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Calendar for Next Week.

APRIL;

- 16—Palm Sunday. Commemoration of Blessed Joseph Benedict Labre.
- 17—Monday in Holy Week.
- 18—Tuesday in Holy Week.
- 19—Wednesday in Holy Week.
- 20—Maundy Thursday.
- 21—Good Friday.
- 22—Holy Saturday.

IMMIGRATION RETURNS FAVOR SEPARATE SCHOOLS

Mr. J. F. Tennant, Manitoba Government Immigration Agent at Gretna, close to the boundary line, writes us under date of the 7th inst.

"For your information I give you a comparative statement of immigration coming from the United States for the month of March, 1905. You may have perhaps noted that certain Winnipeg newspapers have insinuated, through the correspondence admitted for publication in their columns, that the 'school question had deterred immigration from the United States to the North West Territories,' and further, that 'farmers were ready to sell their holdings and leave the country over it.'"

"Well, if the figures I am about to give constitute a deterrent of immigration let us hope that the agitation on the school question will be kept up; for, apart from the necessary result of such a discussion upon all fairminded men of either political party, who will thereby be brought to recognize the rights of the minority to follow the dictates of their conscience, here is the statistical proof of the extraordinary increase of immigration in March, 1905, as compared with March 1904."

In order to bring the following tables within the compass of a newspaper column, we here note, once for all that the first line represents the returns for March, 1905, the second, the returns for March, 1904, and the third line, the difference between the two, which is, with one slight exception, always in favor of 1905.

Adults		Children		Total
Males	Females			
268	126	316		710
104	82	206		392
164	44	110		318
Stock				
Horses	Cattle	Sheep	Swine	CarLots
1122	567	86	53	244
443	235	4	69	108
779	332	82	16	136

In the above tables it will be noticed how the only difference that favors 1904 is 16 swine. This is certainly a remarkably happy coincidence—that in a public discussion where the arguments and caricatures of our opponents are often so extremely hoggish, the only creatures that seem to be deterred by the agitation are a few pigs.

Mr. Tennant continues:
"The total value of importations by settlers coming from the United States into the Canadian North West Territories, and making a free entry of their goods in the Canada Customs ports of entry on the International Boundary Line, outside of all those who entered in bond destined to clear the Customs at inland ports of entry, like Winnipeg Portage la Prairie, Brandon, etc., was \$202,197 for the month of March, 1905, as against \$68,541 for the month of March, 1904. This shows a gain of \$133,656, very nearly three times as much."

COURAGEOUS STATESMANSHIP

The subjoined editorial remarks of the "Casket," in its issue of March 30, are so fully in accord with our own views that we gladly subscribe to them here. "Three weeks ago," writes the far-seeing editor of our Antigonish contemporary, "we feared that the educational clauses of the Autonomy bill were to be amended so as to render them of little value. Even a week ago relying upon reports in newspapers which seem-

ed to be in the confidence of the Government we referred to its policy as niggardly and precarious. We are happy to say that our fears have not been justified. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has stood to his guns in the face of assaults which might have made him doubt whether it would not be wiser to retreat. The only difference between the bill as it first read and the bill as amended is that the latter makes it clear that in order to draw public moneys, the separate schools must in all respects conform to the requirements of the law. Whatever others may have thought we have always believed in certificated teachers and Government inspection wherever State aid was sought and we welcome those provisions for the schools of the new Provinces because we believe they will raise and uphold the standard of efficiency. As to Mr. Borden's speech, we scarcely know what to say of it. It is an elaborate constitutional argument better suited to the law courts than to the House of Commons. If it proved its case it would destroy all guarantee for the rights of religious minorities outside of Quebec and Ontario, and make them what the Ottawa 'Citizen' calls them in the Northwest "Squatters on other people's land." It is true they are told that they have the protection of remedial legislation, but when the country refused to grant them that protection in a case where the highest court in the Empire declared they had an undoubted grievance, it was plain that they need never more look for redress to the Federal Parliament once their rights had been wrested from them. Their only hope in the future was to forestall any attempt to deprive them of their rights. This is exactly what the courageous statesmanship of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has now done for them. The Act of Parliament which has made Manitoba a Province proved open to misconstruction on the question of separate schools. The Privy Council told the minority that they had misconstructed it in supposing that it guaranteed the continued existence of their schools. We, on our part, believe yet as we believed then, that it was the Privy Council which was guilty of misconstruction. At all events we do not wish such a dispute to occur again and the only way to prevent it with absolute certainty was that adopted by the Government in drawing up the Autonomy bill for Alberta and Saskatchewan."

THE SCHOOL QUESTION

The following article, from the Chicago Daily News of February 1, 1904, will be found very opportune just now when the principle of religion in schools is so fiercely attacked. Our Chicago contemporary said:—

Discussions now carried on in various Catholic organizations of laymen and Catholic organizations of laymen and public utterances and writings of priests on the position of Archbishop Quigly on the school question in this city, vigorously combated by various Protestant bodies, are bringing the subject to the fore with an increasing earnestness.

Jesuit priests have taken up the discussion of the proposition involved in the controversy, as have priests of the Benedictine order, the Resurrectionists congregation and other religious orders. An answer to the critics of the archbishop and the Church was made by the Rev. T. E. Sherman, S.J., the Jesuit, a few days ago in a lengthy statement which has been sent broadcast. To-day the director of the American League of the Cross and the oldest and best known Jesuit educator in this country, the Rev. James M. Hayes, S.J., who is now at St. Ignatius college, has come forward with a statement with reference to the situation and outlining the Catholic Church position on the public schools. Voicing the sentiment of the Catholic laity and clergy in the controversy, the Rev. James M. Hayes in his statement a copy of which was given out to the Daily News, sets out the following:

"In reply to an alleged severe arraignment of the present public school system by His Grace the Archbishop of Chicago, series of resolutions and statements of different denominations, and among these a set by the Chicago Baptist Ministers' Association.

Answer to the Baptists

"In the first of their resolutions the Baptists Ministers' Association set forth, 'We affirm our confidence in our public school system and our loyalty to it.' In the second resolution it is stated: 'Resolved that we deny the charges that the system is godless, un-American and unfair to Catholics.' In the third resolution the Baptist Ministers most emphatically declare the making of such

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| Constipation | Rheumatism |
| Cataract—Cancer | Scabies—Syphilis |
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charges to be 'undemocratic' and 'un-American' as well as 'unwarranted.'

"In regard to the first resolution, I would merely express my admiration for the unhesitating spirit of loyalty to honest conviction implied in it. In regard to the second one, it is so precise in statement and so unambiguously worded that to review it is a positive pleasure even to one who, like myself, disagrees in toto with its contents.

"The charges denied by this second resolution are that the system is 'godless,' that it is 'un-American,' that it is 'unfair to Catholics.' Let us consider each charge separately, beginning with the last mentioned.

"Is the present public school system unfair to Catholics? Bearing in mind that rightfully or wrongfully it is mainly on conscientious motives that Catholics base their objections to the system, the answer may perhaps be given in words of non-Catholic Authorities.

Quotes Judge's Opinion

"Judge Waterman of Boston about a dozen years ago, when stating the strong legal and constitutional objection to the grievance at that time, as now, protested against by Catholics, uses the following editorial language in Waterman's Journal: 'It would certainly seem to be an act of tyranny on the part of the majority to tax the minority for the support of schools which they honestly think are doing more harm than good, from which they cannot derive their full share of benefit.'

"In 1880 a California state council of Congregational clergymen convened in San Francisco, adopted a carefully prepared report touching the school question. The spirit of this report may be seen from the following extract: 'As matters now stand the non-religionist party are, in some of our states, oppressors.' The non-religionist exacts money from the religionist for the purposes of a common education, and then refuses the religionist any voice or influence in the management of that education. For me, a religionist, believing that a certain moral culture should be joined to all moral culture: believing indeed,

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