

## CURRENT COMMENT

Justice Dubuc is now Chief Justice of Manitoba, his appointment was made on the 8th inst. Whilst extending our most sincere congratulations to the new chief justice of Manitoba we feel that honor is simply given to whom honor is due. Why our local press has not said more about this elevation is a cause of surprise to us, except perhaps that Justice Dubuc, being a French-Canadian, our English citizens can ill bear that such a high position become the lot of a French Canadian. Still it must be admitted that from all points of view no better appointment could be made. Besides that, Chief Justice Dubuc speaks both English and French, and is the personification of the righteous man, his learning and long years of experience on the bench make him most fitted for the elevated position which he is now called upon to fill.

Judge Dubuc was born at St. Martine, P.Q., Dec. 26, 1840; made his classical studies at Montreal College, and graduated B.C.L. at McGill University, 1869. In 1870 he took up his residence in Manitoba, and was here called to the bar in 1871. From Dec. 1870, when he was returned to the first Legislature of Manitoba, he continued to hold a seat in that body until 1878, when he was returned by acclamation to the House of Commons for Provencher. After occupying various positions of honor and confidence, either as a politician, an educationist or a jurist, he was appointed a puisne judge of the Court of Q. B. Man., Nov. 13, 1879. He had become a member of the Council of Manitoba University since its foundation, 1877, and has been its Chancellor ever since 1888.

In religion a Roman Catholic, he married, June, 1872, Maria Anna, third daughter of the late H. B. Henault, of St. Cuthbert, P.Q., and was made by her the father of a large family of both sons and daughters. Some of these are already occupying promising positions as lawyers or doctors, the rest will no doubt come to the front also as years permit them to do so. Two of the daughters are married, and well to do at this. The College of St. Boniface boasts of having given a classical training with B.A.'s to four of the sons, whilst the Grey Nuns and the Sisters of the Holy Names share the glory of the educational formation of the daughters.

May the Hon. Chief Justice and Madam Dubuc live many more years to enjoy the glory of the high honor bestowed upon them by the latest appointment of Justice Dubuc, and the happiness of being surrounded by a large family of children, the union and high behaviour of whom constitute the most precious crown of their matrimonial union.

### OBITUARY.

#### Death of Mgr. I. Clut, O.M.I.

(Translated from Les Cloches of St. Boniface.)

It was only the 29th of July that the following note was received by His Grace—

"Mission of St. Bernard, Lesser Slave Lake, 9th July, 1903.

"Your Grace,—This morning at 4.30, Mgr. Clut breathed his last. He was sick only fifteen days.

"Yours truly,  
"A. Desmarais, O.M.I."

The sad intelligence conveyed by the newspapers is but too certain, and the shortness of the above note gives us to understand the deep grief which that unexpected demise has created among our dear missionary Fathers of St. Bernard. The many friends and benefactors of the dear departed bishop will share with us in that great sorrow, but they will find consolation in the thought that they have one more friend and protector near the throne of God.

The apostolic labors of the lamented prelate could fill many interesting volumes, and there are such narratives of hardship during voyages in the far north, particularly in Alaska, that would seem to pertain more to the domain of

legends than to real facts for those that have not, as we did, heard them from the lips of the great missionary himself, who died an auxiliary bishop of Mgr. Grouard, and bishop "in partibus" of Arindel.

All who have known him have learned also to love that kind and meek aged bishop, with his gleaming countenance encircled by locks of white hair, with manners so dignified and amiable at the same time, devoted to heroism in his increasing preaching in behalf of his missions, mingling his appealing words with such an accent of sincerity that all hearts were moved and purses wide opened to give him the required alms.

Mgr. Clut has assuredly been one of the most illustrious apostles of the Indians of North America. Born in 1832 at Rambert, diocese of Valence, France, Br. Clut came to St. Boniface in 1857, in the beginning of August, as a brother scholastic subdeacon.

Mgr. Clut was therefore 71 years of age when he died. He had labored 46 years in the Canadian West. It was Mgr. Tache who ordained Father Clut, the 20th of Dec., 1857, in the cathedral of St. Boniface. That was his first ordination.

Before being consecrated a bishop in 1867, Father Clut had been a missionary at the mission of Our Lady of the Seven Dolours (Fond du lac, Athabaska), which became to him a footstool to ascend to episcopacy, since many other Oblate Bishops had had charge of the same mission before being called to the episcopal consecration.

May the good Master receive him in the mansions of bliss, where light and peace shall be the reward of him who has labored so perseveringly for the glory of God in the most difficult missions of the world during nearly half a century. R.I.P.

We are sorry to have to record the rather sudden death of Frank J. Connell, which occurred on the 9th inst., at Kalispell, Montana. Mr. Connell was born in 1848, at Bathurst, N.B. He had been at one time a contractor in Manitoba, but of late years had worked out West, whilst his family remained in Winnipeg. It was a painful shock for Mrs. Connell and her three daughters to receive the sad intelligence, as a letter, written not long ago by Mr. Connell had conveyed fairly good news of him. Even as we are writing this obituary we are informed that another short note written on the 6th inst., which reached Mrs. Connell after the telegram announcing the death of her husband, contained most pleasing news regarding Mr. Connell's health. But this is a proof among thousands that we know neither the hour nor the day when the supreme call may come. Happily Mr. Connell was too sincere and earnest a Christian to neglect his religious duties; he may have been called at the unexpected hour, but we hope not unprepared.

The body will be brought to Winnipeg for interment and the funeral service will take place at the Immaculate Conception church at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday, the 16th inst. As Mr. Connell was a member in good standing of Branch 163 of the C.M. B.A., his brother members will attend in a body. The members of the sister branches of Winnipeg and St. Boniface are requested to take part in the funeral procession.

The Review extends its sincerest sympathy to the bereaved widow and daughters.

#### STE. ROSE DU LAC.

On Friday evening, as she was sitting on her door-step, Mrs. Marshall, wife of our counsellor, Mr. J. Marshall, suddenly fell across her threshold. Mr. Marshall ran to her assistance, but when he reached her she was already dead, or he thought so, he rushed from the house, calling for assistance. Mr. H. Houde immediately ran for the priest, who hurried to the spot. She was still lying where she had fallen, he stooped down and put his hand over her heart. He thought he still felt some slight movement, so he gave her conditional absolution. Such a sudden death without a moment for preparation was very sad indeed, but the family have the consolation of knowing that she was always a good Christian, who went regularly to her duties, and was a devoted wife and mother.

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Mrs. Marshall had been suffering for years from heart disease.

The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Four of her sons bore the coffin, and the fifth, accompanied by his father, walked just behind in quality of chief mourners. The funeral was largely attended, if we take into consideration the inconvenient hour at which it was held, for it was impossible for people who lived at a distance from church to return in time.

The funeral service was sung by Father Hogue on the following morning at nine o'clock. Everybody made an effort to be there, which resulted in nearly all the families of the place being represented.

Mrs. Marshall's death plunges Ste. Rose into mourning, for a great many of the inhabitants were related to her. We all feel deep sympathy for the family in their great loss. May she rest in peace.

Father Hogue, who was recently ordained in St. Boniface Cathedral, has been spending the last week at Ste. Rose. He has been replacing Father Lecoq, who is away. Father Hogue has gone to Makinak, where he will stay for about a month during Father Beauregard's absence. Father Beauregard has gone to Montreal to see his mother, who is dangerously ill. Father Bastien returned from the retreat on Monday and he will serve Ste. Rose as well as Ste. Amelie until Father Lecoq returns.

This recent wet weather is interfering with haying, if it continues most of the campers will have to come home. The rain and dull weather are also bad for the crops. We hope it will soon clear off and be fine again.

The Rev. A. Bouregard, who has not yet seen his aged mother since he was ordained a priest at Lorette, is gone to the Province of Quebec to accomplish a duty of filial love. He will be away about one month.

The Rev. Father Campeau, of St. Eustache, has his hands quite full just at present, as he has to superintend the construction of two churches, and a convent school besides. He is a pushing and energetic builder, his success in the past is a guarantee of the success of his present undertakings.

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