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After the investment of the two new Sisters was ended, the two other happy virgins who had satisfactorily completed their two years' novitiate, Sisters Josepha and Benedicta, in a loud and intelligible manner pronounced the formula of their profession, whereby they dedicated themselves to the service of God in the order of St. Ursula, promising to observe the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and of devoting themselves henceforth to the instruction and education of the children and young ladies in St. Peters Colony. Accordingly their white veils which they wore during the term of their novitiate were exchanged for the black which had specially before been blessed by the celebrant.

Then Holy Mass was celebrated before the Blessed Sacrament being exposed by Father Prior. At the Offertory the new professed Sisters offered their candles and after the Communion of the priest all four received Holy Communion. Mass being ended the celebrant intoned the hymn of thanksgiving "Te Deum" which was sung by the Sisters in Latin. This ended, benediction with the Blessed Sacrament was given. In conclusion the celebrant led the two new novices to the place of the superioress of the Sisters and charged her, in solemn words, with the care of them, saying that before the judgement seat of God she would be responsible for their souls and their spiritual advancement.

This was the first time that the ceremony of profession was held by the community of the Ursuline Sisters since their advent in St. Peter's Colony in the year 1913. The community which in the beginning consisted only of four Sisters, and which in 1914 had been augmented by new arrivals from Europe and Winnipeg to thirteen, numbers now nineteen members of whom four are novices. Though the beginning was hard and replete with difficulties of every sort, the community is now established on a solid and permanent basis. The small twig of their order which they planted in the fertile plains of St. Peter's Colony six years ago has taken root, is growing up, is blossoming, prospering and bringing forth fruit. The words of the psalmist are once more being verified with the good Sisters and their foundation: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Going they went and wept, casting their seeds. But coming they shall come with joyfulness, carrying their sheaves" (Ps. 125, 5-7).

Canadian News

Saskatchewan

REGINA. — Wheat cutting is practically completed in Saskatchewan with the exception of the eastern part of the province where

the grain is later than in other parts owing to the heavy rains that have fallen during the summer. The reports received by the provincial Bureau of Statistics indicate that threshing will start in many places this week and within ten days will be general all over the province. Notwithstanding the number of men that have come from the East and the large number of farmers from the dried-out districts who are helping with the harvest, labour is still scarce in many districts, fifty cents per hour being paid in some places for men to do stooking. Good rains have fallen during the past week in the western and northern parts of the province which will greatly help the feed situation and providing that no early frosts interfere with present conditions, the flax crop will be much better than anticipated.

SASKATOON. — At a recent meeting of Supt. Johnstone with Major O'Leary of Prince Albert and Mr. Ewart of Regina, discussion took place on the disposition of the Perigord and Kelvington lands which are now under Prince Albert jurisdiction. It was felt that Saskatoon was the better place from which to control this territory and the matter has now been taken up with the provincial authorities to have the transfer effected. Saskatoon offices of the G. W. V. A. and the S.S.B. were responsible for securing this territory for soldier settlement, and, besides, it is more accessible from this city. If the present plans are carried out, control of townships 39 and 40 will be transferred to the Saskatoon office. The district takes in a portion of the Porcupine Reserve. Following is the letter from Major Ashton, setting out the lands shortly to be thrown open: Dear sir: Re Indian lands in Saskatchewan. I am glad to be in a position to inform you that as a result of the efforts of the Soldier Settlement Board the following lands within the reserves shown will shortly become available for soldier settlement: Poor Man Indian Reserve 12 sections in Tp. 29, Rg. 18, W. 2nd Mer. and fractional sections 3 and 4, Tp. 30, R. 18, W. 2nd Mer., approximately 8,080 acres.—Piapot Indian Reserve 26 1-2 sections, 16,960 acres.—Big River Indian Reserve, 980 acres.—Cowessee Indian Reserve, 2,223.56 acres. Negotiations are also proceeding, and are nearing completion, 26 1-2 sections of Indian Reserve No. 71, commonly called Round Lake and also for some 21,000 acres in the Mistawasis or Snake Plain Reserve. In these two cases the board is at present awaiting the surrender from the Indians. This has in both cases been agreed to but in neither case has formal notification been received.

British Columbia

VANCOUVER. — What is claimed in financial circles as the first purchase of German marks since the beginning of the war took place here Aug. 19th when a financial firm handled an order for the transference of \$300 to Germany. This sum bought 6,000 marks at the rate of 20 marks for \$1.00, which means that the mark has fallen to five cents in Vancouver against the normal exchange value of 23½ cents. German-Austrian money is still lower.

Manitoba

MANITOBA. — Mennonites in this province have no educational privileges not extended to all citizens, according to a judgment handed down by the Manitoba court of appeal. The "rights" which Mennonites have heretofore claimed, to educate their children as they please, are based on "authority" from the federal government given in 1873, which the court declared are beyond the power of parliament to confer. The court refused an ap-

plication for permission to carry an appeal from this decision over the supreme court of Canada to the privy council. By the judgement the court decides that the Dominion government intended to give the Mennonites, as they claim, the right to their own schools, that even if this had been done, the Dominion government would have no such power, as the province of Manitoba has the exclusive right to deal with matters appertaining to education. It is decided by the judgment that the School Attendance act is binding on the Mennonites, and that they must attend the schools in accordance with the terms of the law.

Ontario

OTTAWA. — The following schedule of cash payments, representing the first instalment of the Canadian wheat crop which will be handled and marketed by the new wheat commission, has been approved by order-in-council. Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan: No. 1 hard, \$2.15; No. 1 Man. northern, \$2.15; No. 2 Man. northern, \$2.12; No. 3 Man. northern, \$2.08; No. 1 Alta. red winter, \$2.15; No. 2 Alta. red winter, \$2.12; No. 3 Alta. red winter, \$2.08. Above cash payments are the basis in store at public terminal elevators at Fort William and Port Arthur. British Columbia: No. 1 wheat, \$2.10½; No. 2 wheat, \$2.07½; No. 3 wheat, \$2.03½; basis in store, Canadian government elevator, Vancouver, B. C. Ontario and Quebec: wheat, No. 1 grade, \$2.18; No. 2 grade, \$2.15; No. 3 grade, \$2.11, basis in store, Montreal. — Telegrams to the government from the west, following the official announcement of the price of wheat, indicate considerable dissatisfaction with the plan and an apparent belief that \$2.15 will be not only the initial but the final figure. A number of grain growers are asking the government why, having gone so far, it is not prepared to make the Canadian price equivalent to that of the United States and also of what was paid last year in this country. The explanation given is that the government, being uncertain as to the price in the world market, is not disposed to take any greater chances.

—Sir Robert Borden returned from his trip with the Prince of Wales walking with a considerable limp as a result of his recent accident in Halifax. Only some ligaments were strained, however and no permanent injury will result. — The cabinet had an all afternoon sitting on Aug. 22nd, considering the legislation to be presented at the coming session, and as a result of the views exchanged the weeding out process among the war measures is likely to be so extensive that very few of them as such will be presented. It is even possible that none of the orders-in-council passed under the war measures act will be ratified in that form though a number would be picked out and made into separate bills. Of several hundred of such orders-in-council the great proportion have accomplished their purpose with the end of the war and the termination of demobilization. This form of legislation was not very popular and it is believed that discussion will be abbreviated and controversy avoided if the greater part of them die a natural death and if entirely new legislation be initiated on such matters as really call for it.

JAPAN. — Local self-government for Korea and reforms looking toward home rule are announced in an Imperial rescript issued in Tokio on Aug. 19. The military gendarme army so much under criticism of late is to be replaced by a civilian police force entirely under civilian control. A system of village and town government based upon popular suffrage also is to be

undertaken. Possibly most important of all from the Korean point of view, the rescript provides that Koreans shall have the same privileges and legal rights as Japanese. Heretofore, Japanese have been a privileged class. Baron Soto, former minister of state and one of the best known of Japanese statesmen, becomes governor general, succeeding Marshall Hatsegawa.

—Cholera has broken out on the island of Formosa and the government has declared a quarantine against the island as more than 200 cases of cholera are said to have been found.

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