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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION. Apostolic Delegation. Ottawa, June 13th, 1905.

Mr. Thomas Coffey. My Dear Sir—Since coming to Canada I have been a reader of your paper. I have noted with satisfaction that it is directed with intelligence and ability, and, above all, that it is imbued with a strong Catholic spirit.

Mr. Thomas Coffey. Dear Sir—For some time past I have read your estimable paper, the CATHOLIC RECORD, and congratulate you upon the manner in which it is published.

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MESSAGE FROM THE HOLY FATHER.

Apostolic Delegation. Ottawa, August 10th, 1908. Mgr. J. E. Meunier, Administrator of the Diocese of London, Windsor, Ont.

Right Rev. and dear Monsignor.—On the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the coronation of Our Holy Father, Pius X., His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate sent a cablegram tendering His Holiness the profound homage and devotion of Canadian Catholics, expressing their earnest prayers and wishes for his august person, especially during this year of his golden jubilee, and imploring the Apostolic Benediction.

With kindest regards, I am, Right Revd. Administrator, Yours very truly in Christ, ALFRED A. SINNOTT, Secretary.

ON VACATION.

If one of the office hands will turn up the files of the — he will find the following notice to the subscribers: "The boss is away, and we done our best." Now that is what is the matter with the CATHOLIC RECORD.

fell upon ship and sound and shore. Night throws the passengers of a ship more together. Man also is social. Nowhere do people meet with so easy a bond as on board a boat. The bond is easily formed and easily broken.

This was the condemnation of the manner in which Canadian judges treat witnesses. He had actually heard one judge tell a witness to shut up — an act which he, the speaker, regarded as most tyrannical.

There is not much to see as a general thing from a railway train. Water is the nature's architect, and railway builders avail themselves of the avenues which were paved in the ages of the earth's formation.

Back now to our trip and its company. What a tremendous country we Canadians have—land, river or lake—it is vast in its magnificent distances and marvellously rich in its natural resources.

and a remarkable difference. No forest is here to cope with or road to be hewn out of the shadowing wood. No narrow plot of wheat slowly increasing year by year shows the industry of its occupant.

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Here we are at Edmonton—a city prettily situated on the north bank of the North Saskatchewan, whose muddy waters fresh from the mountains rush in rapid shallow currents to join the main branch of the river.

and who find contentment in peasant life rather than the dangerous city. Nothing but man's own perversity—nothing but the quarrels of capital and labor can keep such a country back. Here, as we write, as many as eight or ten thousand mechanics of the Canadian Pacific Railway are out on strike.

FREAKS OF FANATICISM. They have in England an association called the Protestant Alliance, the Council of which, it will be remembered, raised a storm in Parliament and elsewhere at the time King Edward visited the Pope.

The words of an editorial writer in the London Times, dealing with the Papal Decree recently issued, are particularly applicable in the present case. Says the Times: "Certain ultra-Protestant societies may still assemble their faithful adherents to denounce this fresh instance of 'Papal aggression,' but they will appear in vain to the masses of their countrymen."

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Catholic Church to attain a stronger foothold among the people of England is akin to that dread which possesses the youth who has read "Bluebeard." They are serious-minded people, these members of the Protestant Alliance, as is also the Grand Sovereign of the Orange Order in Canada, but they hold a very low place in the estimation of those who are deservedly honored in the community.

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