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**CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.**

DECEMBER.  
22, Fourth Sunday in Advent.  
23, Monday—Ferial Office.  
24, Tuesday—Vigil of Christmas. Fasting Day.  
25, Wednesday—Christmas Day. The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Holy-day of obligation. First class feast with octave.  
26, Thursday—St. Stephen, Protomartyr. Second class feast with octave.  
27, Friday—St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. Second class feast with octave.  
28, Saturday—The Holy Innocents. Second class feast with octave.

**CITY AND ELSEWHERE.**

Rev. Father Sinnott left for Portage-la-Prairie on Monday evening.

This week Wednesday, Friday and Saturday are days of both fast and abstinence.

Branch No. 52 of the C. M. B. A., hold a regular meeting in Unity Hall this evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Demers, of St. Anne, were in town last week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Germain.

Mrs. J. G. Miller left on Tuesday for Medicine Hat, where she will join her husband and in future reside.

Rev. Father Kavanagh, S. J., started for Beardsley, Minn., last Monday. He is to preach a mission and give a lecture there.

We are glad to see that Mr. T. J. McCarthy who about a month ago met with a somewhat serious accident has sufficiently recovered to resume his ordinary occupation.

The late Dr. A. E. Versailles was a member of the Independent Order of Foresters and the amount of his insurance in that organization was paid over to his widow this week.

For the tailoring go to Wm. Markinski, Rossin House Block, near C. P. R. He does ladies' and gentlemen's tailoring in first class style and at reasonable rates. Ladies furs altered to latest fashions and repaired.

Mr. Joseph Couture, of St. Boniface, left for Darwin last week to work in the shanties. Mrs. Couture will remain with her mother, Mrs. Joseph Roy, till Epiphany, and will then go to St. Jean for a month, where she will be a guest of her relatives.

**DECEMBER 1ST TO 31ST INCLUSIVE.**

This is the time—all through December—that you can buy Canadian excursion tickets via the Northern Pacific. Go back and visit your friends in the provinces this winter and go via the Northern Pacific. Call on our agents for tickets and particulars.

According to last Thursday's Edmonton Bulletin a great reception was being arranged for His Grace Archbishop Langevin, Bishop Grouard and Bishop Pascal on their arrival there. On Sunday afternoon the blessing of the General Hospital was to take place and after the ceremony an address was to be presented to the Archbishop.

We read in the daily press that a committee of citizens of Portage-la-Prairie have arranged to secure a life-size portrait of His Honor Judge Ryan which will hang in the new court house. It is said that no project in the Prairie town ever secured such spontaneous and general sympathy, in fact it was so well received by the public at large that the subscription list was soon filled and the committee were obliged to decline many donations that were offered them.

Mr. L. A. Hamilton has been elected President of the Exhibition Association for the coming year with Mr. Daniel Smith, Vice-President. With these two gentlemen at the head it is safe to say that everything will be done that is possible to make next year's exhibition a success. At the annual meeting the speakers were unanimous in praising the work of the manager, Mr. Heubach, and we believe that the public at large will heartily endorse all that was said in this direction.

Mrs. R. J. Dewitt, a member of the congregation of the Immaculate Conception, died at her residence on Gomez street on Friday last. Deceased had been ailing for a considerable time, and she leaves a husband and several small children to mourn her loss. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, services being first held at the church, after which the remains were interred in the Fort Rouge cemetery, being followed to the grave by a large number of friends. We offer to the bereaved family our sincere condolence in their affliction. R. I. P.

Upon receipt of the December issue of Stovel's Pocket Directory, we observe that it is just twelve months since the initial number of that little publication made its appearance before a suffering public, and in that time very evident and appreciative improvement has been made within its pages in the selection of matter and enlargement. Its contents are carefully revised and corrected and so placed within its covers as to be in the handiest possible manner. It is large enough to put on a business desk and small enough to put in your vest pocket.

**St. Mary's Church Improvements.**

The pastor of St. Mary's church at High Mass on Sunday, urged upon the gentlemen of the congregation the necessity of sending in the amounts which they intend to subscribe to the building fund of the church. The building committee held a meeting at St. Mary's Presbytery on Friday evening, at which some plans were submitted and discussed, but no definite action taken. Those who intend subscribing should have made a return (as per circular) not later than 17th December, because on that date the committee met to consider whether they can go on or not, as the consent of His Grace is conditional on the subscription reaching a certain sum. This meeting was held last night too late for this issue, but we trust to be able to give full particulars in our next.

On Sunday evening at the church of the Immaculate Conception Father Chierri preached a most telling sermon on the last article of the Apostle's Creed "the life everlasting." He described this as the crowning feature of all the articles contained in the creed and proceeding to speak of the objections made by those who claimed that there was no hereafter he showed, first, how reason itself taught them there must be an eternity; secondly, that this eternity was demanded by the justice of God; and then he gave proofs from scripture, especially from the teaching of the Saviour himself. Having dealt exhaustively with this part of the subject, and taking it for granted that his hearers were convinced that their souls would live for ever Father Chierri went on to consider this eternity with reference to the good and gave a most beautiful and consoling description of the reward in store for those who fight the good fight. Next Sunday evening he will speak on the same subject, but treat it from the opposite standpoint. At Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament which followed the sermon Miss Valade, who has only recently joined the choir, was heard in solo for the first time. She has a sweet and well trained soprano voice and gave a very accurate and pleasing rendition of Mozart's "Sancta Maria."

**Leave Her Out.**

A foreign paper tells a good story of a clergyman of the Established Church who went to a certain part of Ireland to stamp out of the people's minds the evils of "Mariolatry"; and taking a little boy, he asked him to repeat his prayers for him. At once the boy began the "Lord's Prayer," and then went on to the "Hail Mary"; but the proselyter immediately stopped him, saying, excitedly: "Leave her out and rever on any account mention her again." Continuing the little one recited the "Creed" till he came to the words "who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of—" when turning his eyes to the Virgin-later he said: "Please, sir, here she is again! What am I to do this time?"—San Francisco Monitor.

**Bazaar at Oak Lake.**

The bazaar for the benefit of St. Athanasius' parish church, Oak Lake, opened on Tuesday of last week and was a decided success. It was patronized by all classes of people irrespective of creed. The parishioners sent numerous costly presents for the different tables. The voting contest was the source of a great deal of excitement and was won by Miss N. McKinley, of Virden. The prize was a costly ladies' dressing case, which she generously returned to be raffled for the benefit of the church. Nothing but the rosy side of life was seen during the three days the bazaar continued. The attention of every one was given to the buying and selling of the many attractive articles on the tables.

All the little people liked the two large dolls and cast their eyes with longing upon the inanimate beings that to them seemed endowed with life. Views of Oak Lake in book form nicely ornamented by Mrs. W. J. Manbey were much admired and sold well. The success of the bazaar is largely due to the president, Mrs. J. E. Daoust, and Mrs. Steve White, of Virden. The Rev. Father A. Lemieux, who is in charge of the parish, did everything possible to make those who patronized the bazaar feel at home.

**Kamloops B. C. Chips.**

We have received the following note from a subscriber living in Kamloops: I have noticed, or rather should say, have not noticed anything in your paper lately from the Catholic correspondent, and as I consider we are worthy of some notice on account of our size and importance, will endeavor in a humble way to contribute the notes which he she, or it, as the Haggard Rider has it have seen fit to drop. That the Catholics, and in fact a large majority of our separated brethren are taking a hearty interest, in fact, I may say, a practical interest in the school question, is evidenced by the way tickets were bought here for the raffle. That the good Sisters of St. Ann's convent there are fully able to arrange and carry through a first class entertainment, was on the 27th ultimo demonstrated to one of the

most enthusiastic and representative audiences which has been got together for some time. The large reception room which has just been rented was packed to the doors and a great many had to stand in the hall. The different performers, particularly the little ones, drew well merited applause for the way in which they rendered their parts. The report is too long for a detailed account. Some of those most worthy of mention were the piano solos by Miss Carning, which were a treat in themselves, and the piano duet by the Misses Carning and McLean, which was well rendered and proved their ability to handle difficult music. The tableau, "A Child at Prayer," by Miss E. Verner and one of the little ones was excellent, Miss Verner taking the part of the angel hovering over the child with outstretched wings, and it is needless to say the male portion of the audience thought her an angel. The recitation by the little ones not only brought out their ability as elocutionists of no mean order, but proved who were their teachers. Take it altogether, every one voted it one of the most pleasant and profitable evenings they had spent for a long time and it was only another proof that our rising generation could not be in better hands. One and all left for home with good wishes in their hearts for those who had supplied them with the material for passing an otherwise profitless evening.

If this gets past the waste paper basket, I will next week send you some notes about our town and its inhabitants, particularly the Catholic portion, which may prove of interest to your many readers. JOHN OLESON.

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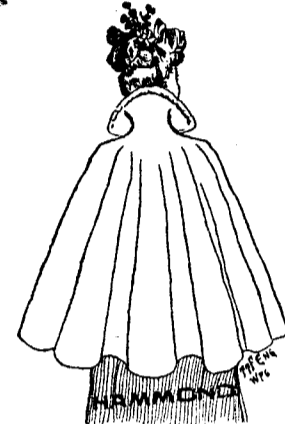
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