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AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

Quietly and without flourish of trumpets, but solemnly and after holy preparation, the conference to prepare the way for a Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Canada, was held last week at Ottawa, the seat of the Apostolic Delegation. From time to time within the past half decade has the wish for such a conference found occasional expression. But the government of the Church, though apparently slow in its forward movements, is in reality both swift and deliberate, inasmuch as all its preparatory work is done unheralded and practically unseen.

It is safe to conjecture that consideration of the general subject of the better government of the Church in Canada goes back quite as far and perhaps farther than the periodic anticipation of some all-embracing council, as completely national in its lines as that which assembled around Mgr. Sbarretti last week, and having accomplished its already well-considered objects, dispersed its members to every ecclesiastical province from Vancouver Island to Halifax so that its recommendations may receive not only the most representative but also the most exhaustive attention.

Much preliminary work had to be done, the most signal and important item of which was the embracing last year of the Archdiocese of Vancouver Island within the jurisdiction of the Canadian Apostolic Delegation. Much work, doubtless, has yet to be performed, after the Archbishops or Metropolitans of the Dominion have received and weighed the recommendations of the Conference. But the first great public step has now been taken. The preliminary Conference has despatched its business promptly and silently, and whether the Plenary Council be near or remote, the Catholic Church in Canada stands to-day upon the threshold of a new era, looking out upon a wider perspective than ever before and with more promising prospects of prolonged peaceful development.

The past stretches back along vistas that may be likened to the clearances of our virgin forests at different intervals of time. Whether in the dim Acadian twilight of the 17th century, or in its noonday, that witnessed the enthronement of Laval; whether with the advent of English arms in the dawn of the following century, or again after another span of fifty years, when an English-speaking child of the ancient faith had come to be the companion of her war-saddened French sister; whether along the heroic way of her pioneer sons who bore the Cross into the great West—soldier Bishops they were—Macdonell and Tache—down to the establishment of a permanent Apostolic Delegation in the capital of the Dominion in 1899, the whole record of the Church has been a fulfillment of the divine promise, because in every period of our Canadian Catholic history, the sowers chosen by God to sow the seed of faith, found that the soil had been prepared by the blood of martyrs.

The signs of the hour promise the living generation of Canadian Catholics thefulness of their rich inheritance. Their lot is cast in a land where, though they form the minority of Christians, their religion nevertheless enjoys unexcelled freedom. Within the Church itself concord goes hand in hand with zeal. The problems which the Plenary Council will deliberate upon are problems rather of blessing rather than difficulty. Its achievements will be wholly in the line of constructive government to cope with rapid, solid growth over immense territory.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

With the return of the festival of Ireland's patron saint, we must expect of course, the annual outbreak of contention over his birthplace. That honor is claimed by the city of Vicus in Spain, by the Clydebank in Scotland and no fewer than a dozen different habitations of the Britons, either in modern Britain or modern France. Without attempting to arbitrate these national differences, one claim at least will not be disputed, viz., that reverence for St. Patrick abides with the Irish the world over.

Irish-Canadians have not lagged behind others in honoring the saint of their race, nor have the Canadian people as a whole been tardy in participating in the homage. The Shamrock is worn on the 17th of March almost as generally in London, New

York or Toronto, as in Dublin; and Irish song and story, elevating, ennobling and pure, are the favorite forms of entertainment. Our saint has long conquered the barriers of nationality and the differences of creed. Still the Irish Catholics most honor him in the faith; and they unfailingly inaugurate his festival by hearing Mass. The day begun in faith awakened, may well be closed in the atmosphere of music and oratory to stir the national pulse.

Elaborate preparations are announced for the day from all over the Dominion. The Irishmen of Ottawa will listen to Hon. Bourke Cockran, the foremost orator of America, and in Toronto we will have Hon. J. T. Keating of Chicago at the Hibernian concert in Massey Hall, and Mr. James Conmee, M.P.P., at the I.C.B.U. festival in St. Andrew's Hall.

Everywhere the Irishmen of Canada will remember that they live in a land of freedom and friendship, where the faith of St. Patrick has flourished as the bay tree and where the national aspirations of the Irish race have encountered ever increasing respect and good will.

SCHOOL INSPECTORS.

The Minister of Education has a bill before the Legislature which provides for a moderate increase in the salaries of the County Public School Inspectors. These useful officials have been in receipt of very small salaries in the past and did not receive an increase with the increase in cost of living which has taken place during the last four or five years. The bill is a tardy recognition of the services of men who are doing an important work in the community. Men of high qualities should be attracted to such posts and they should be treated in a manner that will insure for them suitable consideration in the community in which they move. The industrial activity of the last few years has attracted the young men into commercial life and the number of school teachers is not keeping pace with the growth of school population in the province. It is most regrettable that the persons who have charge of the education of our children should receive remuneration that is a mere pittance when compared with what is earned in commercial pursuits or in the other professions.

The bill which Mr. Harcourt has submitted to the House increases the pay of the county inspector to \$12 per class room, and no one will contend that this is not a moderate salary. Mr. Harcourt should also make provision for an increase in pay for the Separate School inspectors. Their pay amounts to less than \$8 per class-room, less than two-thirds of the rate at which it is proposed to remunerate the fellow inspectors in the counties. Their duties are very arduous owing to the distances which they have to travel; their schools are scattered through the various counties which comprise their inspectorates. The Separate School inspectors are compelled to reside at the great centres of population where the cost of living is much greater than it is in the country towns. The increase in the cost of living in the city has been greater than it has been in the rural towns. The cost of living in Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton and London has increased at least forty per cent since 1898. There has, however, been no increase in the salaries of the Separate School inspectors, and it is only their due that Mr. Harcourt recognize this injustice of the case while he has his bill under consideration. The salaries of the Public School inspectors of the cities of Hamilton, Toronto and Ottawa were increased considerably during the last two years. The amount spent by the Province for the inspection of Separate Schools is less in proportion to the number of schools than that expended on the inspection of Public Schools.

HON. L. P. BRODEUR.

Hon. L. P. Brodeur delivered a lecture last week before the members of the Empire Club, in Toronto, upon French-Canadian loyalty to the Crown. The lecture has won warm praise from the Toronto press; but unfortunately none of our contemporaries were quite up to the mark in reporting it. At a time when certain malicious or uninformed persons are adopting a patriotic pose not at all complimentary to French-Canada, and the public leaders of the French-Canadian people, it is very desirable to have adequate reports of speeches like Mr. Brodeur's, and noting the shortcomings of its Toronto friends. The Register made arrangements of its own by which it will satisfy public interest in Hon. Mr. Brodeur's deliverance.

BEWARE.

The Toronto Telegram encourages the Orange Order in its attempts to influence or intimidate the Board of Education. The Telegram itself has been trying the very job now essayed by the brethren. Trustees like Mr. Shaw, who owe their election to the conviction of the people that their interest in education is intelligent and genuine, will treat the Orange Order exactly as they have treated The Telegram. The Board of Education doubtless is not a perfect body in its constitution. But it is not to be improved by injections of pre-

judice against the Catholic members. The Telegram and the Orange Order stand below the level of our civic intelligence in the attitude they have assumed toward the Board. The influence of the Orange Order upon the Board should be repelled, otherwise Board politics cannot but resemble the deplorable state of municipal politics through similar contact with the lodges as was disclosed by the evidence of Harry Page and Sam Thompson before the judges now conducting the civic investigation.

EXPLOITING THE C.M.B.A.

Mr. M. F. Hackett has issued a manifesto in the shape of a newspaper interview sent broadcast through the country by telegraph, charging Mr. Bourassa, M.P., and by insinuation, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, with fanning the flame of race hatred. Mr. Hackett is boldly described in this message as Grand President of the C.M.B.A. of Canada, so that the document will no doubt be accepted by many as having the sanction of a great Catholic organization and of the Catholic hierarchy who are its patrons. The Register is more than amazed to see Mr. Hackett's insolence finding hospitality in the columns of Catholic newspapers in Canada. Even the Kingston Freeman, which is now peculiarly accessible to Grand Secretary Behan and Dr. Ryan, Grand Medical Examiner, though an avowed Liberal paper, submits itself to Mr. Hackett's will. Had the name of the C.M.B.A. not been used the statements of Mr. Hackett would not be worth so much as the ridicule and condemnation they merit at best. Mr. Hackett is the paid agent of the political party in whose interest this unprecedented method of using the Catholic name is employed. It is significant that other Conservatives in Ottawa were blackballing Hon. Mr. Brodeur and Hon. Mr. Prefontaine in the Rideau Club at the same time that Mr. Hackett was uttering his attack upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier; and the pretext in each instance was the same, that the Liberal leaders have not repudiated Bourassa. When the people of Canada, Catholic and Protestant, English and French, feel anxious for their loyal name, their intelligence will easily direct them in the right course. They are in no danger at present. But members and friends of the C.M.B.A., not excepting the hierarchy, have some reason to feel annoyed at the bawling shepherd boy tending their flock, who cries "Wolf, wolf," in his vain ambition for notoriety. For we must remember that though such notoriety may advance Mr. Hackett in the eyes of those sterling loyalists, Mr. Tarte and Mr. Hugh Graham, it cannot fail at the same time to influence in quite another way the C.M.B.A. and the Catholic Church that protects it.

COUNTY JUDGES.

Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, Minister of Justice, has from the hour of his acceptance of office, given constant proof of determination to maintain the high character of the Bench in the filling of all vacancies. There is a more ready disposition noticeable now than formerly on the part of the press to criticize and question judicial actions. If the press itself was only as far above reproach and suspicion as the people could wish, there would be less reason for the exercise of caution in accepting its structures upon the Bench. The judges of the land have never lacked the respect of the public, the Bar and the Government, and as long as honorable and capable lawyers can look with honest ambition to promotion to the Bench as the highest evidence of professional and political recognition, the Canadian judiciary will not suffer in the estimation of the people. The professional and political reputation of the Minister of Justice himself is the safest guarantee that the Bar and the people can have. His appointments never fail to show this. The list of new county court judges meets with general approval. The Register offers a word of special congratulation to Mr. J. D. Donahue, of St. Thomas, Mr. J. J. O'Meara of Pembroke and Mr. J. L. Dowling of Ottawa.

The Mutual Life of Canada

We present to-day to our readers the 34th annual report of the Mutual Life of Canada, and in doing so can warmly congratulate the officers, and especially the able and experienced Secretary of the Company, Mr. Riddell, upon the solid growth in indubitation that has come into the sure enjoyment of a distinctly first-class financial reputation. The statement, which we publish, needs no review. It is plain to every reader. The figures showing the increases in cash assets and surplus must be especially gratifying in view of the company's unchecked record of progress since 1873.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Montreal Star has made an apology to Hon. Mr. Prefontaine. The nature of the apology is a declaration that the people in the Star office are incompetent to translate French into English. But then the people in the Star office insist that they understand the French-Canadians and their sentiments so well that Mr. Graham extorts a blanket charter from Mr. Borden covering the political patronage of the Province of Quebec and forcing Mr. Monk out of his rightful position. If Mr. Borden had but written the charter in French he clearly would have circumvented Mr. Graham, who could not read it.

MR. WILLIAM WALSH HONORED

Mr. William Walsh, whose appointment as assistant to the president of the Dominion Express Company and general manager of the company, The Register announced two weeks ago, has been presented with a gold watch chain and charm by the employees over whom he has been placed for several years as general agent. Mr. Walsh began his career as a messenger boy in the old Vickers Express Company, and for twenty years has risen steadily in the Dominion Express Company, which absorbed the former concern. As general manager of the company his future office will be in the Union Station. Mr. Walsh is one of the prominent Catholics of the west end, is extremely popular with all classes of citizens and is probably the most experienced expressman in Canada to-day.



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A WONDERFUL BUSINESS

Is the Lord & Thomas Advertising Agency, the Head Office of Which Retired February 1st.

Possibly there is no line of industry in the United States that has grown in such proportion in recent years as that of general advertising, which includes publicity in newspapers and magazines and outdoor display advertising, and through its tremendous force the entire basis of modern merchandising has been revolutionized.

The Chicago papers of the current week devote much space and time to the wonderful growth of the advertising business as a whole, and that of Lord & Thomas in particular, owing to the retirement of Mr. D. M. Lord, the senior member of the firm, who leaves active business life with a rich competence.

The business of Lord & Thomas has been one of the most aggressive and progressive of its kind in the country, having in recent years been under the active management of Mr. A. L. Thomas, whose judgment on advertising matters is considered as authoritative by the vast body of publicity users. Mr. Thomas has succeeded Mr. Lord to the presidency and will continue at the head of the firm.

Mr. C. R. Erwin, the new Vice-President, has been connected with the company for 20 years and is therefore a veteran in the field; associated with him and Mr. Thomas is Mr. A. D. Lasker, the Secretary and Treasurer.

To give some idea to the public of the growth of advertising as a whole, it might be stated that in two years the business of Lord & Thomas alone has increased one million dollars in the billing, and in the one month of January in 1904 this house has booked \$750,000.00 in advertising contracts from the following concerns, whose names are household words in the United States: Anheuser-Busch Brewing Ass'n, St. Louis; Siegel, Cooper Company, New York; Woolson Spice Company's Lion Coffee, Toledo, Ohio; Hamilton-Brown Shoe Company, St. Louis, Mo.; Sterling Remedy Company (Cascarets), Chicago and New York; The Woman's Magazine, St. Louis, Mo.; Armour & Co., Chicago; Michigan Stove Co., Detroit and Chicago; Union Pacific Railroad Co., Omaha; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., Chicago; Rock Island R. R. System.

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OBITUARY

Josephine Mary Monahan, wife of Vaughan Philpott, of Ferguson, died March 2nd at her mother's house, Broadalbane street, Toronto. The funeral took place on the 5th from St. Basil's Church. "Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord."

DIED IN NEWMARKET.

Death overtook Mrs. James O'Brien with startling suddenness in Newmarket on Wednesday. Some time during the previous night she was taken ill and expired about ten on the following morning. She was the eldest daughter of Mr. Geo. Bines, and leaves six children, the eldest being a daughter eighteen years of age, and the youngest a little girl of 2. Her fearfully sudden death has naturally created a great deal of sympathy.

The body was brought to Barrie on Friday and taken to St. Mary's Church, where a Solemn Mass was offered by Very Rev. Dean Egan. The pall-bearers were her brothers John, George and Alfred, her brother-in-law, W. A. Anderson, M. Shanney and J. Devlin.

PERSONAL

Very deep regret has been occasioned by the news that Father O'Neill of Kinkora has had a stroke of apoplexy. Father O'Neill is 74 years of age and has been parish priest of Kinkora for a quarter of a century. It is not expected that he will recover.

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Our Montreal Budget

(From our own Correspondent.)

The Catholic School Commissioners held their regular meeting at the Commercial Academy under the presidency of Mgr. Z. Racicot. The Commissioners present were: Rev. Father M. Callaghan, Mayor Larocque, Mr. P. G. Martineau, Mr. L. P. Demers, M.P., Mr. J. H. Semple, Ald. D. Gallery, M.P., Mr. J. R. Savignac. Mr. A. D. Lacroix occupied his new position as secretary.

The report of the school committee concerning the new position of inspector was read. The motion of Mr. Savignac, naming Rev. Charles Larocque, pastor of St. Louis de France Church, to the new position of inspector, met stout opposition from Mr. L. P. Demers. Mr. P. G. Martineau, who maintained that the position should go to a lay teacher.

Mr. Savignac, in support of his motion, claimed that the religious teachers had as much right to object to a lay teacher being appointed as inspector as the latter to an ecclesiastic. He cited figures showing that the religious schools had a larger attendance than the secular schools and consequently the new inspector should be an ecclesiastic.

Mr. J. H. Semple then proposed an amendment that Father Larocque be inspector for the religious schools and Principal P. Ahern, of Sarsfield School, be inspector for schools taught by lay teachers. Mr. Semple's compromise motion was lost, as it was believed that one man could easily do the work.

On the vote being taken, a majority of the commissioners supported Father Larocque. His appointment dates from March 1st, at a salary of \$1,100 a year.

Rev. Father Superior, of the Oblates, Rev. Abbe Dubois, of the Normal School, and Mr. A. D. Lacroix, the new secretary, were added to the special committee charged to revise the books now in use in the schools.

It was decided to close the night classes the 1st of March, as the Government's appropriation was exhausted. The meeting closed by adopting resolutions of condolence on the death of the late Mr. Hetu, a former member of the Catholic Board. The secretary was ordered to forward a copy of the resolutions to the family.

The new inspector has paid a visit to several of the schools, and has been well received. On Thursday afternoon he visited the Belmont School, and the four hundred children and the different professors gave him a royal welcome. The principal, Mr. J. V. Desaulniers, read an address to the new school visitor, to which he made a lengthy reply in both languages. He said that he was glad to see the two nationalities work so harmoniously together. He wished it understood that he entered his new position as the friend and protector of the lay teacher, in fact of all the teachers. He had brought twelve years' experience as a teacher at St. Therese College, where, besides being a professor, he was also director, and prefect of studies. He would devote all his time to the work of the Catholic schools of Montreal, numbering 46 under the control of the Board, and having a school attendance of 22,000.

Rev. Father Larocque resigns his parish on the first day of May. He is at present pastor of one of the best French parishes in Montreal, that of St. Louis de France. Many of the lay teachers do not look upon the move of the appointment of Father Larocque as favorable to them and think that in a short time a move will be made to replace the lay teachers by religious. Your correspondent has it from very good authority that such a move will not take place, and also that many of the taxpayers would protest against it.

The solemn memorial mass, celebrated annually for the repose of the souls of deceased members of the Knights of Columbus and relatives, was held at 8 o'clock in St. James' Cathedral. His Grace Archbishop Bouchet officiated pontifically, assisted by the chaplains of the Councils and other priests connected with the organization. The choir of the Cathedral sang the service impressively.

Rev. Dr. Dupuis, curate of St. Louis de France Church, has been named as chaplain of the Sacred Heart Convent, Sault au Recollet.

The congregation of Notre Dame have purchased the properties 355 and 357 St. Antoine street, immediately adjoining St. Anthony's Church, having a frontage of 184 feet by a depth of 132 1/2 feet, upon which they intend building a new school. The sale price was \$9,112.50.

Rev. Father Doherty preached Sunday evening at the Church of the Gesu. He expounded the doctrine "that out of the Church there is no salvation," supporting the same by quotations from the Fathers and General Councils. The reverend gentleman pointed out that many of those within the fold had by their indifference and dead virtues, forfeited their right to salvation, while many of those out of the Church, through their good deeds and virtuous lives were really within it.

Father Doherty's sermon was, as usual, argumentative, but not controversial. He began by defining in what way Christ was the head of the

Church, and if this were true, it must follow that to have a part in redemption, membership in it was required, or, in other words, out of the Church there was no salvation.

The statement was sometimes made that provided a man lived a good life, religion for him was not necessary, or that one religion was as good as another. Now there were many ways for God to redeem men, but He chose one, which was to send His Son to pay the price of redemption. It, therefore, must be true that except in this Christ there was no salvation possible. Christ came on earth, and His mission being completed, He ascended into heaven. But before doing so He promised the truth to a chosen band of men, who made up on the first Pentecost His Church.

Father Doherty's conclusion was there was no harshness or cruelty in the doctrine of "out of the Church there was no salvation." The sum of the doctrine was that Christ has established His Church, and all are called on to enter into it as soon as it becomes manifest to them it is the Church of Christ, and not before. He who refused to do this must be classed with those who close their eyes to the light.

Rev. Father McCorry, the eminent Paulist, preached an excellent sermon at the High Mass at St. Patrick's Church on "Drawing Nearer to Christ, our Sympathizing Friend."

Dominic Delor preached in the morning to a large congregation in the Church of Notre Dame. His subject was "Happiness."

Happiness, explained the preacher, is the ceaseless cry of humanity. It is the passion of the soul. Man's happiness is in the possession of God. A life without God is low and grovelling, losing itself in the pleasures of the world or sunken in the passions of the flesh; it is hardened and selfish. Man finds his supreme happiness in the possession of God and the knowledge of the infinitely good, beautiful and true. By an infinite stretch of condescension, as if bending down from the heavens, God stoops to His rational creatures, places Himself in touch with their faculties and yokes to them His attributes—His goodness, power and mercy and makes His creatures god-like. Jesus, the Redeemer, is the author and source of our happiness. He is the anchor of Christian souls.

How good it is to serve God! The source and author of our happiness. What pleasure and tranquility in loving Him. Peace and repose reign in a soul which belongs to God. This happiness comes to a man who has loyally and faithfully kept the innocence of his baptism or recovered it by penance and has stoutly resisted even unto death the allurements of evil.

This possession of God fixes our affections on the beautiful vision and our future destiny. Father Delor concluded by exhorting his hearers to continue with swelling muscles and hearts aflame the fierce joy of strong endeavor. Reap money, but let its ends be legitimate. Educate your children—see to the peace and comfort of your family; be ready at your country's call to defend her rights; do more; think of that future country and shape your life accordingly. FELIX.

A. O. H. Condolence

At the last regular meeting of Division No. 1, A.O.H., held February 22nd, the following Resolution of Condolence was unanimously adopted: Whereas it is with profound regret that we, the officers and members of this Division, have learned of the death of Mr. Michael Roach, father-in-law of our worthy and esteemed Financial Secretary, Bro. Wm. Richardson, our sincere sympathy for the sad loss they have sustained, and we earnestly beseech our Heavenly Father to comfort and console them in this their sad affliction.

And be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the family of the late Mr. Roach, to Bro. Richardson, also to The Catholic Register and National Hibernian for publication. R.I.P. Signed on behalf of the officers and members of Division No. 1, A.O.H. JAS. VAHEY, Secy.

G. O. F.

Toronto, Feb. 16th, 1904. Mr. P. J. Murphy, Dear Sir,—I wish to thank you and my other friends in St. Joseph's Court Catholic Order of Foresters, for the receipt of your cheque for \$1,000, the amount of insurance held by my dear husband in your excellent Order. You have been very kind friends to me in my trouble and the sympathy you have shown, manifested in a most Christian and brotherly manner, for which I again thank you sincerely. M. GRIFFIN, 196 St. Helen's Ave.

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