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**CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.**

**MARCH.**

- 1 Second Sunday in Lent.
- 2 Monday—Votive office of the Holy Angels.
- 3 Tuesday—Votive office of the Apostles.
- 4 Wednesday—St. Casimir, King.
- 5 Thursday—Votive office of the Blessed Sacrament.
- 6 Friday—Feast of the Holy Shroud of Our Blessed Lord.
- 7 Saturday—St. Thomas Aquinas, Confessor, Doctor. "Angel of the Schools."

**Ecclesiastical Province of St. Boniface.**

- I. HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION.**
1. All Sundays in the year.
  2. Jan. 1st. The Circumcision.
  3. Jan. 6th. The Epiphany.
  4. The Ascension.
  5. Nov. 1st. All Saints.
  6. Dec. 8th. The Immaculate Conception.
  7. Dec. 25th. Christmas.

- II. DAYS OF FAST.**
1. The forty days of Lent.
  2. The Wednesdays and Fridays in Advent.
  3. The Ember days, at the four Seasons, being the Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays of
    - a. The first week in Lent.
    - b. Whitsun Week.
    - c. The third week in September.
    - d. The third week in Advent.
  4. The Vigils of
    - a. Whitsunday.
    - b. The Solemnity of St. Peter and Paul.
    - c. The Solemnity of the Assumption.
    - d. All Saints.
    - e. Christmas.

- III. DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.**
- All Fridays in the year.
- Wednesdays } in Advent and Lent.
- Fridays }
- Thursday } in Holy week
- Saturday } The Ember Days.
- The Vigils above mentioned.

**CITY AND ELSEWHERE.**

Mr. Joseph Dupas, Sr., on his return from Lake Manitoba last Friday, stopped with his friend, Mr. Joseph Roy of St. Boniface.

Branches No. 52 and 163 of the C. M. B. A. hold their regular meetings next week. Members are referred to another column in this paper giving notice of a special assessment.

We very much regret having to report that the Rev. Father Fox, O. M. I., is again an inmate of St. Boniface hospital. Our readers will all join with us in the hope that with care and attention he may be speedily restored to health.

The choir of St. Mary's church intend holding a sacred concert on the evening of Tuesday, March 3rd. They are preparing a grand programme for the occasion, and this added to the splendid reputation they have gained as one of the most capable of the musical organizations of the city will undoubtedly ensure a large audience.

In continuing his large series of sermons on Matrimony at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, the Rev. Father Chierri on Sunday last spoke of mixed marriages. He showed how the Word of God, the Church and reason itself all condemned such unions, and in eloquent and striking language which riveted the attention of every member of the congregation, pictured the deplorable results which in most cases attended the marriage of parties holding such widely different beliefs as that of Catholic and Protestant.

The great curling bonspiel is a thing of the past for this year, the last games in connection with the various competitions having been played only this week. Mr. Rochon's crack rink from Fort William carried home with them the principal cup, viz., that given in the grand challenge competition. One of the principal prizes was won by Mr. T. Kelly, of the Winnipeg Granites, who made the highest score in the points competition thereby winning a handsome and valuable gold watch. This success achieved by a Frenchman and an Irishman is an evidence of the popularity of this Scottish pastime amongst the people of Manitoba and the Northwest of all nationalities.

**THE C. M. B. A.**

**Special Assessment this Month.**

All the members of the local branches of the C. M. B. A. should take notice that they are called upon to pay a special assessment for this month in addition to the regular assessment. All those who have already paid their branch secretaries the February assessment will need to pay the extra one before the 3rd March, and those who have not paid yet must pay a double assessment before the date named. This is the first time since the inauguration of the new system that the Grand Council officers have found it necessary to exercise their power of calling for special assessments with which to meet the demand of an unusual death rate. The society has been very fortunate in this respect so far, but of course this was a happy condition which could not be expected to last forever without interruption. We give below the official notice taken from this month's "Canadian":—

Assessment No. 2 (February Assessment) and a Special Assessment is given in compliance with Sec. 7 and 8 of Beneficiary Fund Law; the LEGAL notice of these REGULAR MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS is given in our constitution. You must pay these two assessments to the Financial Sec. of your Branch on or before the third day of March, 1896. Branch Treasurers must remit to me the amount of these two assessments accompanied with Monthly Assessment Report on or before the 9th day of March, 1896. Members and especially officers of branches, are requested to carefully read sections 1, 8, 9, 10 and 11, of our Constitution in order to become acquainted with the regulations regarding Assessments.

Yours fraternally,  
SAM. R. BROWN, Grand Sec.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AND HONEST.**

From the Nor-Wester.

The Remedial Bill has at last been introduced at Ottawa, and is fairly launched before the public. It bears evidence of great care and thoughtfulness on the part of those who framed it, and of an evident desire to conscientiously remedy the grievance complained of, and do right to the minority, and at the same time give as little offence as possible to the majority. The position of the Federal Government in this matter has been a most trying one. It has been a question of the devil and the deep sea, and that it has been forced upon them by the Greenway Government for a purpose, no one for a moment doubts. It is an old question, shrewdly revamped as the term of office of the present government was expiring, for the purpose of using it as a sort of "bloody shirt" arrangement to catch votes, and it was a drawing card and succeeded well. As a political subterfuge it has been unquestionably a success. As to its merits there is nothing in the attitude of the Greenway Government on the question which entitles it to respect. No one who knows anything about the subject will dispute the assertion that the Catholics have a grievance. They had rights before 1890 which the school act of that year took from them. Any man who can read can understand this. It does not require the wisdom of a Solomon or the legal acumen of a jurist to see it; but if there was any difficulty in reaching this understanding by a layman, the decision of the Imperial Privy Council, than whom there is no more eminent or learned body of men in the world, should be sufficient. It was clearly intimated by it that it was the duty of the province to deal with the subject and to remedy the grievance. Refusing to obey the mandate it became the duty of the Dominion to protect the rights of the minority, and every honest man must respect the Government that perils its own existence to champion an unpopular cause and to restore to a small minority rights which have been wrested from them. We are not champions of Separate Schools,—we are not pro-Catholic, and have no affiliation with, or special love for that church. It is a matter of regret that one school system cannot be made satisfactory to all classes; but that is not the question. The question is one of honesty—nothing more or less—and the Dominion Government proposes to be honest. It was a party to an agreement, whereby certain rights were guaranteed to certain people, and we honor the leadership that is bold enough, manly enough and honest enough to say that those rights shall be maintained, whatever may be the political consequences.

The Remedial Bill will pass. The government will be sustained,—it cannot be otherwise. Canada cannot afford to be dishonest and it will not be. What then? Will the Greenway Government accept the invitation to administer the provisions of the remedial act framed by the Federal Government on the lines of honesty and justice as indicated by the Privy Council, or will they in sullenness, obstinacy and a spirit of defiance to the Constitution, the Privy Council and the parent government, refuse the invitation and allow a double administration of education to prevail? Will they be true and loyal and patriotic, and faithful to the interests of the province, and to the Dominion; or will they be silly enough to talk of disunion, and use threats of resorting to bullets and the sword? We will not pretend to say what Mr. Greenway and his government will do. Their ways are past finding out, but we are sure that Manitoba will be loyal—that faithful subjects of the Queen here will bow submissively and obediently to the law of the land; and we are equally sure that all others, including Mr. Greenway and his outfit, will be obliged to do likewise.

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From the Utica N. Y. Press.

The Rev. Wm. P. F. Ferguson, Presbyterian minister at Whitesboro, whose picture we give below, will not be unfamiliar by sight to many readers. A young man, he has still had an extended experience as foreign missionary, teacher, editor, lecturer, and pastor that has given him a wide acquaintance in many parts of the country.

In an interview a few days ago he said: "In the early summer of '94 I went upon a tour through a part of Ontario on my wheel. My route was from Utica to Cape Vincent, thence by steamer to Kingston, and from there along the north shore of the lake to Toronto and around to Niagara Falls. I arrived at Cape Vincent at 5 o'clock, having ridden against a strong head wind all day.



"After a delightful sail through the Thousand Islands, I stepped on shore in that quaint old city of Kingston. A shower had fallen and the streets were damp, so that wisdom would have dictated that I, leg-weary as I was, should have kept in doors, but so anxious was I to see the old city that I spent the whole evening in the streets.

"Five o'clock next morning brought a very unwholesome discovery. I was lame in both ankles and knees. The head wind and the damp streets had proved an unfortunate combination. I gave, however, little thought to it, supposing it would wear off in a few hours, and the first flush of sunlight saw me speeding out the splendid road that leads towards Napanee.

"Night overtook me at a little village near Port Hope, but found me still lame. I rested the next day, and the next, but it was too late; the mischief was done. I rode a good many miles during the rest of the season, but never a day and seldom a mile without pain.

"The winter came and I put away my wheel, saying 'now I shall get well,' but to my disappointment I grew worse. Some days my knees almost forbade walking and my ankles would not permit me to wear shoes. At times I suffered severe pain, so severe as to make study a practical impossibility, yet it must be understood that I concealed the condition of affairs as far as possible.

From being local the trouble began to spread slightly and my anxiety increased. I consulted two physicians and followed their excellent advice, but without result. So the winter passed. One day in March I happened to take in my hand a newspaper in which a good deal of space was taken by an article in relation to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I did not at that time know what they were supposed to cure. I should have paid no attention to the article had I not caught the name of a lady whom I knew. Reading, I found that she had been greatly benefited by the use of Pink Pills, and knowing her as I did I had no doubt of the truth of the statement that she had authorized.

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