so reduced the home consumption of whiskey as to reduce our £3,000,000 worth of exports of whiskey by even £500,000 sterling, that £500,000 will, in the ordinary way, be spent in other directions in Ireland, and so be a stimulus to trade and industry. But why is it left to "the little leader" alone to fight this battle? What are the temperance and total abstinence societies doing? Is it not reasonable to ask the other employees of the industry, the humour of it is that when the fight is fought and won they will go clapping themselves on the back, and, of course, "the little leader" will be no "contentious" a subject to be publicly mentioned by "our pucky little public orators."—Dublin Leader.

DIOCESAN OF HAMILTON

FAREWELL TO FATHER ARNOLD

The parishioners of the Sacred Heart Church of Walkerton assembled in the schoolroom on Tuesday evening to tender a farewell reception to Rev. J. J. Arnold who will be leaving for the charge of the parish of Acton. A complimentary concert was first rendered, Miss Eleanor and Marion O'Malley, Regina Wechsler, Isabella Wawson, Mrs. Schurr, Sabina Brick, and Mr. Smith and Mr. Heffernan taking part. Mr. James Brislan, who acted as chairman, then read the following address:

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Speaking with regard to the Departmental Buildings at the capital, if we are allowed two cabinet ministers, we should logically have two deputy ministers. The latter lady stated typified the clerks. As a matter of fact we have but a couple of clerks and a couple of office boys, and it is common knowledge that promotion is not allowed them, while the other employees receive promotion regularly and without difficulty. Catholics draw \$3,000 out of \$38,600 paid in salaries in the departments. (Auditor's Report, 1909.)

As New Brunswick says, we have gentlemen in the Legislature by reason of Catholic votes who might as well be Mormons if the result of their labours is any criterion—mute and inglorious on every occasion, public and private, when their spoken support would be of value. It is a long chance if more than a couple of them can place a finger on any action, and claim the responsibility whereby their people have benefited.

Death of Father Ladouceur

We regret exceedingly to announce the death of one of the most promising young priests of the diocese of London, Rev. E. G. Ladouceur, P. P., of Prairie Siding, Ont. His death took place on the 5th of August. The good priest succumbed to typhoid fever succeeded by meningitis. Before going to Prairie Siding, Father Ladouceur was stationed at the cathedral, where his exemplary conduct and his untiring zeal in the promotion of the spiritual life endeared him to all the people. A most useful career as a priest of Holy Church was before him, but our Heavenly Father saw fit to take him home in his early manhood. May perpetual light shine upon him.

A Floating Mission

A "Traveler" writing to the Catholic Times notes as among the signs of progress of Catholicity in South America that the Church there is taking up again the old work of the missions. The Continent, the writer says, still includes wide regions of forest and wilderness peopled by Indian tribes. These are not to be left at the mercy of the trader and the rubber hunter. A steamer fitted as a floating mission church has been placed on the Amazon. In Paraguay a band of missionaries is about to restore some of the ruined missions among the Guarani Indians. But apart from such work it is to the credit of the white races of South America that they have not been exterminators of the Indian, and in every diocese of the Continent there are tens of thousands of Catholics of native descent.

THE MASONS IN SPAIN

Rome, August 4.—Discussing the strained relations between the Vatican and the Spanish Government, Cardinal Ferrarri said to day:

"The attitude of the Spanish ministry toward the Holy See is due to the intrigues of the Guaran Indians. But among the white races of South America that they have not been exterminators of the Indian, and in every diocese of the Continent there are tens of thousands of Catholics of native descent."

BIGOTRY IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Editor CATHOLIC RECORD—Dear Sir—I noticed in a recent issue of the Record, which paper circulates largely in this province, that Mr. T. W. Belter, of Newcastle, makes an attempt to answer a "New Brunswick" letter in regard to Catholics and the New Brunswick Provincial situation. I have read both these letters, and, further, I know something about the actual state of affairs. "N. B." charged that Catholics were not receiving anything like their share of the good things that they might reasonably look for, and that Mr. Morrison's government was under Orange control. With these two statements I entirely concur. Mr. Belter to offset this charge, says that Mr. Landry is head of large spending departments, but he does not say how much these gentlemen are allowed or have the courage themselves to expend with their co-religion-

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