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NEW ONTARIO DIOCESE.

The news announced to-day of the division of the extensive Diocese of Peterborough, and the appointment of Father D. J. Scollard as Bishop-elect of the western portion which is to form the new diocese, naturally follows upon the rapid settlement of that section of the province and the growth of the Catholic body therein. His Lordship, the Right Rev. R. A. O'Connor, has administered the affairs of the growing territory committed to his charge with wonderful capacity and solicitude for the spiritual concerns of his scattered flock, performing annual journeys to the most remote points by canoe or on foot, and exemplifying in these days of steam and electricity the heroic labors of the great missionary Bishop Macdonell. And it is not because he has grown weary of his task, but that population rather than distance demanded the change that another zealous soldier of the faith will in future share the burden of the episcopal office. The choice has fallen upon Father Scollard of North Bay and both priests and people may rejoice and feel grateful over the selection of a priest qualified both as an organizer and administrator and marked with the seal of devotion to the work of the Master. Three months will elapse before the consecration of the Bishop-elect. May his future be fruitful and blessed.

OTTAWA SCHOOL CASE.

On Monday the decision of the Court of Appeal in the case of Gratian and the Separate School Trustees of Ottawa, was given. The appeal was against the judgment of Mr. Justice MacMahon granting an injunction preventing the employment of the Brothers of the Christian Schools who had not taken out the certificates prescribed by the school law of Ontario. The present decision upholds the judgment of the trial judge upon the main ground to which the appeal was limited, and, of course, nullifies the contract of the Ottawa trustees with the Brothers.

At the time Mr. Justice MacMahon's opinion was handed out The Register took the view that whilst in effect the test of examination was in harmony with progressive educational standards, which all Catholic educationists stand by, the case of the Brothers of the Christian Schools under the B.N.A. Act was a special one, the authorities, as well as the general public, having heretofore taken it for granted that the community qualification of this order had been contemplated in perpetuity at the Union as sufficient. Mr. Justice MacMahon's opinion came as a public surprise, but did not bring on a crisis in the Catholic schools, because the Education Act makes ample provision against the closing either of Catholic or other public schools in Ontario through any temporary lack of certificated teachers. The Education Department in this case granted temporary certificates, as would have been done had the case affected other than Catholic schools or teachers from a variety of causes that may be readily imagined. But as it happened, the legal and reasonable action of the authorities was sneeringly commented upon in some sections of the press as a special concession to Catholic inefficiency. And now we are told that it would be absurd to keep on granting temporary certificates, as if that were the only recourse open to the schools affected. It is just as well to take issue with all who are prone to presume that the formal absence of a "state certificate" means nothing else than that the teacher is unable to pass the required examination. The Brothers of the Christian Schools have their own standards of efficiency. These standards may conform to a wider field of educational experience than any one province can allow, but that is not the question involved. Catholics want efficient teaching in their schools. Efficiency in the watchword of the Catholic educational movement in Great Britain, the United States and Canada, and Canadian Catholics are prepared to take

the ground that the efficiency of the community should comprehend any provincial or national test or examination. Not a week passes that we do not hear some Catholic Bishop repeat and insist upon the importance of this position as being indispensable to the Catholic claim in elementary and higher education. But educational standards cannot be altered in a day, and the situation created by the judgment in the Ottawa case is not one to be adjusted with an axe. There is no moulding branch to lop away. The Catholic schools of Ontario are not only efficient but for years have given the best proof of their efficiency in the entrance examinations. The Catholic people of Ontario and the teachers employed in the Catholic schools have for long years worked nobly and harmoniously for the general good of public elementary education in this province, and neither scant courtesy nor abrupt condemnation will be shown them by an intelligent community because they are overtaken by a wholly unforeseen but necessarily temporary disadvantage.

STERN REPROOF MERITED.

An incident was reported last week in a Toronto court, where a judge administered to a lawyer pleading before him a most remarkable reproof. Father and mother stood charged with infanticide, and the circumstances revealed in connection with the crime were of a peculiarly painful character. Perhaps on this account one of the defending counsel ventured to dwell upon the small value of an infant's life to society, whilst he pictured the necessities confronting an adult oppressed by poverty. Not having heard or read the exact words in which the implied appeal to the sympathy of the jury was made, we can go no further than to say that whatever the language may have been it is to the credit and honor of the Canadian Bench that the very nature of the plea distressed and offended Mr. Justice Falconbridge. His lordship deplored not only the callousness but the immorality of the argument, and reminded the jury of the value of human life as a sacred claim subject to no discounts of class or condition in the case of the weakling child or the humble plebeian.

FRATERNAL INSURANCE AND YOUNG MEMBERSHIP.

Mr. Abb. Landis, the actuary engaged by the Grand Council of the C.M.B.A. at the late convention to explain the rates to the assembled delegates, has made a long formal report in which he points out the relative position of younger and older members of the association. After giving many tables of comparative figures bearing on the subject, he says:

It must occur to any one who will study these figures that since the members at advanced ages bring proportionately more claims against the society they must make contributions at a higher rate, or they must have an accumulation to supplement their contributions, otherwise it will be necessary to appropriate a part of the surplus contributions of younger members to the payment of the death claims on account of older members. If the surplus of the younger members is thus appropriated for the use and benefit of older members, when the former attains to advanced ages, there must be other members, to make surplus contributions for the benefit of those who have become old, and whose surplus contributions were appropriated for the benefit of a previous generation. The method of appropriating the surplus contributions of the younger members for the benefit of the older members is now in operation in the C.M.B.A. and is the great defect in its system.

Since there is a progressive increase in the death rate, it is impossible to secure an increase in membership at the lower ages, whose surplus contributions will provide for the deficiencies created by the members at the higher ages. No society has been continuously successful where such a method has been operative. Ultimately the number of members at the advanced ages will become so numerous and the death rate so high that it will be impossible to secure a sufficient number of members at the lower ages for their surplus contributions to equal the deficiencies created by the older members, without levying extra assessments so as to largely increase the surplus contributions of the younger members and somewhat decrease the deficiencies of the older members.

JINGOISM AND ITS MOODS

What may be called in the newspaper parlance of the day a "passion" for peace has sprung up in England and the United States and has been sympathetically responded to in Japan. Lord Lansdowne made the first confession of the changed Anglo-Saxon sentiment in the Guild Hall speech last week, but he left it to be inferred that the inspiration had come to him direct from "that great statesman John Hay." No sooner was the Presidential election in the United States decided and President Roosevelt returned by a larger plurality than the previous history of elections in the Republic shows, than the Anglo-Saxon organs across the way and news agencies in England

and America declared Mr. Roosevelt owed all his greatness to John Hay, and that if he would intervene between Russia and Japan his name and that of John Hay would become immortal.

Why all this new-found craving for peace? It is only a few weeks ago that the newspapers were preparing daily baths of Russian blood for the neutral Anglo-Saxon. Only a few days since a desperate effort was made to provoke the English official mind to a naval attack upon the Russian Baltic fleet while it was at the mercy of English ships. But now the jingoes are all for peace. It may be a temporary frame of mind to ease the new Japanese loan, and it may be a sign that the tide of affairs has turned at the theatre of war. Whatever the motive may be it cannot be inspired by friendship to Russia and great though the end may be and poor the conquest over which the blood of two brave adversaries is being shed so recklessly, little good can be derived by either combatant or by the rest of the world from intermittent fits of bloody-minded jingoism and hysterical calling for peace.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In connection with a gift by the Oblates of St. Charles of £10,000 towards the Cardinal Vaughan School, the London Tablet states that £20,000 has been subscribed in all towards the project so far. This amount, it is stated, ensures the accomplishment of the scheme, and it is believed that now that the goal is practically within reach the funds still necessary to its completion will be readily obtained. The contributors so far number only 300 persons, but of these the Archbishop of Westminster, the Duke of Norfolk, and the Marquis of Ripon have each subscribed £1,000, while there are several others of £500. It is hoped that the school will be opened immediately after Christmas, the Cathedral Hall at Westminster being used until permanent premises can be provided.

The controllers in the Toronto city council and the aldermen who are ambitious to become controllers, demand a salary of \$2,500. This is coming it very strong. The mayor of Toronto receives a salary entirely beyond the scale of reasonable remuneration for the work performed, and vastly larger than any mayor or mayorally candidate, who has appeared in Toronto since the time of the late Alexander Manning was competent to earn. The ratepayers of the city of Toronto need organization to defend themselves from the cleverness of the men elected to govern the city. The manner in which by-laws are submitted between elections is a scandal regarding which unpleasant exposures may some day be made. The newspapers of Toronto have been paid out of the civic purse for inserting articles of an editorial nature boomeranging money by-law. This is not only subversive of public honesty, but is entirely illegal. The aldermen are growing bold and the newspapers weak. The influence of the property owners of the city will soon be disregarded and as it is, receives little short of derision from the salary-hunting rulers of the municipality.

The Mother's Influence

There is no power on earth so penetrating, no power so lasting as the power which God, in His great love, has committed to the love of a mother's heart. It is the most penetrating influence that exists upon this earth. You know the little ones from the first moment of their existence, from the first moment they look to you. It is your face upon which they gaze as soon as they recognize anything round about them. It is towards you that their hands are stretched out. They understand your voice before they can understand any other; and the words that you say to them go down into their hearts in a way that no other words can penetrate. And that influence, which penetrates so far, is an influence which will last when perhaps almost everything else is forgotten. No matter how careless, how callous, how depraved a man may become, it is very seldom indeed that he forgets altogether the influence of his mother, if that mother has been, in any sense, what she ought to be. He may grow old, and that mother's care may have been taken away from him long, long ago; but yet the voice of his mother's voice still sounds in his ears, and he can bring up before his vision and before his thoughts, whatever he likes, that image which was so dear to him in the past. And so, I want you to understand, that you have an influence for good, which is beyond every other influence while your children are under your care.—Archbishop Bourne.

St. Basil's School

October Report of Class II.
 Total number of marks obtainable, 585. Allan Flynn 428, Edward Bonner 410, Edward Murphy 394, Wilfrid Brophy 369, Lillian Erz 361, Marie Bolduc 348, Joseph O'Neill 341, Edward Bolduc 339, Willie Stacey 330, Kathleen McCaffrey 330, Ethel Lillie 309, Mary Murphy 298, Teresa Mehan 295, Alfred Brown 295, Phyllis Wainwright 267, Robert Eiland 265, Victorine Dwan 259, Florence Dwan 254, Florence Brennan 245, Mary McNamara 245, Mary McKernan 233, Walter Maxwell 238, Frances Cassidy 219, Dorothy Dutton 217, Gordon Shepherd 175, Evelyn Ryan 140, Jack Hume 126, Charlie McCarthy 88.
 Absentees—Joseph Vinetti, Agnes Copping, Lizzie Copping, Mary Teresa Murphy.

OBITUARY

Rev. Father Carriere, C.S.C., St. Laurent College, one of the oldest members of the congregation, died at the Hotel Dieu Hospital on Saturday last. The deceased had reached the advanced age of 70, and was at one time chaplain in the U.S. service. He has been connected with St. Laurent College for many years, having charge of the Museum, the finest of its kind in Canada, and also the college library. He was Professor of Science and was considered to be one of the leading scientists of the day. The College Museum at which he devoted all his energies, will stand as his monument in the educational arena. For some months before his death Rev. Father Carriere suffered greatly from cancer of the tongue, which gradually ate its way to the throat. Fortified by the last rites of Holy Church, the Angel of Death spread his wings and carried his soul to the Throne of Mercy.

At the funeral obsequies, which were held at the College Chapel, which was heavily draped for the occasion, the Requiem Mass was sung by Very Rev. Father Dion, C.S.C., Provincial of the Order, assisted by deacon and sub-deacon. In the sanctuary were the Fathers of the Congregation, and several city priests. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery of the Community, where another faithful member sleeps his last sleep and is resting peacefully from his labors. R.I.P.

The funeral of Mrs. McInerney, a well-known parishioner of St. Patrick's, and wife of Mr. John McInerney, took place on Tuesday morning from her late residence, Hermine street, to St. Patrick's church, and was very largely attended. The celebrant of the mass was the Rev. Thomas McInerney, Maynooth, Diocese of Pembroke, son of the deceased, assisted by Father Heffernan as deacon and Father Polan as sub-deacon. The choir rendered the Gregorian Requiem Mass very impressively. The church was heavily draped for the occasion. At the Cote des Neiges Cemetery there was a Libera in which Fathers Kiernan, Cullinan, Heffernan and Holland took part.

MRS. JOHN SHEA.

Ottawa, Nov. 11.—After an illness of only a week's duration, Mrs. King, wife of Mr. John Shea, 364 King Edward avenue, died this morning at the Water street hospital. The cause of her death was pneumonia. The late Mrs. Shea was born in the Township of Gloucester sixty years ago. At an early age she came to Ottawa, and has lived here almost all her life. She was married in 1868 to Mr. John Shea, who, with two daughters and a son, survive her. These are Mrs. Frank LeBlanc, of Ottawa, Mrs. Herbert Goodeve of Nelson, B.C., and Mr. Michael J. Shea, well known throughout the country as an athlete. She was a member of St. Brigid's church and belonged also to St. Jerome's Sewing Society of the same congregation.

The family, which is well and favorably known, will have the sincere sympathy of the citizens of Ottawa in this the hour of their bereavement.

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DIED

LEONARD—At Stephenville, Texas, U.S.A., November 7th, Francis Leonard (late of Lindsay), Editor of the Stephenville Tribune, youngest brother of Mrs. Bernard Hinds, Barrie.

PLANNAGAN—At Chicago, on the 24th Oct., Daniel J. Plannagan, aged 52, son of the late Daniel Plannagan of Toronto, and last surviving brother of Mrs. John Clooney of Toronto. Buried at St. Michael's Cemetery Oct. 27, 1904. R.I.P.

POPE AND CONCORDAT

Organic Articles Never Recognized by the Holy See

Rome, Nov. 14.—At the secret consistory in connection with the jubilee of the Immaculate Conception the Pope delivered an allocution recalling the origin of the concordat and the reasons which induced Pope Pius VII. to conclude it with Napoleon, especially referring to the provisions made for the appointment of Bishops, the budget of the Ministry of Public Worship, which was regulated by what was practically a contract, and finally the free exercise of Catholic worship. He added that the so-called organic articles, added in 1802 by Napoleon, had never been recognized by the Holy See, either as law or as being part of the concordat.

Therefore the Pontiff deplores the fact that the present Government of the French Republic had under various pretexts charged the Holy See with not having observed the concordat, adding that the Church had never in the case of any country infringed an agreement made. The Pope concluded with saying that the French Government had broken the fundamental conditions of the concordat, a proceeding which was not only in violation of the concordat, but which was also opposed to divine and natural law.

The Pope complained of the impossibility due to the existing state of affairs of appointing Bishops to the vacant sees in France, but expressed the hope that an understanding would be reached.

The majority of the Cardinals present considered the allusion rather mild, and remarked that the Pope omitted the part on which he previously had consulted several of the Cardinals, in which he was to have appealed to the people of France and to have urged them to be loyal to the Church and use their rights as citizens to prevent the Government from persecuting religion.

De La Salle Baseball Champions

The members of the De La Salle Ball Team, together with their supporters and a few friends to the number of forty, were entertained last Wednesday evening by Mrs. J. Dance, 24 Brookfield street.

The dining-room was tastefully decorated with club colors, flowers and palms. A programme of mirth and music enlivened the tasty spread, to which the party did ample justice. The boys were the recipients of many flattering congratulations for their showing and their ultimate success in winning the West End Juvenile Ball Championship, losing only three games and winning fifteen.

Love of the Dead

One of the points of practical Catholic piety that the average pastor needs to insist upon is the lessening of material pomp and display and the increase of spiritual offerings on the occasion of a death in the Catholic family. Handsome caskets, expensive mourning and costly floral wreaths are often in evidence where not a single Requiem Mass has been offered for the repose of the departed relative's soul. Too many funerals furnish occasion for exploiting the vanity of the living rather than manifesting genuine love of the dead.—Ave Maria.

St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The annual Charity Sermon in aid of St. Paul's Conference will be preached by Rev. Dr. Treacy, on Sunday evening next, Nov. 20th, 1904, at 7 o'clock, in St. Paul's Church, Power street.

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