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ANNUAL MEETING TOMORROW OF CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto, April 30.—Daily newspaper publishers and editors are gathering here from all over the Dominion for the annual meeting of the Canadian Press Limited, the co-operative news gathering and distributing association including within its membership practically every daily newspaper in Canada. Indications are that the annual general meeting on Tuesday next will be fully representative, members attending from as far east as Cape Breton and as far west as Victoria.

Founded on its present basis in 1917, largely by the urge of war necessity which rendered it imperative that there be a free flow of news from one end of Canada to the other, the Canadian Press has since then made considerable strides forward and is now an organization of which its members are proud. Modelled on lines a good deal similar to that of the Associated Press of America, it depends for its success primarily on the good-will and hearty co-operation of its members in the prompt production of the news of their district for benefit of the membership at large. This exchange of news is rendered possible by the leasing of about 12,000 miles of telegraph wires, both day and night, from coast to coast, operated by the telegraphers of the association.

It is of its very essence that the Canadian Press be strictly impartial and unbiased in its presentation of the news of the day, for its members include newspapers of every political stripe, and these critics of its news services, numbering over 100, are vigilant to see that their association maintains its reputation for scrupulous fairness. A striking illustration of this was afforded by the recent Dominion elections campaign, when staff reporters of the Canadian Press accompanied each of the three leaders, with the result that for perhaps the first time there was presented to the people of Canada day by day in just perspective a full picture of the progress of the campaign.

The Canadian Press also undertook, in collaboration with the telegraph companies, the collection and distribution of the election results, and in this a new record for speed and accuracy was set up. The association works in close co-operation with the Associated Press and has access through the editorial staff in New York to the world-wide news reports of that great news agency. At the recent annual meeting of the Associated Press its general manager, Roy Martin, congratulated the Canadian Press on its very excellent news service covering Canada and said that as a result more Canadian news is being printed in the United States than ever before.

The English Service.

A feature of the last year has been the building up in London by an arrangement with Reuters of a Canadian Press cable service, which aims in particular to cover the news of the British Empire in more complete fashion than is done by the Associated Press, whose cable

service is of course primarily designed for American consumption. While still in its infancy this special cable service has already achieved a considerable success, with the result that more and more news of Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, India and the empire generally is made available to the Canadian public. A valuable feature is that through Reuters the Canadian Press has access to the very full reports of the British Press Association, the co-operative organization of British daily newspapers, which covers very thoroughly news of the British Isles, including a full report of the proceedings of the imperial parliament.

PASTORAL LETTER ON MISSION WORK

A pastoral letter of his lordship Bishop LeBlanc was read in all the Catholic churches of the city Sunday. The letter urged support of the Canadian missionary colleges for the education of missionaries for heathen countries; it appealed for the support of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and, in general, for the support of the work of sending Catholic missionaries to heathen people, of whom there were 800,000,000 in the world.

The heathen was in extreme spiritual danger, said the letter, and had a strict claim on the charity of Catholics. The letter pointed out that already many young Canadian priests had gone forth in the work of converting the heathen, and it expressed his lordship's fervent desire to see his own diocese represented by missionary priests. If Canada was to take her proper share in the conversion of China and other pagan countries, hundreds of students would have to be trained for this apostolic work, the letter said.

The occasion of the letter is the tercentenary celebration of the founding in 1622 of the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda, the department of the papal administration which is charged with the spread of the Catholic religion by means of missionaries sent to non-Catholic and heathen countries. The year 1922 also marks the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

The letter pointed out that in order to commemorate the founding of the Congregation of the Propaganda the late holy father, Pope Benedict XV, ordered a triduum of public prayers in thanksgiving for the blessings accorded to the foreign missions in the past, and to invoke God's assistance for them in the future.

The letter directs, therefore, that this triduum be observed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday preceding Pentecost Sunday. It further directs that on Pentecost Sunday a collection be taken up in all the churches of the diocese where the priest will officiate. The proceeds are to be divided equally between the China Mission College at Almonte (Ont.), and the college for Foreign Missions now being established in Montreal.

After pointing out the nature of the work done by the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda and by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and by its kindred societies, the Association of the Holy Childhood, the letter went on to quote Pope Pius X, as declaring that

"if messengers of the Catholic Faith are able to reach out to the most distant lands, and the most barbarous nations, it is to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith that credit must be given. Through that society salvation began for numberless peoples, and by its instrumentality there has been gathered a harvest of souls."

After pointing out the extreme spiritual danger of the 800,000,000 heathens living in spiritual darkness, worshipping idols and enslaved by abominable heathen practices, the letter said that the heathen had a strict claim on the charity of Catholics.

China, the letter said, offered the

widest and most promising field for missionary work. The letter speaks of the work being done by the China Mission College at Almonte (Ont.), and of another college for foreign missions now being established in Montreal for the same purpose.

Both missionary vocations and funds for the training of missionary priests for foreign fields were required, the letter said. After appointing the date for the missionary collection the letter said: "The situation is grave and critical. It is a question of gaining or losing millions of souls, and God seems to have determined that the present is the acceptable time for us to make a supreme

BISHOP ADDRESSES WOMEN'S LEAGUE

His Lordship, Bishop LeBlanc, addressed the St. John sub-division of the Catholic Women's League in the Cliff street auditorium last night, on the invitation of the educational committee, of which Mrs. Richard O'Brien is convenor. His Lordship spoke of matters which especially interested women and was

listened to with great attention. He complimented the branch on the work and activities of the season and referred in particular to the manner in which the League was managing Rosary Hall and caring for the welfare of those in residence. A special feature of the meeting was the singing of the high school girls, thirty-four in number, who appeared on the stage when the curtain rose and sang two sacred selections most acceptably. With Bishop LeBlanc on the platform was Mrs. D. P. Chisholm, president of the branch, who was the chairman of the evening. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the bishop on the motion of Mrs. D. C.

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Dearden, seconded by Miss Annie Carlin. The stage was prettily decorated with flowers. During the season the educational committee has arranged an interesting series of addresses and each has been much appreciated.



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