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future if any of the provinces seek to legislate upon the subject, appeal will have to be taken to the imperial privy council to settle more clearly and definitely the question of the respective powers of the Dominion and the provinces.

The most objectionable amendment of all was put in by the Senate, making prosecution dependent upon the permission of the attorney-general of the province. This was probably intended to make vexatious prosecution with malicious intent impossible. But whatever the object, it is impossible for anyone to justify making it necessary to obtain the consent of the attorney-general before it is possible to take action to close a corner shop doing Sunday trading, or to put a stop to a company of Italian navvies doing construction work in the building of a new railway. It is simply ridiculous and unreasonable in the last degree. However, we do not share with some the opinion that the attorney-generals will be unwilling to give their consent. Some critics in parliament said this meant that the Act would be a dead letter. We have a higher opinion of the attorney-generals in the various provinces, and anticipate that since this duty is put upon them they will accept the responsibility and provide the most convenient machinery for the carrying out of the object of the law.

After mentioning some trifling exceptions of the law of Sunday rest, Mr. Shearer proceeds:

"An impression has been given that the effect of the new Act is to legalize games of ball, etc., and fishing and hunting, inasmuch as it only prohibits games for gain, prize or reward, and shooting at a target. This, however, is a great mistake. The old provincial laws remain in force, and in Ontario and the Maritime Provinces at least, all noisy games and fishing, hunting and shooting, etc., are absolutely prohibited in terms of these laws, and in the prairie provinces and on the mainland of British Columbia hunting and shooting at games is prohibited in terms of the game or other laws. It is therefore only in Quebec and certain parts of the west, where the prohibition of shooting is limited to target practice, and of games, to those for gain, prize or reward."

"Certain parts of the west"—Mr. Shearer's phrase—includes Manitoba, where the Sunday law, passed by the Greenway Government in a form so different from its original drastic and Draconian draft, prohibits only public games with an entrance fee. The milder provisions of the Manitoba Act were secured, as many will remember, thanks to the speeches in public meeting and committee of the House of a non-Catholic lawyer and a Catholic priest.

In the Rev. J. G. Shearer's concluding remarks, which we give below, we beg to insist especially on the preponderating influence which he attributes to the pivotal province of Quebec.

All considered, therefore, the new Act is an immense gain, and will accomplish much good. Its very existence will have a powerful deterrent effect, and it can be improved as the need is demonstrated. This is doubtless not the last time we shall be applying for legislation at Ottawa. We shall not ask needlessly, nor for anything unreasonable, and the success attending the recent effort shows that anything in reason can be obtained where public opinion demands.

I desire for myself and for my colleague, Mr. R. U. McPherson, LL.B., and for all the members of the L.D.A., to express our grateful appreciation of the personal kindness shown and the practical aid given us by our public men in general at Ottawa. This applies with few exceptions to the members of Parliament, and to many members of the Senate on both sides of politics, and it applies especially to the members of the government, with whom

naturally and necessarily we had much more to do than with leaders of the opposition. It is highly probable that such a law could not have been passed had it been other than a government measure, and it is doubtful if the government would or could have successfully carried it through parliament under any but a French-Canadian premier, and that therefore those who appreciate the Lord's Day Act, and the country in general, are put under a lasting debt of gratitude to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

"United Canada" has been scattering broadcast its issue of July 7th, probably because it contains an article with double-column heading, "The Jesuit Order and Institutions in Canada—Coming Conclave to elect a General." We trust none of our readers who may receive this special number will be foolish enough to believe any of the statements contained in this article. It is marked "Special to United Canada," but the only things in it that are not a rehash of the wild rumors published several weeks ago by the American non-Catholic papers are (1) a short prefatory note of fulsome but inaccurate praise of the Jesuits, and (2) a list of "the names and location of the members of the Jesuit Order in Canada." This list is extraordinarily faulty even for "United Canada," that so-called Catholic paper which never can state a Catholic doctrine correctly, nor produce a grammatical English sentence, and which seldom spells any proper name, except the simplest, in the proper way. In the first place the list is astoundingly incomplete. It contains only 51 names; there are 286 Jesuits in Canada, and, even eliminating those who are not priests, there still remain 151 Jesuit priests, almost three times as many as "United Canada's" list gives. Secondly, that list contains several names unknown to the Society of Jesus in Canada, such as Born, Brewer and John. Thirdly, three well-known, but dead Jesuits, Fathers Baxter, Hamon and Eug. Schmidt appear in that list. Fourthly, several Jesuits are mentioned by their Christian names alone, a practice altogether unrecognized in the Society of Jesus. Fifthly, several names are misspelled. Among the most notable omissions is that of the Rector of St. Boniface College and more than half of his distinguished staff of professors. The whole thing looks like a huge but very silly joke. It is hard to imagine how any Catholic, having access to the Catholic directory, could have palmed off so faulty a list, even upon the unsuspecting and ignorant John D. Grace.

We are often asked for a brief statement of Manitoba's immigration advantages, and of course we usually refer such inquiries to the nearest immigration agent. Occasionally some of the inquirers express their surprise that we do not keep a supply of immigration literature for gratuitous distribution. To all such we beg to say that they can get gratis the best information in the most condensed form by dropping a card to J. J. Golden, 617 Main St., Winnipeg; J. F. Tennant, Gretna, Man.; James Hartney, 77 York St., Toronto; or Hon. A. A. C. LaRiviere, 22 Alliance Building, Place d'Armes, Montreal. The most recent pamphlets are "Province of Manitoba," Nos. 1 and 2; No. 3 is promised shortly. When No. 1 appeared last March the "Free Press," despite its political bias against the Roblin Government, could not help speaking of it as "an elegant brochure," and adding that "information of great advantage to incoming settlers and homeseekers is given, soil, cost of cultivation, climate and crops being adequately treated. The facts and figures of the harvesting of all grains for 1905 are given from the annual report of the department, and it will be possible to check up the accuracy of the figures when the Dominion census is taken next summer." As soon as the results of this census appear it will be interesting to make the comparison. These pamphlets are neat and handy for the pocket, and copiously illustrated. They reflect great credit on their author who does not wish his name to appear. All we can say about

him is that his name has often figured to great advantage in these columns and has been mentioned a few lines above.

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Persons and Facts

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joined together, let no man put asunder?"

The St. Louis "Western Watchman" pays the following beautiful tribute to the late Monsignor, pastor of the Church of St. John of Nepomuk (Nepomucene), St. Louis.

The Bohemians of the United States are in mourning. A pillar of their faith and nationality has fallen in the death of Father Hessoun. He was a very great man, and his greatness was not confined to any one line of the priestly calling. He came to this city forty years ago, and found his people scattered like sheep without a shepherd. He set to work to gather them together in one section of the city, and to erect for them homes, schools and a church. By patient and persevering efforts he succeeded in building up one of the most successful parishes in the country; has a fine church, superb schools, convents for the teaching nuns, and a thoroughly organized and devoted people. When the cyclone a few years ago leveled the stately edifices erected by his zeal, he never for a moment lost heart; but set about rebuilding on the old foundations. None but a man of God would have undertaken the task, and only a man who possessed to the fullest extent the love and confidence his people could have successfully carried it out.

Father Hessoun was not a man of one city or one diocese. His countrymen in all parts of the United States shared his fatherly solicitude. He was a tower of strength to the Bohemians everywhere. He established a Bohemian paper, and in its columns week after week he encouraged his countrymen to remain true to faith and fatherland. St. Louis was the spiritual capital of the Bohemians of the United States, and Father Hessoun was their guide, philosopher and friend. His name was a watchword, and his life an inspiration. It is difficult to measure the worth and greatness of such a man; and the most we can say of him is that he did God's work faithfully and well, and did it to the end. The clergy of St. Louis placed a wreath of love and reverence upon his honored grave. May he rest in peace.

The "Morning Post" of Monday last says:—"The Right Rev. Thomas E. Wilkinson, Bishop of North and Central Europe, officiated on Saturday at the laying of the foundation-stone of the new British church at Antwerp. Sir Arthur Hardinge, the British Minister in Brussels, performed the ceremony." "This is indeed," writes a correspondent "a prelate of vast authority. What has become of all the Bishops of those ancient Sees in North and Central Europe?"—Catholic Times, June 29th.

Pius X. has accepted from Lady Butler a copy of her "Letters from the Holy Land," published a little while ago and illustrated by her own drawings, the original of which are in her exhibition in Pall Mall. The Pope sends in return a blessing "from his heart." He received the giver in audience during an Easter visit to Rome. The "Letters" were addressed by Lady Butler to her mother during a recent visit to the Holy Land with her husband, Sir William Butler.

Exquisite flowers, most of them from Arundel, and arranged on the staircase, in the mirrored ballroom, and the suite of beautiful reception rooms, made, says the London "Daily Chronicle," a feature of the dinner-dance given on Friday night by the Duchess of Norfolk, the first that has been given for many years in Norfolk House. The Duchess of Norfolk wore a double fillet of diamonds and turquoises crossing her coiffure, and stars of diamonds glittered on the corsage of her brocaded robe. The

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Dowager Lady Bute came with Lady Margaret Crichton Stuart. Lord Bute escorted Lady Bute, who wore a white dress, and his brother, Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, accompanied his Irish bride of the previous week. Lord and Lady Herries, parents of the hostess, were present, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Eric Drummond. Lord and Lady Loudoun, Lady Howard of Glossop, and Mr. Bernard Fitzalan Howard were also among the guests; while Lady Molly Fielding, an interesting debutante arrived with her parents, Lord and Lady Denbigh, and Lord Fielding. Lady Encombe and her sisters, the Misses Muriel and Margaret Fraser, were accompanied by Lord Lovat, their brother, and the Duke of Norfolk's three sisters, Lady May Howard, Lady Anne Kerr, and Lady Philippa Stewart, were included among the dinner guests.

The following decision of the Sacred Congregation of Rites sets the seal of approval on a time-honored custom. The question proposed was:—

In girls' boarding schools when the chaplain is saying Mass, may one of the girls or nuns serve outside the altar rails, or at a distance from the altar, as it is not easy to get another server?

Yes, in this case, and from necessity (S. Cong. Rites, 18th March, 1899).

Mrs. Elizabeth Townhend Meagher, widow of Brigadier General Thomas Francis Meagher, died in Rye, N.Y., on Thursday, July 5th, aged 76 years. The funeral took place at St. Francis Xavier's Church, New York City, on the following Saturday. The honorary pall-bearers included six of General Meagher's subordinates in the Irish Brigade during the Civil War. Mrs. Meagher was a convert, having entered the Church when a young girl.

Rev. Father Kostorz said Mass last Sunday in Mr. Dalton's cottage at Winnipeg Beach. There were twenty Catholics present and there would have been many more had they known in time. There will be Mass again there next Sunday.

Mr. T. D. Deegan is now, we are happy to say, able to attend to his business. He is particularly pleased at the recent arrival of his wife, who returned from the South with her sister, Miss Swindell, of Bambridge, Georgia. They have taken up their residence at 47 Furby Street.

Workmen are now digging out for the foundation of the new St. Joseph's Orphanage on Portage Ave. west.

The addition of new storeys to the north wing of St. Boniface Hospital is almost complete. This makes the whole building, except the central portion, of uniform height.

It is rather suggestive to note, says the "Catholic Universe," that the three women essayists who are generally recognized as the writers of the best English in contemporary literature—Alice Meynell, Louise Imogen Guiney and Agnes Rapplier—are all Catholics and the products of convent schools.

GRADUATION OF ST. BONIFACE HOSPITAL NURSES.

There was a large gathering of friends, relatives and others, at the St. Boniface Hospital on July 19th, to witness the distribution of gold and silver medals and diplomas to the successful graduate nurses who had completed their two and a half years' course of instruction at the training school there. His Grace Archbishop Langevin, was to have taken the chair, but being unable to be present, the Rev. Father Cherrier, rector of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, officiated in his stead. He was supported by Chief Justice Dubuc, Monsignor Dugas, Rev. Father Jose Mossier, Drs. Good, Lambert, Slater, Peatman, McKenty and Burns, members of the medical staff of St. Boniface Hospital. The exercises took place on the lawn, in front of the hospital, where the successful graduates together with their companions (who have not yet completed their term), to the number of nearly fifty, were seated facing the chairman and his party. There were six lady graduates who received their diplomas, namely, Misses Martha Morkin, Lena McCann, Alice Leeny, Ella McGuire, Catherine Kelly, May Anderson. Miss Martha Morkin also received the gold medal, presented for general proficiency, and Misses Alice Leeny and Ella McGuire having tied for second place, each received a silver medal for proficiency.

Before the chairman called on each graduate to come forward and receive her well earned reward, he addressed a few words of congratulation to each, and at the same time took the opportunity of thanking the faculty of the institution for their great services rendered to his nephew, who had recently been a patient at the hospital, but who was now able to walk again. Continuing, the chairman remarked that the lives of the graduates whilst studying for their profession were not all comfort and ease. Their work had been very severe and arduous, but now they were about to receive their rewards and he anticipated a great future for each of them.

The diplomas and medals were then presented, and each young lady also received a beautiful bouquet of cut flowers.

Drs. Good, Lambert, J. McKenty, Peatman, and Burns also addressed the assembly, after which a lawn social was held. It was a most enjoyable function. The Norwood band, under the conductorship of Mr. Derby, was in attendance and played several selections, which greatly added to the evening's enjoyment.—Free Press, July 10.

The suggestive and immoral show bill is soon to be a thing of the past in Cincinnati. The Cincinnati Bill Posting company has announced that it will not handle the demoralizing posters after August 1. The National Organization of Posters and Bill Distributors, at its convention in Detroit, put the ban on the obnoxious sheets, and the local body has settled the matter as far as it is concerned.