

ARCHBISHOP LANGEVIN.

His Consecration Takes Place at St. Boniface.

ARCHBISHOP FABRE OFFICIATES.

At Winnipeg the day broke fair and mild which was to witness the formal consecration of the Rev. Louis Langevin as Archbishop of St. Boniface, head of the Church and chief spiritual adviser of the Catholics of Manitoba. At an early hour in the morning several thousand people crossed the river from Winnipeg, and from eight o'clock



until half-past nine a constant stream of people flocked to the entrance of the historic edifice. Standing room was soon at a premium in the cathedral, the pews and aisles being filled to the utmost capacity by the immense number of people who thronged thither for the purpose of witnessing the most imposing ceremonial connected with the rites of the Catholic Church, namely, the consecration of an archbishop. The altar with its decorations looked as beautiful as on the preceding evening when lit up with numberless candles. Facing each other in the chancel were seven seats for the visiting prelates, the priedieu of each being of purple, green and mauve. On a small table facing the altar, to the left hand, the oils used in consecrating and the bishop's yellow mitre were placed. This small table was used during the ceremony as the smaller altar.

Mgr. Begin, of Quebec, was the first prelate to enter the church, and beside him sat Mgr. Gabrielle, of Ogdensburg, and facing them Bishops Decelles and Gravel. Bishop Emard, of Valleyfield, joined the prelates on the left hand, of whom was the Very Rev. Dom. Antoine, of Oka, mitred abbot, in the white vestures of his office.

Bishop Lafleche, of Three Rivers, arrived as the orchestra struck up the opening bars of the Grand March, and shortly afterwards the archbishop and his party entered the church. Bishop Grandin, of St. Albert, headed the procession of prelates, and following him came Archbishop Duhamel, of Ottawa, and two priests. Behind them walked Archbishop Fabre, the consecrator, with a mitre and crozier, in his white and heavily-embroidered robe of office, and last the Archbishop elect, Mgr. Langevin, with his purple baretta upon his head, in his vestments of gold and white. His Grace Archbishop Fabre took his place in the chair of state, with his back to the altar, and on either side of him stood two priests, the deacon, and arch-deacon. In front of him, at a little distance knelt Mgr. Langevin, and on his left Bishop Grandin. On his right Archbishop Duhamel also knelt facing the altar.

THE PAPAL BULL.

The form of query having been gone through, as "How do you know you have been appointed to be Archbishop of St. Boniface?" and the bishop elect having answered "By the letters from Rome," the papal brief was handed to the consecrator by the priest, who handed it in turn to the Rev. Father Drummond, who in a clear voice, read aloud the bull from Pope Leo XIII. It was written on parchment, and endorsed at the back by the department of the Propaganda with the number 10,494, showing the number of this nomination from the time of which they have a record. The brief was headed "Leo XIII.," and was sealed at the lower left hand corner with the papal seal, and signed at the right with the name "O. Cardinal de Ruggiero." The document, which was of some length, was couched in the stiff terms of legal phraseology for the most part, and was addressed to "Beloved Son, Louis Philippe Adelard Langevin, of the congregation of the Oblats of the Immaculate Conception, greeting and apostolic blessing." "Having reserved to ourselves," the brief read, "for many centuries the nomination of bishops, we have proceeded to consider the case of the Church of St. Boniface, which was presided over by Alexander Tache, of blessed memory, its last bishop, and having taken information on the subject and consulted our venerable brothers the cardinals who belong to the Propaganda, we have determined to choose you as Bishop of St. Boniface, because we have heard of the integrity of your life of your wisdom, experience, and other virtues. We therefore confide to you the spiritual ministration and temporal governance of this Church, trusting that God will bestow upon you all the graces you need, and that the Church of St. Boniface, under your guidance may increase and prosper."

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES.

After the reading of the brief, the Bishop-elect rose and knelt on a green cushion at the feet of the consecrator, and in French made the profession of faith, saying: "I am the person referred to in these letters," etc. He then took the oath of allegiance to the Holy See. The examination of the Bishop-elect was then conducted by the consecrator, Mgr. Langevin replying to questions of morals, "I will it," and to questions of dogma, "I believe it." After the examination mass was sung, the Bishop-elect going to the altar at the right-hand side of the church with his assistants. The consecrator remained at the centre altar while the prayers of the mass were being said. Then the litanies of the saints were chanted by the choir, and the consecrator rose, turned towards the Bishop elect, and prayed God to bless, to consecrate him. At the conclusion of the litanies Mgr. Langevin rose and knelt before Archbishop Fabre, who laid upon his shoulders the open book of the Gospels. At the same time he touched with his extended hand the head of the kneeling prelate, and the assistant Bishops did likewise, saying "Receive the Holy Spirit." The preface of the consecration was then chanted by Archbishop Fabre, who during its recital gave the unction of the tonsure to the bishop-elect, dipping his thumb into the holy oil, and making first the sign of the cross, and afterwards anointing the whole tonsure of the bishop-elect. The next observance was the anointing of the hands. Taking the hands of the consecrated Bishop in his own, Archbishop Fabre traced two lines in the form of a cross, afterwards anointing the palms with the oil. The consecrated bishop then joined his two hands, and placed them in a sling of linen, which had been suspended from his neck. The consecrator dried his thumbs and blessed the crozier, which he then presented to the con-

secrated Bishop. The great signet of his order was then blessed, and placed on the third finger of Mgr. Langevin's right hand, and the kiss of peace having been exchanged between the consecrator, the consecrated, and the assistant Bishops, the ordained Bishop returned to the altar, where his tonsure was dried, his hair arranged, and his hands washed. The Gospel, the creeds and the offertory were then read, and instead of an alms the consecrated Bishop presented to the consecrator the lighted torches, two loaves of bread, and two barrels, on which were his armorial bearings. Mass was then continued, and after the Agnus Dei the kiss of peace was again exchanged. At the communion the consecrator and the consecrated shared the sacrament, and after the solemn benediction the consecrator blessed the gloves, and put them on the hands of the consecrated. The green chair of state was then occupied by the consecrated Bishop, in which the consecrator had till then been installed, and the Te Deum was sung while the new Archbishop blessed the people. After the chanting of the solemn benediction the consecrated Bishop thrice thanked his consecrator, saying to him, "Ad multos annos." The kiss of peace terminated the ceremony. The sermon, preached in French by Monsigneur Begin, of Quebec, was very eloquent.

SALUTED HIS FATHER.

When the newly-consecrated Archbishop arose to give his benediction to the people, he saluted his father, who was sitting in the front row of the congregation, and then, accompanied by the assistant Bishops, passed all round the church bestowing his blessing upon those assembled. The mitre worn upon this occasion by the Archbishop is of great age, and is said to have belonged to the founder of the Order of Oblates. The ceremony of kissing the ring was a remarkable one. The priests and clergy, the assisting Bishops and the consecrator, all those in the sanctuary, in fact, bowing themselves over the signet of the Archiepiscopal rank, and kissed the stone. This was done before the consecrated Bishop made the tour of the cathedral and gave his blessing to the people.

Prominent among the congregation was his Honour Lieut. - Governor Schultz and Col. Holmes. Many of the principal citizens of Winnipeg were also present. The deacon and sub deacon who waited upon the consecrating Bishop were the Rev. Father Langevin, brother of the Archbishop, and the Rev. Father Godvin, superior of the Oblate Fathers of Montreal.

At four o'clock in the afternoon the newly-consecrated Archbishop paid a visit to his old church, St. Mary's at Winnipeg, and was formally received by the parishioners. Addresses of congratulation were read, to which his Grace replied. Bishop Gabrielle preached a brief sermon. The musical portion of the service was particularly fine. Afterwards his Grace and party partook of supper at St. Mary's Academy. At night his Grace was entertained at a musical and dramatic performance, given by the students of St. Boniface College.

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