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THE CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB,

IN ITS FOURTH YEAR OF EXISTENCE, ENTERS A NEW HOME.

SIXTY THOUSAND SEAMEN VISITED THE CLUB ROOMS IN THREE YEARS—A SHORT SKETCH OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION, NAMES OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES.



LADY HINGSTON, PRESIDENT.

room was opened on St. Paul street, and the club started out upon its career.

The president of the Club, Lady Hingston, is an ardent worker in the cause of promoting its welfare.

The work of the club is divided between two committees, one composed of ladies and the other of gentlemen.

President, Lady Hingston; Secretary, Mrs. S. R. Thomson; Council, Lady Lacoste, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. E. Janes, Mrs. T. F. Moore, Mrs. Casgrain, Mr. G. Weir, Mrs. F. B. McNamee, Mrs. P. S. Dyle, Mrs. Rogers, Miss Feron and Miss Smith.

The committee to which is entrusted the immediate house administration and arrangement of entertainments is as follows:— Mr. Jas. J. Walsh, chairman of committee; Mr. P. J. Gordon, chairman of concert committee; Mr. J. P. Curran, secretary; Mr. J. M. Feeley, Mr. J. J.

Milloy, Mr. P. F. McCaffrey, Mr. J. R. Coffey, Mr. H. J. Codd, Mr. J. H. Girox, Mr. W. Sharkey, Mr. Hy. Singleton, Mr. P. Dunn, Mr. Thos. Quinlan, Mr. R. G. Gahan.

Mr. James J. Walsh, the chairman of this committee, is a most enthusiastic worker in the interest of seamen.

It will be obvious that sailors coming to our port need a place where they know they will meet with a kindly welcome, and where facilities will be offered to them not only for the practice of their religion, but where they can secure, as well, those rational enjoyments indispensable to men in their position so far from their homes.

The Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Thomson, will be glad to receive donations of books and papers, as the sailors on leaving this city are always anxious to secure a good book or periodical to read while at sea.

MANITOBA SCHOOLS.

Press Opinions on the Subject.

QUEBEC MERCURY. The Montreal Herald reports that Mr. McShane, in his speech at the Laurier demonstration, said:—"They sneered at me. They say I am a buffoon. Well, gentlemen, I will always be a buffoon of that sort."

The new Canadian Ministry, which has been formed under the Premiership of Sir Charles Tupper, are determined to stick to their colors on the school question.

SACRED HEART REVIEW, BOSTON. If there be any individuals who imagine that the Manitoba school question has been shelved by the failure of Ottawa to enact legislation for the remedy of the Catholic grievances in the northwestern province, the speech which Sir Charles Tupper, the new Canadian premier, delivered at Winnipeg last week, must have undeceived them.

On Sunday next, the Feast of Pentecost, there will be two grand services held in St. Ann's Church, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

THE CONSERVATIVE FORCES.

AT THE WINDSOR HALL ON SATURDAY EVENING.

OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY PREMIER TUPPER, JUSTICE-GENERAL FAULCON, HON. MR. ANGERS, AND DR. RODDICK, THE PARTY CANDIDATE IN ST. ANTOINE DIVISION, ON THE MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION.

At the meeting of the Liberal Conservative party, held at the Windsor Hall, on Saturday evening, every one of the speakers referred to the great importance of the Manitoba School Question.

Dr. Roddick, after some introductory remarks, made the following statement upon the subject:— With reference to another question which has of late disturbed the political atmosphere so much, namely, the Manitoba school question, I have only to say that I shall give the Government every assistance in discovering the most amicable and satisfactory method of meeting that difficulty.

He then called attention to the agreement entered into at the time of the confederation, and explained the nature of the conditions relating to the protection of the rights of minorities in reference to education, and continued:—"I tell you again that it is no question of separate schools. It is a question whether we shall tear up the constitution or bow to the supreme tribunal of the realm."

This is a statesmanlike perception of the actual situation. These utterances of the premier are taken to mean that if his Government is returned to power in the approaching election the School act of Manitoba abolishing the parochial schools will be overridden by federal legislation.

WESTERN WATCHMAN, ST. LOUIS. There is no mistaking the language of the new Premier of Canada. He tells the Orangemen of Manitoba that the Catholics of that Province must have their separate schools if the British Empire has the power to enforce the decisions of its highest courts.



MR. P. J. GORDON, Chairman of Committee on Entertainments, Catholic Sailors' Club.

to resist the mandate of the Supreme Court and they languish in jail in consequence. We hope that the fate of their brethren in this country will have some influence on the bigots of Manitoba.

CATHOLIC RECORD, INDIANAPOLIS. We presume that any Catholic worthy of the name is in favor of justice being done to his Manitoba co-religionists. But how many will carry that sympathy into effect? We fear that this sympathy will have very little weight with them, and that they will vote with their party, as usual, regardless of the effect it may have on the Catholic schools of Manitoba.

JUVENILE IMMIGRATION.

The Rev. Father Gaults, of St. Ann's Church, received information recently that a party of fifty children, consisting of 26 boys and 24 girls, ranging in age from 7 to 15 years, were being prepared for emigration.

ST. ANN'S PARISH.

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THE SUPREME STRUGGLE.

THE A. P. A. S. OREF.

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Hence our duty is plain. No matter what political combinations may have been made, no matter whom the A.P.A. vote has delivered, the question is between religious liberty and intolerance.

No man who bargains and dickers with bigots, who swears and dicker with Catholics of their duty, and to introduce a religion test, can be trusted by Liberal Americans. Let it be well understood that the fight in this campaign is a fight for the Constitution.

And let us all here that the Catholic who throws his weight with those who have bought the A.P.A. have sold out to the A.P.A. is a thousand times worse than the wildest bigot who believes that the Pope is Anti-Christ.

Now, there was another question in regard to which you certainly would have supposed that if there was a man living, who would not obstruct, it was the Hon. Mr. Laurier.

When the Judicial Committee declare that the privileges enjoyed by the Roman Catholic minority in the Province of Manitoba had been taken away, and that the duty rested on the Government of Canada and the Parliament of Canada to restore those rights.

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CATHOLIC SOLDIERS' INSTITUTE AT CURRAGH CAMP.

The building will be a very handsome one. The large hall will be sixty feet in length by twenty-five feet wide. All this will be a room, eighteen feet by twenty-five feet, called the chaplain's room. The total cost will be about £1,500, of which nearly half has been subscribed.

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