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Parliamentary Notes

As your correspondent now writes everything appears like prorogation. During the past week matters were rushed with lightning rapidity, for it had been expected that all the business might be wound up in time to prorogue on Saturday; but the intervening Holy day, Thursday, and an additional amount of unlooked-for matter, as well as the lengthy discussion of Dr. Hoddick's Medical Association Bill, made it clear that the session would have to run into another week. Then the hurry ceases and members began to move about as if it were mid-session. There is also a feeling of fatigue after a whole week of three sittings each day, and while all will welcome the close as schoolboys welcome the long vacation, still none seem anxious to put forth very much exertion in those closing days. It is not yet time to make a general review of the whole session. The time, however, is at hand, and I will attempt to give the readers of The Catholic Register a fair idea of the work that has been done and of the important measures that have become law. From the past of the legislative work now over to the present of the Ontario contest, is but a step, and one easily taken by all who are specially interested in the political future of this Province. And no sooner will the elections be over than the coronation ceremonies—the conferences of which most interest us—will demand our attention. But that is too far in the future for present comment, so I am left with the Ontario elections—a subject that scarcely comes within the sphere of your correspondent, whose duties are, or should be, confined to Federal interests. Still the Federal field offering so little at this particular moment, I may hazard a few words on the Provincial situation.

From what I could glean throughout Eastern Ontario, I do not see that there is any chance for the Opposition to defeat the How Government. Still, it is a very foolish thing for the politically interested to allow "the grass to grow under their feet," for it may become so rank that it might cover their political grave. There is such a suicidal system as that based on over-confidence. To win it is absolutely necessary to fight, to organize before fighting, to keep up the organization during the fight, and to always look at the most favorable situation as if it were uncertain. It will be a keen fight throughout the Province, and one that will likely result in the both parties occupying about the same positions that they do to-day. You will permit me to draw attention to one remark of passage in your issue of last week. It concerns the candidates in Ottawa. I do not participate in your idea that the present Liberal candidates will have a harder fight than would the team as first proposed have had. On the contrary, I believe they have a much better chance of election under the peculiar circumstances that obtain in this city. Still that is not a matter with which I have anything specially

to do, I merely wish to accentuate the fact that as far as my observation could help me to a conclusion, I am of the opinion that the results of the contest will be favorable to the present Government. It is not to be supposed that the country always acts on the idea that a long lease of power is dangerous. If the country, or the Province, has prospered, and if the Opposition has nothing very radically different and of an obviously better character to offer, there is a tendency that leads the public mind in a direction opposed to that of change. There is always an element of uncertainty in the statu quo. I am not entering into particulars, nor discussing details, nor political programmes, I am simply giving a gratuitous opinion—and am not so foolish as to suppose that every person is obliged to accept my views. We have an example here in Ottawa of the situation which I refer to. The present Government is now holding power for a second term; there is absolutely nothing to indicate that it may not remain in power for several parliaments to come. It has the support of the country in all its grand schemes of future amelioration; it has the good luck of being in a position to unfold plans affecting our commerce, our highways, and international and international trade, our means of transportation and everything that belongs to the future development of our resources. It is obliged to spend large sums for the attainment of these ends, but long before the time comes for the people to pronounce, there will be a sensible benefit felt in the results of such investments; and it stands to reason that the public mind will favor the retention in power of the men who conceived them. All provided nothing unforeseen happens of a wonderful character to change that view or to prove their incompetency to carry on their own work. It is, in a lesser degree, the same thing with the How Government. The development of Ontario seems to be one of the leading planks in the platform; and as long as the party in power is led by men animated with the desires and spirits of the predecessors, it seems only natural that they should receive a continuance of that support and confidence which they enjoyed in the past.

ARCHBISHOP KELLY.
 The Morning Leader's Sydney correspondent says: In the absence of Cardinal Moran the Catholic Primacy of Australia is held by the Coadjutor Archbishop Kelly, who has lately arrived from Ireland and the Continent. At a public gathering a day or two ago, he said he had something to tell Australians concerning the administration of Ireland by Dublin Castle. Sir Redvers Buller, he said, was once sent to Ireland as Under Secretary, the suggestion being that the police were not sufficient, so that he went there to rule by virtually martial law. But he came to know the people, and before long he refused to let the soldiers be used at the free disposal of the magistrates, who themselves were landlords. Archbishop Kelly continued: "I have stated these things on the steps of the Papal Throne. There ought to be an Ireland for the Irish, just as there is an Australia for the Australians. Australia is a Protestant community, but there is a strong feeling that Ireland ought to have the same self-government that the colonies possess."

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH IN FRANCE.
 The following letter was read in all the churches of the archdiocese of Westminster Sunday last:
 Archbishop's House, Westminster, S. W., St. George's Day, 1902.
 Rev. Dear Father—I beg that you will recommend to the prayers of your flock the interests of the Catholic Church in France. The elections will take place in that country on the 27th of April; and as the cause of liberty and of religion will depend upon the result of those elections, we cannot be indifferent to the way in which they may turn. The Catholic Church in England has been all through her history, from the earliest period down to the present day, so closely connected with the steadfast faith and the inexhaustible charity of the Church of France that the Catholics of this country will gladly unite in prayer with their brethren in France upon the occasion of the present crisis. I recommend, therefore, their religious interests to the prayers of the faithful on Sunday next, and, if it be so desired, expose the Blessed Sacrament during the day for the adoration and petitions of your flock. Wishing you every blessing, I am, your faithful and devoted servant,
 Herbert Cardinal Vaughan

China's Empress Honors Bishop

The following letter is a new and eloquent answer to the attacks directed some time ago against Mgr. Favot, the venerable Bishop of Peking. It shows in what esteem he is held by the imperial court. A few days before the audience, an account of which we are going to give, he had received the title of mandarin of the first class, a dignity conferred on princes only and most seldom on foreigners. The letter is from the Bishop himself to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. It writes:
 I am sure you will be pleased to hear of the great honor conferred a few days ago on Bishop Jarlin, my coadjutor, and myself. On the 27th of February, at 10 o'clock a. m., we were received in solemn audience by Their Majesties the Empress Dowager and the Emperor of China.
 Escorted by several mandarins who had been sent to meet us, we entered the palace by the western gate where we left our carriages. Twenty mandarins of the first class were awaiting us and ushered us to the apartment of Prince Kwang, who was to introduce us to their Majesties. Clothed in purple cassocks and robes we followed the Prince into the throne room. One end of it, separated from the rest by a barrier, is set apart for the meetings of the State Council; that is where we were received.
 Their Majesties were seated on a throne covered with embroidered yellow silk, the Emperor on the left. A little table was before them. Having made three bows we approached the throne, and at once I began to express our gratitude to the Empress and the Emperor for the great favor shown us by granting the audience. I congratulated them on their return to Peking and thanked them for the decrees enacted in favor of the Christians.
 The Empress deplored the troubles of the last years and assured us repeatedly that they would not occur again. She added:
 "I perceive that the doctrine you are teaching is excellent, that the Bishops and missionaries are very good men and lead the people to do good. All the mandarins have told me that you are most just, having for so many years decided all questions with a perfect equity and love of peace which have won universal esteem. I have known you by reputation and for a long time have wished to see you. I am very much pleased at having done so."
 I answered:
 "You Majesty has already rewarded our good will and humble efforts with High titles of mandarins, for which we thank you most sincerely. We will continue to exhort the Christians to obey faithfully the laws of the Empire and to live as brothers with their fellow-citizens, as they are members of that family to which the Empress and Emperor are father and mother."
 The Empress continued:
 "I know you are doing all this, and am thankful for it; but in the Chinese as well as in European nations some are good, some are bad. How could it be otherwise, considering the immense population of the Empire? So also among the large number of Christians there might be some poor ones. In spite of your excellent doctrine, your perfect direction and vigilance and your love of peace. Be very careful how you choose them."
 I replied:
 "We take the greatest care, oftentimes detaining for two years those who want to become Christians, examining whether they obey the laws and are of peaceful dispositions; once admitted, if they prove unfaithful to their promises we expel them without pity."
 The Empress, interrupting me, said:
 "I know this, and you are doing very well. You may rely on my protection, and peace will not be disturbed anew."
 In the course of our conversation I had informed the Empress that Pope Leo XIII., 92 years old, had asked me about her; so her last words were: "I wish that the Pope may have many days to live full of peace and happiness."
 Out of respect for the Empress the Emperor did not speak at length, but both his words and looks were marked with the utmost kindness. The audience lasted about half an hour, the Empress addressing us with a great simplicity in the mandarin language, with which we are sufficiently familiar. Her Majesty seems to be a person of great intelligence and possessed of a keen mind; although she is over 65 years old she looks hardly 50. The Emperor is intelligent, his eye is clear and penetrating and he seems to enjoy excellent health.
 Their Majesties have made the best impression on us, and we cannot doubt the sincerity of the kind words of the Empress. That audience gives us great confidence for the future.
 I believe that on her side the Empress was well satisfied with our visit, since the following day she gave orders to Prince Tsun to write us an official letter informing us that their Majesties had raised my coadjutor to the dignity of the red globe and myself to the higher dignity of the peacock feathers.

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House of Providence Picnic
 It is hardly necessary that we should bespeak the hearty and general support of our readers in behalf of the House of Providence annual picnic on the 24th of May. This event has become a time-honored institution in the city, and as the years go on the noble work which the House of Providence is doing impresses itself more deeply on the public mind. During the past year unusual tributes have been paid by the daily press by the aldermen and leading citizens in connection with the case of the poor consumptives, who for a time found no other haven of shelter and treatment. The House of Providence did not seek the advertisement and had been following its mission of impartial charity for a considerable time before some one made the discovery that all the poor consumptives were going into the House of Providence because the hospitals refused to receive them and the other institutions had special work to engage them. In this and in every respect the charity for the support of which the picnic of the 24th is held reflects credit upon the Catholic people of Toronto. It is deserving of their highest and most united effort to maintain its efficiency. The committee of citizens have prepared an attractive programme for the 24th and the preparations are now well advanced.

DEATH OF PRINCIPAL GRANT.
 Rev. G. M. Grant, principal of Queen's University, Kingston, died on Saturday. Archbishop Gauthier ordered the flags of Regiopolis College and the Catholic schools to be unfurled at the mourning height. The various Catholic societies of Kingston also displayed flags at the half-mast over their buildings.

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The Pope and The Coronation

We give below a translation of the letter sent by Cardinal Rampolla to the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster:
 "Most Eminent Lord—I am happy to inform Your Eminence that the Holy Father, in his desire that Catholics throughout the British Empire may more easily participate in the festivities that will mark the Coronation of His Majesty the King, has deigned to dispense them from the law of abstinence on Friday, the 27th June, and from the law of fasting and abstinence on the Saturday following, which is the vigil of the Feast of St. Peter and Paul.
 "But it is the desire of the Holy Father that Catholics should make up for this dispensation by the recital of certain prayers, the choice of which he remits to the judgment of Your Eminence.
 "Your Eminence is also authorized to communicate the above dispensation to the episcopate, so that it may be duly brought to the knowledge of the faithful.
 "I readily avail myself of this occasion to repeat the assurance of profound veneration with which, etc.
 "I am, Your Eminence's humble and devoted servant,
 M. CARDINAL RAMPOLLA
 "Rome, 15th April, 1902."

TO PUT A STOP TO IRISH CARICATURES.

New Haven, Conn., May 5.—Senator James P. Bree, of this city, national secretary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, to-day, in discussing the movement among Irish American societies for the suppression, if possible, of the caricatures of the Irish race on the stage and in pictorial papers, said:
 "There is hardly a meeting of an Irish-American society at which the subject is not discussed. The agitation is for the education of the people. We recognize the fact that theatrical managers strive to give the people what they want and that these caricatures of the race would not be presented did not the people applaud them. We must not be considered as oversensitive. What we object to is such a characterization as exploits the worst features of the race and make capital of the failings of human nature and ascribe them wholly to a type of Irishmen which does not exist. An Irishman can stand a joke just as well as any other nationality, but he does not enjoy jokes that belittle his race."

UNIONISTS LOSE A SEAT.

London, May 11.—The Bury election was fought on Saturday mainly on the question of the corn tax. The seat was considered safe for the Government, as at the previous election the Conservative headed the poll by 319. A great surprise, consequently, has been caused by the announcement. The figures show that Toulmin, the Liberal candidate, received 4,213 votes, and Lawson, the Conservative, only 3,799. This is the severest blow sustained by the Government since the general election, and will encourage the Liberal party in its agitation against the corn tax.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN CONVENTION.

Owing to the heavy pressure upon our advertising space this week, we are obliged to omit our customary illustrations, also a report of the annual convention of the Knights of St. John, illustrated with photographs of the newly-elected officers.

CHURCH OPENING AT ALBION.

The solemn blessing of the Church of St. John the Evangelist will take place at Albion at 10.30 to-day (Thursday). His Grace the Archbishop will officiate. Rev. Father M. D. Whelan is pastor of the church, which has been built by Architect A. W. Spence.

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THE JESUITS IN ENGLAND

London, May 3.—In the Court of King's Bench to-day, the Lord Chief Justice and Justices Darling and Channell heard the case of the King versus Kennedy, a metropolitan police magistrate. Some time since a rule nisi was obtained calling upon Mr. Kennedy, magistrate at Bow street, to show cause why a mandamus should not issue ordering him to hear and determine an application made to him for a summons by Rev. Charles Stirling, on behalf of the Protestant Alliance, against the Rev. Sydney Smith, Rev. Herbert Thurston and Rev. J. Gerard, who are Jesuits. In Farm street, Mayfair, and are alleged by applicant to have committed offences under the Catholic Emancipation Act, certain sections of which provide for penalties against Jesuits remaining in this country more than six months after the passing of the Act against Jesuits, who might come into this country subsequently, and against those admitted as Jesuits within the country.
 Sir Edward Clarke, Mr. Hugo Young, and Mr. Denis O'Connor appeared to show cause against the rule on behalf of the Jesuit Fathers, and Mr. Sutton on behalf of the magistrate, whilst Mr. Horace Avory and Mr. Hiron appeared in support of the rule.
 The chief point insisted upon by Sir Edward Clarke was that the whole scheme of the Act was a public one, and private individuals could not be allowed to put the Act in force, and therefore he argued the magistrate had rightly exercised his discretion.
 Mr. Hugo Young and Mr. Sutton also addressed the court on the same side.
 Mr. Horace Avory said the question at issue was the important constitutional one of the right of the individual to institute proceedings for criminal offences, and quoted from Sir James Stephens' "History of Criminal Law" in support of his contention that this right existed in England.
 The Lord Chief Justice said their lordships were all of opinion that the private individual might institute proceedings under certain circumstances.
 Mr. Avory proceeded to argue that the magistrate had not exercised his jurisdiction.
 The Lord Chief Justice, in giving judgment, said the magistrate had refused the summons not because the Act was obsolete, but in the exercise of his discretion. He seemed to have taken into consideration, and rightly so, the fact that the Penal Sections had never been put into force, and that the Act was evidently intended only to be put in force, if at all, by the Crown or its representatives. He was therefore of opinion that the magistrate had acted properly, and the rule must therefore be discharged.
 Justice Darling concurred, and said the Penal Clauses of the Act were contrary to and inconsistent with the spirit of the age.
 Justice Channell also concurred. The rule was therefore discharged.
 DR. McKEOWN.
 It is of interest to many of our readers to know that Dr. Walter McKeown has removed to 7 College street. His phone is Main 2519.

MIR LATCHFORD TURNS A RAILWAY SOD.

Hon. F. R. Latchford, Minister of Public Works, turned the first sod of the first Government railway in Ontario, which is to be known as the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway, near North Bay, on Saturday.

A ROYAL CONVERT.

The London Daily Mail's Cologne correspondent telegraphs: According to The Volkstung, the Pope's Monday received the Dowager Landgräfin Anna of Hesse, who has recently been converted to the Catholic faith. She is the mother of the Kaiser's brother-in-law, and his stillness granted her a private audience of an hour.

CONDOLENCE.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in His Infinite Wisdom, to remove from our midst Patrick Travis, brother of our esteemed brother Edward Travis; therefore, be it resolved, that we, the officers of Branch No. 1 of the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union of Canada, while bowing in humble submission to the supreme will of our Heavenly Father, respectfully tender to our worthy brother our heartfelt sympathy and earnest condolence in his sad hour of affliction, and we pray that the All Merciful God may grant eternal rest unto the soul of deceased; be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Bro. Travis, a copy spread on the minutes of this Branch, and a copy forwarded to The Catholic Register for publication. Signed, on behalf of Branch, No. 1, R. Scollard, President; G. T. Wright, Secretary.

Catholic Order of Foresters

The City of Toronto received a substantial increase to the membership of the Order on Sunday last when St. Paul Court, No. 1320, was instituted. The work of instituting same and the installing of officers was performed by Provincial Chief Ranger Houdreault, who came specially from Ottawa for the purpose. The P. C. H. was assisted by Provincial Trustee Jas. Malloy and the Chief Rangers of the different city courts. During the interval of initiation and installation the Provincial Chief Ranger addressed the members of the Order at some length, pointing out the necessity of each member doing propaganda work to increase the membership, thus forwarding not alone the interests of the Order, but those of that great church of which we were all so proud and thankful to be members of.
 The P. C. H.'s address was listened to with much attention and the enthusiasm with which he was received testified clearly that the members in Toronto are well aware of the ability and progressiveness with which he, as head of the Order in Ontario, attends to all its details and much appreciate the same.
 Addresses were also delivered by Provincial Trustee Malloy, Chief Rangers L. V. McBrady, of St. Joseph's Court; A. McC. Kerr, of Sacred Heart Court; D. Bracken, of St. Leo's Court, and Bro. C. J. McCabe, J. J. Neander, J. W. Mogan, Jos. Cadaret and others.
 The Provincial Chief Ranger took the opportunity of presenting a handsome emblem pin to J. F. Strickland, C. R., St. Helen's Court, acknowledging gracefully to the splendid work done by him in the interest of the Order. Bro. Strickland, in a few words, expressed his gratification at receiving same.
 The following officers for the new court were then installed:
 Chief Ranger—John P. Mallon.
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 The new court starts with a membership of 40 and has for its patron St. Paul, that glorious saint whose zeal in the interests of the church, the members of this court should strive to emulate.
 The Provincial Organizer paid a visit to Guelph and Berlin last week. Guelph offers splendid facilities for a new court, as it has a large Catholic population and may be heard from in the near future. St. Patrick's Court, Berlin, is progressing rapidly. The organizer was met by Chief Ranger Bro. Dillon and Secretary Bro. Fischer and some other brother Foresters and received from them a most hearty welcome.
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