

the Mail tells us: "Ontario opposition to the Jesuits springs also from the knowledge that the Order is everywhere the enemy of the modern state."

In fact, over and over again has that journal informed us what itself and the prime movers of the Ontario agitation understand by the contrary of the Jesuits' Estates Act to "public policy."

That, "It is our conviction that the disqualifying of the Jesuit Society to hold property by the Imperial Parliament in 1774, and the taking possession of that property by the Crown, were not only justifiable, but an imperative duty in the interests of good government and public morality."

This and the other resolutions of that same meeting were endorsed even by the most moderate of the advocates of disallowance.

THE MAIL'S CONSISTENCY.

When we consider that the Toronto Mail has for months been endeavoring to make the public believe that the Legislature of Quebec went beyond its powers in passing the Jesuits' Estates Act, inasmuch as "it recognizes the usurpation of a right by a foreign authority to control a Canadian Legislature," it is somewhat astounding to find that journal now pretending that it always consistently maintained that "the Quebec Legislature was well within its rights in passing that measure."

Notwithstanding the positive denial of His Eminence Cardinal Taschereau that certain articles against the Jesuits appeared under his sanction, some journals are still persisting in the assertion that he is causing such articles to be written for the columns of L'Union Libérale.

LATEST CATHOLIC NEWS.

The Right Rev. Andrew Higgins, D. D., Bishop of Kerry, is dead. On the 25th ult. the Catholic Congress at Madrid unanimously adopted a resolution demanding the restoration of the temporal power of the Pope.

A STRANGE DELUSION is entertained by a sect in Rio, Illinois. A person calling himself Rev. G. J. Schwein settled there three years ago without money and was acknowledged as the Christ and worshipped as the Redeemer of man.

A SENSATIONAL STORY.

A sensational story was published by the Canadian dailies last week concerning the Jesuits of Mexico. It was stated on the authority of a "prominent citizen of Guanajuato" that five Jesuit priests were imprisoned, because they had stirred up the people to sedition, and that on their arrest 12,000 people attacked the jail, killing the Mayor of Guanajuato and over 20 policemen.

Since the publication of this story the Mexican Government denied it entirely, and some of the papers have published the denial, others saying nothing whatsoever of the doubt thus thrown upon the whole affair.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Citizens' Committee is working very strenuously to contest the constitutionality of the Jesuits' Estates Act. The Treasurer acknowledges receipt of \$21 last week, and \$35 the previous week.

IN SPITE of her frequent denials that she entertained any such intention, the Nun of Kenmare, Sister Frances Mary Clare, has virtually gone over to Protestantism.

ARE THE ORANGEMEN SO FAR FROM DOING THEIR DUTY THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE ANOTHER PROTESTANT LEAGUE?

Hughes is everywhere in demand to institute this new association. Last week he lectured in Lloydtown, and a branch of the "League" was established.

THE CLERGY REPRESENTED.

The occasion attracted great interest throughout Canada, as shown by the numerous body of prelates, Church dignitaries and clergy who assembled. Among those present were His Grace Archbishop Duhamel, Ottawa; His Grace Archbishop Fabre, Montreal; and other Bishops the following: La Fliche, Three Rivers; Foley, Detroit; Gravelle, Nicolet; Walsh, London; Dowling, Hamilton; and O'Connor, Peterborough.



RIGHT REV. R. A. O'CONNOR, BISHOP OF PETERBOROUGH.

ECCE SACERDOS MAGNUS.

CONSECRATION OF HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP O'CONNOR.

Peterborough Examiner, May 1. In the brief period of not quite seven years which has elapsed since the establishment of the Roman Catholic diocese of Peterborough, no fewer than three bishops, including the present newly-consecrated incumbent, have occupied the episcopal chair.

The arrangements in this respect were excellent. The ushers were very effective in the performance of their duties, and the consequence was that while the church was filled, there was no crowding or confusion.

For days there has been great activity of preparation, and within the past two or three days the priests and prelates have continued to arrive. Bishop-elect O'Connor came to town quietly on Tuesday evening from Toronto, and yesterday there was a great influx of priests and prelates. Last night an excursion train from Barrie brought in about a hundred and thirty visitors, and this morning the other trains contributed their quota of visitors.

The ceremony continuing, the head of the Bishop-elect was bound with a linen cloth, and to the accompaniment of the "Veni Creator Spiritus," the consecrator anointed the head of the elect, making the sign of the cross, followed by a prayer. As the choir took up an antiphon the consecrator anointed the hands of the elect. The next step was the consecration of the crozier, the symbol of authority, the ring was then blessed and placed by the consecrator on the finger of the elect, and with appropriate words the gospels were delivered to the Bishop-elect. Then the latter received the kiss of peace from the consecrator and his assistants.

ADDRESS FROM THE CLERGY.

To the Most Reverend Richard Alphonse O'Connor, D. D., Bishop of Peterborough: MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP—We, the priests of your diocese, hasten to offer our homage and wish you ad multos annos as Bishop of Peterborough. In Peterborough for the first time has been celebrated the day of the gorgeous rite which 2000 years ago was celebrated for the first time in Jerusalem, Antioch, Rome and Constantinople.

At 9:30 the ecclesiastical procession entered the Cathedral from the sacristy, to the music of an orchestra in charge of Prof. Doucet, Rev. Father Murray being the cross-bearer. Passing down the eastern aisle and returning to the altar by the middle aisle, the prelates taking seats inside the altar, and the clergy outside. The altar was beautifully decorated and a chapel had been erected alongside the episcopal throne.

character is appreciated. Your pastorate of more than a quarter of a century is an open book where he who runs may read of your administrative ability, the fact that you have been called to the high and holy position of piety and learning.

The pety also for which you were always remarkable will now in the fertile soil of the Episcopate, yield fruit a hundred fold, and bring forth that ardent charity which is the special attribute of the Catholic bishop, and which in the words of the Apostle "never faileth," whether prophecies shall be made void or tongues shall cease or knowledge shall be destroyed.

In the next place we thank our gloriously shining Pontiff, the illustrious Leo XIII, who holds the highest position on earth, the successor of St. Peter, the only Apostle who in the full sense of the world yet lives and rules in the person of his successor, and from his unfailing chair imparts to all who seek it the truth of the Christian faith.

The examination of the candidate for consecration having been completed by the consecrator, his assistant led the Bishop-elect to the consecrator to whom he knelt, kissing his hand. The Mass was then begun. After the confession the Bishop-elect was robed with tunic, dalmatic and mitre. The service and ceremony then proceeded to the point where the bishops, mitred, knelt and the Bishop-elect prostrated himself at the feet of the consecrator.

After the sermon the consecrator having blessed the mitre, placed it upon the head of Bishop O'Connor, and then the gloves upon his hands and then the ring. The newly consecrated bishop was next condecorated to his episcopal chair, and being seated the crozier was placed in his hand by his consecrator.

His Lordship in reply cordially thanked the clergy for their loyal and dutiful address. He recognized the difficulties, duties and responsibilities of the episcopate, and added that he would be cheered and encouraged to meet those difficulties bravely with the knowledge of the loyalty and fidelity and support of his clergy. He had heard both Bishops Janot and Dowling praise the piety, zeal and devotion of the priests of the diocese, and he would expect, and would, doubtless, receive, their co-operation and assistance in promoting both the material and spiritual interests of the diocese.

ADDRESS FROM THE PEOPLE. To the Right Reverend Richard Alphonse O'Connor, Bishop of Peterborough: MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP—We, the parishioners of your cathedral parish of Peterborough, approach your Lordship upon this most important epoch in your life, to convey to you the expression of our profound homage and of our heartfelt joy at your elevation to the Episcopate.

Our sorrow, is however, lessened when we remember the successor of the Right Reverend Dr. Dowling, has been chosen on account of his special fitness in education and training to govern with efficiency and acceptance the Diocese of Peterborough. An elevation to the hierarchy in the selection of one whose training and aspirations are identified with the people whom he is chosen as chief pastor, is a source of profound gratification to the laity, and we cordially thank His Holiness for having made an appointment which has given such universal satisfaction.

Many of us, although not enjoying heretofore a personal acquaintance with your Lordship, have watched with admiration your upward and onward course in the sublimest vocations. Your energetic association with educational, religious and charitable institutions in the Archdiocese of Toronto aroused bright anticipations for the future progress of the diocese committed to your care. We need scarcely

assure your Lordship that you are heartily welcomed not only by your Cathedral parishioners assembled here to-day, but also by the faithful of every part of your diocese, with a warmth of feeling that language inadequately expresses; and in your efforts for the cause of the Church militant you will find the people of the Diocese of Peterborough ever ready to strengthen your hands in the extension of God's kingdom on earth.

Signed on behalf of the congregation of St. Peter's Cathedral Church: Thos. Cahill, El. Paolan, John Hackett, John Doherty, Thos. Dolan, James Nevin, J. F. Crowlev, Thos. Kelly, H. LeBrun, B. Morrow, John Lynch, et al.

BISHOP DOWLING.

CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE. In the next place we thank our illustrious colleagues in the episcopate who are the honor and glory of their respective dioceses in this province of our beloved Canada, and who would add lustre to episcopal sees in any portion of Christendom.

Father Heenan acknowledged his compliance and Bishop Dowling continued: Father Heenan shall be Vicar-General and senior Vicar-General of the diocese. He shall also be a councillor and my chief counsellor. I can do no more for him at present, but any time I can do anything to honor him I will do it. I will ask Father Keogh to make a sacrifice. Are you prepared to give up your parish?

I appoint you a Vicar-General and I send you back to your old home in Paris. Rev. Father O'Connell, I appoint parish priest of Walkerton and Dean of the parish. I charge him to take care of the labor of the Bishop and build a separate school. Father Faucher, of St. Jerome's College, is appointed Archdeacon of the diocese. Father Graves has made many sacrifices and has already given up his parish more than once. I appoint him Chancellor of the diocese. Father McCabe is here as my Private Secretary; Father McLean, of Walkerton, is to return to St. Mary's Cathedral, but let it be remembered that I am parish priest of the Cathedral, and any priest I may appoint is only my representative.

ADDRESS PRESENTED TO THE BISHOP OF HAMILTON BY THE CLERGY, AND SIGNED BY FOUR OF THEM, AND GOT UP IN ALBUM FORM, BOUND IN RED MOROCCO AND HANDSOMELY ORNAMENTED IN GOLD.

The address presented to the Bishop of Hamilton by the clergy, and signed by four of them, and got up in album form, bound in red morocco and handsomely ornamented in gold, the inside consisted of four beautifully illuminated pages, in fancy old English lettering, with suitable bordering, the first page being headed with the Bishop's coat of arms, each page being different, the work being especially chaste and artistic.

The address presented by the laity was also in album form, bound in rich purple velvet, ornamented in gold, and contained four highly ornamented and beautifully engrossed pages, the first page being headed with a bishop's mitre and crossed crozier, the colors of the pages being varied in gold, silver, purple, red, black, pale green and light and dark blue illumination. Both were the work of Mr. William Bruce.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

A large congregation assembled in St. Mary's Church, Hill street, London, last Sunday evening. Vespers were sung by Rev. Jas. Walsh, of the Cathedral, who also preached a very instructive and timely sermon on devotion to the blessed Mother of God. The pastor, Rev. J. Kennedy, gave benediction. The singing of the choir was in every regard most admirable. A very liberal collection was taken in aid of the fund for repairing the church.

The Pope has sent a despatch bestowing his blessing upon the Catholic Congress in Vienna. In his message the Pope says he is greatly consoled by the protests of the Congress against the present situation of the Vatican.

The Very Rev. J. M. Luarent, Administrator of Toronto diocese, was the recipient of an address and portrait of himself presented by the members of St. Louis Sanctuary.