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OUR ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER.

ST. BONIFACE, May 10th, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—I see by the last issue of the NORTHWEST REVIEW that you have been entrusted by the directors of the journal with the management of the same.

I need not tell you that I take a deep interest in the NORTHWEST REVIEW which is the only English Catholic paper published within the limits of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

I have full approval, though, of course, I cannot be responsible for every word contained in it.

I therefore consider that you enter a good work and I pray to God that He will bless you in its accomplishment.

Yours all devoted in Christ, ALEX. ARCHBISHOP OF ST. BONIFACE, O. M. I.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"What will we do with our girls?" is a question asked by a late magazine. At present, the answer is easy, for they may be disposed of in the good, old way;

Everyone has heard that mahogany railroad ties are used very largely in Mexico, but not many people are aware that on one of the lines the ties are of ebony, and that a low grade of silver ore is absolutely used for ballast.

It has been reserved for a Congregational minister of the present day to discover that John the Baptist, quoting the words used by this preacher at Denver the other day, "was a conspicuous instance of faltering faith."

Rev. Thos. I. Jenkins defines true Catholic tolerance very beautifully when he says: "To be truly Catholic one's faith must be as exclusive as his charity is universal."

The Ogdensburg Courier says, that they are doing dreadful things there in many places they elect Catholic Priests to the School Board; in Dundee three of them, in Uist also three, in Barra two, and in Leith one, Catholic laymen not mentioned.

THE LATE MGR. TACHE.

Our dear, venerable and beloved Archbishop is no more. With difficulty can we realize all that is contained in these words. Alas they are too stern reality!

Our hearts are too filled with utterance, we are too sorely afflicted with sorrow to do such a great man the justice which is his due.

How many sweet and tender recollections now come flooding before us Catholics, as we gaze lovingly back upon the pathway of our departed prelate.

Some day perhaps when the turbulence of overshadowing sorrow which now hangs upon us will have settled down and will have been succeeded by the calm of never-ending mournings, we may be in a more fitting mood to dwell at length upon the career of the Great Archbishop of St. Boniface.

A Great Prelate has passed away: a saintly Archbishop is no more; a faithful friend is now mourned; a loyal citizen has been taken from the country; a holy Oblate missionary has ended his labors and has departed from the land which for fifty years he traversed in the arduous and untiring zeal of his avocation.

Archbishop Tache is dead, but his name will not be forgotten. That name will live forever and forever. Holy Archbishop we invoke thy aid from above; do not forget thy orphan children, who were so dear to you in life.

A Minister Becomes a Catholic.

The Former Pastor of a Methodist Church Converted by Father Flannery. Rev. George Frederick Fisher, the former pastor of the Methodist Church of Newtown, Long Island, has become a Catholic.

Weather Sings.

The first three days of any season rule in weather. When there are three days cold expect three days colder.

MGR. TACHE DEAD.

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boys shared the lodgings and table of the bishop, until provision could be made for them. Missionary posts were established and extended 3,000 miles distant from St. Boniface.

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As already stated, Archbishop Tache's health began to fail during his harassing journey in the winter of 1860. The calamities above mentioned, the losses to be repaired requiring unceasing toil, and above all, it may be said, the mental suffering of the three previous years, hastened the progress of the disease which suzer Archbishop Tache in December, 1872, and kept him bedridden during the whole winter.

"You may judge, my lord, of my emotion when on the 23rd of February, after a journey of 54 days in the depth of winter, after sleeping 43 nights in the open air, I arrived at St. Boniface and knelt in the midst of my flock, as caused by the disaster of the 14th of December, on that spot where lately stood a religious settlement. But the destruction of the episcopal establishment was not the only trial which it pleased God that I should send you. A frightful inundation in the early part of the year had done its work in profound misery. What should the Bishop of St. Boniface do in the presence of these ruins and under the weight of so heavy a load?

In 1868 all the crops in the Red River settlement were destroyed by innumerable swarms of grasshoppers. The same year the buffalo, one of the principal resources of the country at the time, was a complete failure. Famine was the result.

During the spring of 1869 a universal feeling of dissatisfaction and of uneasiness prevailed in the colony when it became known through the public press that transactions were being carried on between His Majesty's government, that of the Dominion, and the Hudson Bay company, for the transfer of the Red River country to Canada, while the authorities of Assiniboia were ignored by the negotiating parties.

An air of deep sorrow pervaded the congregation assembled in St. Mary's church on Sunday. The services were as usual and no crane or other sign of mourning was to be seen, but when the Rev. Father Langevin ascended the pulpit suppressed excitement was visible on the faces of all present.

On Sunday touching references were made at each of our city churches to the sad event. Father Cherrier at the Church of the Immaculate Conception feelingly referred to the career of the deceased as a devoted missionary and as a great Prince of the church.

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his worst opponents admitted was done for the purpose of preventing further bloodshed, and without any idea that he was exceeding his authority.

When Father Tache was ordained priest at St. Boniface in 1845, he was only the sixth Roman Catholic clergyman in the British possessions from Lake Superior to the Rocky Mountains.

At a special meeting of St. Boniface Court of the Catholic Order of Foresters a resolution was passed expressive of the grief of the members as they contemplated the death of their beloved archbishop; ordering that the charter be draped in mourning for six months;

A most touching resolution was passed at a special meeting of the St. Boniface conference of St. Vincent de Paul closing with these noble words:— "His Grace's soul, so pure, so devoted, to the poor and the unfortunate has, we fondly trust, already won its glorious and immortal crown."

The members of St. Boniface Branch of the C. M. B. A. passed a resolution expressive of their grief making special reference to the blessings he so often conferred on the association and resolving that the branch be always represented at the remains until the day of the funeral; and that a sum of money be given to the Industrial school for masses.

The members of the Catholic Truth Society adjourned their regular meeting on Monday night out of respect to the memory of the Archbishop and passed a touching resolution of condolence.

All day long and each night members of the different Catholic societies have taken hours in watching over the mortal remains of their late chief pastor and spiritual head.

On Sunday it is stated, fully 10,000 people visited the vestry. Of course many of these had never seen the Archbishop in life, and a portion went out of curiosity, but even with these it was a reverent curiosity. Since then thousands more have passed through the vestry of the Cathedral.

A baptism, curious and original in its way, took place a few Sundays ago at Nogara, Italy. Signor Germano Ferrari, a passionate cyclist, took it into his head that bringing his child to the sacred font on a bicycle would be up to date.

The procession started for the church in file from Ferrari's house. The sponsors headed the line, then followed the guests, while the midwife on a tricycle and the body and its nurse in tandem brought up the rear.

A Hint To The Wise. Dear subscriber, bear in mind. However busy you may find the editor, should you change to call on him some day.

DON'T WAIT.

If you've anything good to say of a man, Don't wait till he's laid to rest; For the eulogy spoken when hearts are broken Is an empty thing at the best.

Don't wait for another to bear the burden Of sorrow's irksome load Let your hand extend to a stricken friend, As he totters a-down the road; And if you can say a kind word to him Don't wait till he's laid to rest; For the eulogy spoken when hearts are broken Is an empty thing at the best.

CATHOLIC FORESTERS.

Banquet to the High Court Treasurer and Other Distinguished Members of the Order. During the past week Mr. Michel Cyr, of Chicago, high treasurer of the Catholic Order of Foresters, and Messrs. Blouin, of Chicago, Z. Boyer, of Valleyfield, Quebec, G. Raby, of St. Andre Avellia, Quebec, who had been attending the high court convention recently held at St. Paul, have been visiting friends in the city and St. Boniface, and on Tuesday evening the 15th inst., the members of St. Mary's Court No. 276 took advantage of their presence here to entertain them at a banquet held in Friendship hall, McIntyre block.

At the Methodist Conference a vote expressive of their profound sympathy with Catholics in the death of the archbishop—"a great man, and one whose name and life-work are closely connected with the history and development of Manitoba and the Northwest"—was passed by the members standing.

A resolution of regret was also passed at a special meeting of the members of the St. Boniface Band.

Telegrams of condolence were received from many eminent persons who cannot be present at the funeral, including Cardinal Taschereau, Archbishop Ireland, the Governor-General, Sir John Thompson, Hon. T. M. Daly. The Premier's message stated that the Solicitor general would represent the government at the obsequies.

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After January 1, 1895, no more days of grace will be allowed in New York State, on notes, drafts, checks, acceptances, bills of exchange, bonds or other evidence of indebtedness made, drawn or accepted by any person or corporation, and no grace according to the custom of merchants will be allowed after that date unless there is stipulation to the contrary. There is nothing left for the debtor to do but call at the creditor's office and settle or let his obligation go to protest on the day the obligation matures.