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Monsignor Sbarretti, Apostolic Delegate Welcomed

Arrival in the Capital. Reception by the Catholic Clergy and Laity

The Delegate Acknowledges Attachment of Catholics to the Holy See. The Pontiff Comforted Thereby in His Trials

Monsignor Donato Sbarretti, Archbishop of Ephesus, who succeeds Mgr. Falconio as head of the Catholic Church in Canada and as Apostolic Delegate of the Holy Roman See, reached Ottawa on Saturday. He arrived from Washington by the 11.30 C. A. R. train, accompanied by Rev. Father Doherty, of the Grand Seminary of Philadelphia, one of his erstwhile pupils in Rome, and by an Italian valet. Rev. Father Schaefer, his private secretary, arrived earlier in the day. As was anticipated the Vatican lost no time in filling the position, Mgr. Sbarretti's appointment being announced on the day on which Mgr. Falconio left for Washington. At the Central depot the new Papal Delegate was awaited by Archbishop Duhamel, Mgr. Routhier, Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, representatives of all the religious orders and the secular priesthood, including Rev. Dr. Emery, rector of the University; Rev. Father Rouleau, prior of the Dominican Order; Rev. Father Candid, of the Capuchins; Rev. Father Portelance, of the Church of the Sacred Heart; Rev. Father Beauvois, parish priest of St. Anne; Rev. Father Duvic, superior of the Oblate scholasticate; Rev. Dr. Lacoste, vice rector of the University; Rev. Father Fitzgerald, curate of St. Patrick's; Rev. Dr. Nilles, Rev. Father Tourangeau, Charles Marcell, M. P., M. P. Davis, Emmanuel Tasse, J. D. Grace and others.

YOUTHFUL APPEARANCE.

As His Excellency stepped from the train his youthful appearance was remarked by many. He is much younger than his predecessor, from appearances at least being barely 40 years of age. He is a secular priest and consequently does not appear in the garb of any religious order. He was clean-shaven and wore a silk hat, loose cut overcoat and spectacles. Medium in stature, his movement is quick and active, while the facial characteristics are peculiar to his Italian race. His hair is dark, complexion somewhat swarthy, his features are even and though the expression is serious the countenance is pleasing, and earnestness, perseverance and tenacity of purpose are indicated in his manner. He speaks English and French with fluency, although slightly with the peculiar accent of his mother tongue—the Italian language.

The first to greet the Papal Delegate was the Archbishop and afterwards the clergy and others welcoming His Excellency advanced, knelt and kissed the fisherman's ring on his hand, the insignia of authority and of the archiepiscopal office. Mgr. Sbarretti afterwards entered the

Archbishop's carriage and was driven to the palace, where for a few days he will be a guest before taking up his residence on the Canal road. The Papal flag is flying over the archiepiscopal residence in honor of the distinguished guest.

HIS FIRST SERVICE.

Sunday morning at 7 o'clock His Excellency visited the convent of the Grey Nuns, Water street, and celebrated a Low Mass. He was assisted by Rev. Father Schaefer, his secretary, and Rev. Father Nilles, chaplain of the institution. The chapel was beautifully decorated and embellished with floral and electrical effects while all the members of the community assisted at the holy sacrifice. At the completion of the Mass Mgr. Sbarretti was shown through the convent and returned to breakfast with the Archbishop.

AT THE BASILICA.

At the Basilica Sunday evening the formality of welcome was extended to the distinguished prelate. The church was filled to the doors, many of the prominent clergy and laity being present. The latter included the Secretary of State, Hon. R. W. Scott, Denis Murphy, M. P., Charles Marcell, M. P., and many others. The grand old church wherein have been received many princes of the church was a blaze of glory. Through its gothic arches and alcoves resounded the soul inspiring strains of rich music, on the high altar beautiful electrical effects in varied colors emitted a mellow light, while hundreds of lighted tapers sparkled and scintillated, the vestments worn by the clergy were rich in golden adornments, and the attitude of devotion which was apparent combined to enrich the tout ensemble and to impart inspiration and fervor to the intensely religious character of the occasion.

SOLEMN ENTRY.

It was exactly 7.30 when the peals of the triumphal march heralded the ceremony of solemn entry. In the ecclesiastical escort from the palace of His Grace the Archbishop to the sanctuary of the church first came the altar boys, then the clergy of the Basilica and parish priests and clergy from different parts of the city, and next Archbishop Duhamel and his attendants. Following the Archbishop was the Apostolic Delegate accompanied by several priests. As the prelate entered the sanctuary the choir sang Ecce Sacerdos. Mgr. Sbarretti bowed low in reverence to the blessed sacrament of the altar and then received the holy water from the Vicar-General and blessed the incense. The clergy filed to their respective places and the congregation knelt while Mgr. Routhier chanted the special prayers prescribed by the church to be said upon occasions of entries of delegates apostolic.

Afterwards proceedings to the elevated throne of the Archbishop. His Excellency was robed in the golden vestments and taking the miter and crozier, knelt again before the high altar. Assisting him as deacon and sub-deacon were Rev. Messrs. Seguin and Coursolle. Archbishop Duhamel was attended by Rev. Canon Beauchamp, curate of Gatineau Point, and Rev. Canon Plantin. Other members of the clergy present were Rev. Canon Campeau, Rev. Father Murphy, Rev. Father Fitzgerald, Rev. Father Beauvois, Rev. Dr. Nilles, Rev. Dr. Lacoste, Rev. Canon McCarthy, Rev. Father Myrand, Rev. Father Sylvio Corbell and many seminarians.

ELEVATION OF THE HOST.

The choir sang the Magnificat, and then the deacon of office, ascending the step, removed the sacred host from the tabernacle and elevated it to the adoration of the faithful. Taking the incensarium, His Excellency offered up the incense to the blessed sacrament while Salutaris Hostia, a beautiful composition by Klein, was rendered by the choir. This was followed by the Sanctus from Gounod's second Mass and the sub-Tantum. Next, the Papal Prayer, Oremus Pro Pontifice, was sung by a trio composed of Messrs. Adolphe Leclerc, E. McNichol and F. R. X. Saucier. After the Tantum Ergo, benediction of the blessed sacrament was chanted by the Papal

Delegate and the host was placed on the side altar.

WELCOMED.

Mgr. Sbarretti then advanced to the railing of the sanctuary, where in a few words Archbishop Duhamel on behalf of the clergy and people, extended a warm welcome to the representative of the Sovereign Pontiff.

SBARRETTI'S REPLY.

In his reply Mgr. Sbarretti spoke both in English and French. He referred to the warm welcome he had received and thanked most cordially the Archbishop, the clergy and the laity. He made allusion to the relations of Canada to the Holy Father and the devotion and attachment of Canadian Catholics to the Holy See, stating that it was an example for the Catholics all over the world. When the knowledge of this warm welcome reached Leo XIII. the great Pontiff would be consoled in the midst of his many trials in thinking that he could cast his eyes at least on Canada as a spot which filled his heart with gratefulness and joy. He exhorted the Catholics to profess their faith, to be proud of it, to practice it on all occasions and assured them that by so doing they would not only accomplish the salvation of their own souls but would work for the uplifting of the family, of civil society and of humanity in general.

His Excellency in addressing these words to the Archbishop, clergy and laity, extends the same sentiments to the Archbishops, Bishops, clergy and people of the entire Dominion deeming this manifestation of loyalty to the Holy Father in the person of his representative as being the expression of love for the Holy See in Canada. He has also been moved by the warmth of his reception in Ottawa.

SKETCH OF MGR. SBARRETTI.

Mgr. Donato Sbarretti, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, is 45 years of age. He was born at Monte Franco in the central part of Italy and comes from an illustrious family. His uncle, Cardinal Sbarretti, died a few years ago. When a young man he was appointed professor of the propaganda. His former students are now all over the world, some of them being in Canada. While professor of ethics he was also secretary of the Congregation of the Propaganda for American affairs and later on discharged similar duties in regard to the oriental affairs of the church. On account of his erudition and increased legal attainments as well as his fitness otherwise, he was appointed consultant to the apostolic delegation at Washington shortly after its institution and in that capacity aided both Mgr. Satolli and Mgr. Martinelli. At a critical juncture in the affairs of Cuba following the Spanish war, he was selected by the Holy Father as Bishop of Havana, and while there he adjusted the new conditions of the church to the government of the island. He worked in conjunction with Governor-General Wood for the uplifting and betterment of the people and achieved great success. More recently he returned to Washington and was there when notified that the Holy Father had designated him as head of the church in Canada in succession to Mgr. Falconio.

PROFESSION AT KINGSTON.

Kingston, Jan. 4.—At the House of Providence on Saturday these young ladies made their final vows of religious profession: Miss Mary A. Jordan of Richmond (Sister Mary Irene); Miss Emily Whelan of Kingston (Sister Mary Alphonsus Rodriguez); Miss Henrietta Byrne of Stanleyville (Sister Mary John the Evangelist). The holy habit was conferred upon Misses Hattie Quinn of Stanleyville and Emily and Elizabeth Tierney of Ottawa.

DEATH OF PATRICK O'DONNELL, KINGSTON.

Kingston, Jan. 5.—Death to-day claimed Patrick O'Donnell, aged 68 years. For forty years he held a position in the Kingston Penitentiary, 25 of that time being as storekeeper. A wife, two sons and two daughters survive.

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ONTARIO LOSES SIX MEMBERS

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—In an official memorandum the Minister of Justice places on record his opinion as to the number of members to which each Province is entitled under the provisions of the B. N. A. Act. Sections 51 and 52 of the Act in question provides that after each decennial census the representation of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia is to be carried out in accordance with the following rules: Quebec is to have the fixed number of 65 members. To each of the other Provinces is to be assigned such a number of members as will bear the same proportion to the number of its population as the number 65 bears to the number of the population of Quebec. In the computation of the number of members for a Province a fractional part not exceeding one-half of the whole number requisite for entitling the Province to a member is to be disregarded; but a fractional part exceeding one-half of that number is to be equivalent to the whole number. Paragraph 4 reads: "On any such readjustment the number of members for a Province shall not be reduced unless the proportion which the number of the population of the Province bore to the number of the aggregate population of Canada at the then last preceding readjustment of the number of members for the Province is ascertained at the then latest census to be diminished by one-twentieth part or upwards."

THE BASIS OF INCREASE.

The number of members of the House of Commons may be increased by Parliament, providing the proportionate representation of the Province as prescribed is not thereby disturbed. By subsequent legislation it was enacted that the readjustment of members for Manitoba, British Columbia and Prince Edward Island should also be carried out under the provisions of the B. N. A. Act. The representation of the Northwest Territories and the Yukon is not subject to these rules, but may be readjusted as Parliament sees fit. Applying the rules laid down by section 51 of the B. N. A. Act to the figures under the new census, the representation of the Provinces in the readjusted House would be as follows:

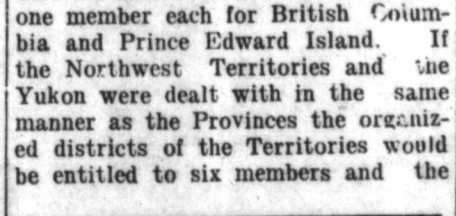
LOSSES AND GAINS.

Ontario, 86 members; Quebec, 65 members; Nova Scotia, 18 members; New Brunswick, 13 members; Manitoba, 10 members; British Columbia, 7 members; Prince Edward Island, 4 members; being a reduction of six members for Ontario, a reduction of two members for Nova Scotia, a reduction of one member for New Brunswick, an increase of three members for Manitoba and an increase of one member each for British Columbia and Prince Edward Island. If the Northwest Territories and the Yukon were dealt with in the same manner as the Provinces the organized districts of the Territories would be entitled to six members and the

DEATH OF MR. N. L. STEINER.

Mr. Newman L. Steiner, President of the German Benevolent Society, succumbed to heart failure on Monday. He was one of the philanthropic citizens of Toronto. A Hungarian refugee, and the son of a noble family, he made his way in Canada by the work of his hands. He established the first marble works in Toronto, and St. Michael's Cemetery to-day contains among its monuments many beautiful examples of his skill.

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THE COMING SESSION

(Written for The Catholic Register.)

The coming session of the Federal Parliament will be one of no ordinary importance. At the present moment all that we can say concerning it must be more or less in the form of conjecture. But there are times when the future can be scanned with a pretty fair degree of accuracy. The first question that will very naturally be asked concerns the date of the opening of the House. Some consider that the 12th or 19th of February will be the days, others are of the opinion that the 5th of March is most likely to be the date. In view of the Premier's return, in much improved health this week, and of the vast amount of matter already prepared by the departments, as well as the general consensus of those most likely to have an idea of the Government's intentions, I would say that the session is more likely to commence on the 26th of February. But a week one way or the other will not now make much difference. Whether it begins at the end of February or towards the commencement of March, we may expect to see the members sitting at Ottawa far into July, if not until August. Less than a five month's session is absolutely impossible. Last year the House sat three months, and the session was purposely curtailed in order to allow the Premier and his colleagues to attend the coronation; besides the general elections in Ontario drew quite a number away and made it desirable that the session should be short. A great amount of legislation was left over for this year, which, added to the new matter that we can, so far, see ahead, will constitute a formidable bill-of-fare.

DIocese of Peterborough

Christmas Mass at Gravenhurst.

The Sacrifice of the Holy Mass on Christmas morning was solemnized in St. Paul's Church, Gravenhurst, at 10 o'clock, the Rev. Father Collins acting as celebrant.

There was an unusually large congregation present, and it was a consoling and edifying spectacle, to witness the faithful approaching the Holy Table in large numbers.

The Rev. Father Collins delivered a very appropriate sermon, taking for his text words from the Gospel of the Day, and making it applicable to the morning's ceremony. He spoke for some length of time in clear and forcible language, and explained vividly the nature of his subject.

In conclusion the Reverend Father wished his congregation a Happy and Joyous Christmas, and a Bright and Prosperous New Year, which wish was, we need not say, heartily reciprocated by the assemblage in the church, for the Rev. Father Collins.

Miss Florence Moore is to be congratulated for the decorations, which were beautiful and artistic.

A full choir, aided by Miss Marie Smith, of Toronto, as violinist, rendered Webb's Mass in "G" in superb harmony. The principal solos were taken by Misses Dowd and Clairmont, and Messrs. Moore and Brennan.

Particular mention is due to Mrs. J. C. Smith, of Toronto, who so kindly contributed "Gounod's Ave Maria." She sang with much feeling in an entrancing manner. Mrs. Smith deserves every credit for the artistic style of rendition. Her voice contains a range of sweetness to an unusual degree. She was accompanied on the organ by her daughter, Miss Phyllis Smith, and on the violin by her daughter, Miss Marie Smith, both of whom enacted their parts with marked ability.

The Children's Choir also, not to be outdone by their elders, did justice to themselves before the commencement of the Mass, by singing in their child-like tones, the hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High."

On Friday, Dec. 19th, a High Requiem Mass was sung at St. Paul's Church, Gravenhurst, for the repose of the late Annie Bowes. The Rev. Father Collins acted as celebrant. The Sanctuary, etc., were draped in mourning. After the Mass, the "Libera" was chanted, and the final blessing given, with the words of the Holy Church, "May she rest in Peace."

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