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CORNER STONE LAID.

INTERESTING CEREMONY AT VANCOUVER.

HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP LANGEVIN BLESSED THE STONE AND LAID AWAY OFFICIAL RECORDS AT THE NEW CHURCH—A LARGE ATTENDANCE AND IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

The laying of the corner stone of the new Roman Catholic church of Our Lady of the Rosary took place yesterday afternoon. It was an event in the history of the congregation that will long be remembered by the adherents of the church. The large number of members of other denominations who attended the ceremonies showed what general interest was taken in the erection of the new church, which will be one of the largest and handsomest in the Dominion. Close on 1,000 people witnessed the ceremony and listened to the eloquent words of His Grace Archbishop Langevin, who was present with several other distinguished personages to perform the ceremony. Most of those present naturally were compelled to stand, but the function was not unduly protracted.

It was a busy day for the officiating priests. Beginning at 5 o'clock, three masses were said in the early morning, and these were followed by other ceremonies in connection with the event of the afternoon. At 10:30 o'clock, pontifical high mass was celebrated by the Archbishop and Bishop Dontenville.

By 8 o'clock in the afternoon the church building was crowded and when the clergy entered every corner of the four rising walls of the building was occupied. His Grace, the Most Reverend A. Langevin, O.M.I., D.D., Archbishop of St. Boniface, led the service, and the assisting clergy included His Lordship Right Rev. Bishop Dontenville, O.M.I., D.D.; Rev. Father Langevin, of Montreal, brother of the Archbishop; Rev. Father Thérien, also of Montreal; Rev. Father Cloutier, of St. Boniface; Rev. Father McGuckin, O.M.I., D.D., pastor of the Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, and his two assistants, Rev. Fathers J. J. Whalen, O.M.I.; and W. B. Whalen, O.M.I. Many prominent citizens occupied seats near the pulpit, including Lieut. Col. Worsnop, Consul Johann Wulfsohn, Dr. Carroll, Consul J. McQuillan, C. E. Tisdall, M.P.P., Ald. Wood, F. X. Martin, J. D. Byrne, A. Morris, J. Fletcher and others.

As the clergymen took their seats, the Squamish Indian band played a selection, which was followed by one from the boys of St. Mary's mission.

In the introductory remarks of his sermon, Archbishop Langevin referred to the symbolic meaning and intention of the various parts of the ceremony, the sprinkling of blessed water and the recitation of psalms. The blessing of God would be asked on the building and on the peo-

ple gathered there, as well as particularly on the corner stone. Their help was in the name of the Lord. Others might have their wealth, nations might glory in the number of their soldiers or the grandeur of their institutions, but it was in the name of the Lord that they would ask for the corner stone to be blessed. With this consecration, the church must be a divine church, he continued. It would be bold mockery, it would be supreme folly, and a profanation of sacred things if the ceremony were a mere form and without any reality of belief. The church of Christ was universal and was really Catholic in the reach of its saintly influence. Some there were who misunderstood the Catholic Church; they blasphemed and ignored it, and not understanding what they said they were to be pitied rather than condemned. If they knew the truth and faith of the Church they would never sneer at it. Catholics never felt like going out against other people, for they were bound in conscience to keep fraternal love for all who called themselves Christians. They were not waging war against men, but against the spirits of darkness and error. There were some who thought only of momentary pleasures. Let us fight against the spirit of exaggerated comfort, and think of things that are of the eternal.

The various ritualistic ceremonies, referred to by His Grace, were then carried out. The walls of the church were sprinkled with holy water, by the procession of priests, as they marched around the building. Then the corner stone, at the northeast corner of the building was formally laid, the stone having first been blessed by the Archbishop. The stone weighed about seven tons, but it was expeditiously put into place without accident. In the stone was placed the following parchment manuscript:

This corner stone of the Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary was laid Sunday, July 16, 1899, by His Grace Most Reverend A. Langevin, O.M.I., Bishop of St. Boniface, in the presence of Right Reverend A. Dontenville, O.M.I., Bishop of New Westminster; His Worship J. F. Garden, Mayor of the city of Vancouver, a large number of clergy and a vast concourse of people, in the 22nd year of the pontificate of our Holy Father Pope Leo XIII., and in the 63rd year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria; His Excellency the Earl of Minto being Governor General of Canada; His Grace Most Reverend A. Langevin, O.M.I., being Metropolitan of the ecclesiastical province of St. Boniface; His Honor Thos. R. McInnes being Lieutenant-Governor of the province of British Columbia; His Lordship Right Reverend A. Dontenville, O.M.I., being Bishop of the diocese of New Westminster; the Very Rev. Cassien Augier, O.M.I., being Superior-General of the Congregation of Oblates of Mary Immaculate; His Worship J. F. Garden being Mayor of the city of Vancouver; the Rev. J. M. McGuckin, O.M.I., D.D., being pastor of the congregation of the Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, with Rev. Fathers John I. Whalen, O.M.I., and William B. Whalen, O.M.I., as assistants; Messrs T. E. Julian and H. J. Williams being the architects of

the church, and Messrs. R. P. Forshaw & Company being the contractors.

(The above written on parchment was placed in the stone, with two coins made from metal of the S.S. Beaver, which were kindly donated by Mr. C. W. McCain; one coin of each denomination of the Canadian currency, copies of the Daily World, the News-Advertiser and the Province, and photos of the plans of the building.)

ADDRESS PRESENTED.

When the clergy had resumed their seats, an address was presented to His Grace Archbishop Langevin by the congregation. It was read by Walter W. Walsh, secretary, as follows:

To His Grace Most Reverend A. Langevin, O.M.I., Archbishop of St. Boniface, Man.

May it please Your Grace: It is with feelings of the most affectionate regard that we, the Catholics of Vancouver, address Your Grace on this auspicious occasion. We look upon your presence in our midst to-day as a sign of the particular interest you take in this western province of our fair Dominion.

During this visit Your Grace will doubtless remark many evidences of the material advancement which our city has made since your former visit nearly two years ago; and the happy event which we celebrate to-day will assure Your Grace that in the midst of material prosperity the higher things are not forgotten. It is fitting that in this city, which is to become a great emporium of commerce, a vast mart of industrial activity, there should be striking evidences of the Christian faith which governs and directs the lives of our population. We take some pride in thinking that among the many splendid buildings which adorn our city none will surpass either in solidity or in beauty the church which a Catholic people are building for the worship of God and the honor of the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

We cannot omit to recall on this occasion—what we know will be a source of pleasure to Your Grace—the cordial spirit of good-will and of mutual Christian charity which exists between the Catholics of this city and their non-Catholic fellow-citizens.

In conclusion, we beg to express our most loyal attachment to our Holy Faith and our affection for the person of Your Grace; and to assure Your Grace of our entire devotedness to our ecclesiastical superiors.

Signed on behalf of the congregation of the Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.

F. X. MARTIN,
JOHN FLETCHER,
JOHN R. TACEY,
J. C. RANCH,
FRANK KOLONOSKIE,
W. W. WALSH,

Secretary of the Committee.
Vancouver, July 16, 1899.

In reply Archbishop Langevin thanked the Catholics of Vancouver and congratulated them in connection with the building that they had not only a sincere, but a lively faith. It was evidenced in things material as well as supernatural. Vancouver was the coming commercial emporium, and he was glad to see them occupying such an important place in the history of the city. It was said that the wise men came from the east,

but he believed that they had a concentration of these important qualities, the wisdom of the east and the energy of the west. He believed that Vancouver was to become a city second to none in Canada; and why not, with her activity and wisdom? "We in Canada are a little slow sometimes," smiled the Archbishop, "but I believe that if you risk nothing you get nothing. The new building," he continued, "was not only for the Catholics, but was a credit to the whole city. It was a public monument on which the people deserved congratulation. He was glad to see, too, that the work had been taken up in connection with the Oblates, who had begun in Montreal and come to Winnipeg, which, he thought, being in the middle of Canada, was a most fitting place for the standard of virtue. Wherever the Oblates went they did the work of God. Archbishop Langevin spoke in loving terms of the late Bishop Durieu, who died a short time ago. He extended his congratulations in connection with the new building to Bishop Dontenville, and Father Superior McGuckin, and was sure their efforts would be crowned with success. He hoped that when the dedication ceremonies came around they could pour on the little bit of oil that meant that the building was free from debt. He hoped that the people would not cease to help the good will of the priest. He asked for a blessing on all present, members of the church as well as those belonging to other denominations in the city.

At the conclusion of the exercises, many of those present were presented to His Grace.

THE NEW CHURCH.

The new church will be the largest west of Toronto. When completed it will cost little less than \$100,000, and it will be finished and furnished throughout in the most complete manner possible. The main entrance is on Dunsmuir street, opposite the Homer street Methodist church. The building will be almost entirely of stone. It will have a very handsome tower 190 feet high, and a turret, which will be 120 feet high. From the floor to the ceiling of the interior of the church will be 72 feet, and there will be a handsome loft provided for the choir, and a practice room 24 feet long and 20 feet high. In the tower there will be a set of chimes, numbering six bells, while the gallery is so laid that separate services can be held in it. The whole building will be magnificently furnished and will rank among the most elegantly designed structures on the continent. Already a considerable portion of the funds in connection with the erection of the building have been raised and yesterday the congregation showed their appreciation of the plan of the work by making a large subscription. As the Archbishop remarked, the new church will not only a credit to the credit to the congregation, but an ornament to the city, and a valuable acquisition to the beauty of her buildings.

The Grey Nuns celebrated, on the 30th ult., last Sunday, the nineteenth anniversary of the solemn and definitive approval of their rules by the Pope. The Very Rev. Vicar General Dugas presided at a Te Deum, followed by Benediction, at 5 p.m.

THE CASE OF DR. ZAHM.

In view of the fact that a commission of Cardinals is engaged in examining the book, the author of "Evolution and Dogma" has withdrawn it from circulation. This work, which appeared a few years ago, has been subjected to severe criticism because of Father Zahm's attitude on the subject of evolution. He was honored by the Pope a few years ago with the degree of Ph. D. in recognition of his scientific attainments. He proclaims himself as vigorous an Ultramontaine in questions of faith and morals as the most radical of his critics. All the same, he declares, significantly enough, that every eminent man of science throughout Europe is in sympathy with his views, and that the coming century will not be very old "before nine out of every ten thinkers will be evolutionists as opposed to believers in special creation." This looks like another case of "E pur si muove."

The wonder is that the case of Dr. Zahm was not taken up long before this. Père Leroy, a French Dominican, was invited to retract his views on the subject of evolution as relating to the body of man and stopped the sale of his book as far back as 1895. Last October the Bishop of Cremona, who is known as the "Archbishop Ireland of Italy," felt obliged to explain at length why he added a synopsis of Dr. Zahm's views by way of appendix to a work of his own and promised to eliminate said appendix in the next edition of that work. It is interesting to hear from the Bishop's letter, that the Italian version of Dr. Zahm's book was published with episcopal sanction at Siena.

Apropos of Dr. Zahm's experiences, the Independent reads its Catholic brethren a brief lecture about the unwisdom of suppressing liberty of thought and discussion. "It is the denial of this liberty which more than anything else discredits the Catholic Church. It is the enjoyment of this liberty which marks the growing supremacy of Protestantism," and the Church can have a future only so far as she fall in with the spirit of the age." These remarks call for some comment. The Church as the divinely appointed custodian and teacher of revealed truth must at times, in the fulfilment of her office, call a halt when scientific speculation appears to run counter to the doctrine of faith. Why this tends to her discredit is not too grossly obvious. "The growing supremacy of Protestantism"!!! We prefer to hold with Mallock that Protestantism is fast evaporating into a religion of dreams. If the Independent had spoken about the growing supremacy of Rationalism there would be more truth and point in the remark.—Providence Visitor.

A STRONG TESTIMONIAL.

He had bought a cheap typewriter,
And soon the makers wrote
For a little testimonial,
So he rattled off this note:
"Dea RS.rs? iT is wiþ p.æas ure
Thta it@ke My pEn inHand
To sho wyon wht a tRe@su re
Yonr type? writre is "It,s
gr&nd!"