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New Postal Regulations BETWEEN CANADA & UNITED STATES

At a conference recently held at Washington between postal representatives of the United States and Canada, the postage on newspapers passing from Canada to the States was not only increased to sixteen times the former rate, but it was decided to make Canadian publishers affix stamps to the papers instead of paying on bulk weight as formerly. This necessitates an increase in the subscription price of THE TRUE WITNESS to subscribers in the United States to \$1.50 instead of \$1.00 per year, as at present.

Our friends in the United States will kindly take notice when sending subscriptions and renewals.

THE CATHOLIC PRESS.

The Catholic Citizen compiles a table showing the status of the Catholic press of the United States. The figures show a total of 288 Catholic publications in the United States, of which 200 are in English and 88 in foreign tongues.

Of the 88 publications in foreign tongues, 45 are in German, 15 in French, 12 in Polish, and 24 in other languages, including Bohemian, Slovenic, Dutch, Italian, Spanish and Indian. At least a third of the publications in foreign tongues (a dozen of which are dailies, although here classified as weeklies), are national rather than strictly Catholic papers. Among the strictly Catholic papers are a dozen influential German Catholic weeklies.

ENGLAND INSULTING CATHOLICS.

The old anti-Catholic prejudice which has held England for a long time crops out now and then. In the House of Commons last week a motion was carried allowing the introduction of a bill for the appointment of a commission to inquire into the need of inspection of monastic and conventual institutions. This is a gratuitous insult to Catholics, implying as it does that Catholic institutions in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales are of such a character as to need the strict supervision of the Government. Mr. Redmond, voicing the sentiment of the Irish Parliamentary Party, vigorously denounced the motion. When it was finally carried he said: "This puts an end to the Liberal alliance, anyhow."

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOREMOST.

At many of the Catholic commencement exercises throughout the country, this week, the speakers dwell on the great advantages to be gained by sending young men and women to Catholic institutions of learning.

There is absolutely nothing to be gained by sending these young people to non-Catholic schools, and there is certainly much lost. In New York City Archbishop Farley characterizes it as an "act of treason" on the part of parents. Our Catholic colleges offer splendid facilities for education, and a young person holding a diploma from one of

them is as well equipped as it is possible to be to fight the battle of life. Catholic parents should not make the grievous mistake of sending their children to non-Catholic educational institutions when a Catholic one is available.

IRELAND DONE WITH SOPHISTRY.

John Redmond, speaking last Sunday at Wexford, on the event of the unveiling of a memorial to the brave Wexfordians who fell at the battle of New Ross in 1798, gave utterance to the following words: "We tell England that we hate her rule as bitterly as did our forefathers when they shed their blood on this spot. We tell her that we are as much rebels to her rule today as our forefathers were in '98. We tell her that she can change that hatred only by granting freedom, and so long as she withholds freedom it will remain merely a question of expediency how and by what means we will strike at the power that holds our country in bondage."

Ireland's sons will never give up the fight for the restoration of Ireland's liberty, and the sooner the English people, and primarily among them Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and Mr. Birrell, realize this, so much the better for England's peace. The Irish people in the home land, as well as all over the world, have been patient to a degree unknown before, but the well-known saying that patience ceases to be a virtue is surely applicable in their case.

Conservative statesmen that he is, the words of Mr. Redmond, above quoted, are fraught with meaning. The Irish in America, always touched to the heart by the suffering of the oppressed, are to a man denouncing the insults heaped upon those at home. They are, if anything, quicker than those in the Green Isle to perceive the hypocrisy and sham of the rulers of England in their dealings with Ireland, and are fast coming to the conclusion that the true solution of the matter may only be found in the suggestion contained in Archbishop Ryan's words—at the great meeting in Philadelphia last week—Repeal of the Union.

O'Connell sounded the real keynote. The cry holds good. Ireland cannot be satisfied with anything short of Grattan's Parliament. The veto of Westminster can no longer be tolerated.

Whatever the outcome be, under Divine Providence, the die is now cast. No longer will the present Liberal party have the support of the Irish representatives. Unless it flings overboard its Jonahs, it will go to wreck. We may look for some stringent chapters of history in a very brief time.

TWO EMINENT JOURNALISTS.

The presence of such a speaker as Charles Emory Smith, the celebrated editor of the Philadelphia Press, at the great Irish meeting of protest in that city, gave the demonstration a semi-authoritative endorsement. Mr. Smith, in his speech, said:

"I am here to say that you are right in your protest against misrule and to bid you Godspeed in your purpose to render all legitimate aid to your compatriots in securing the full right and privilege of self-government. I am here to say, so far as it is proper for one of another nationality to say, that you are right in objecting to the feeble and halting Irish bill brought forward by the present Ministry and in declaring that the controlling principle of Irish Party policy will be to act most effectively to obtain a complete measure of Home Rule. In making this assertion, I appeal for justification to the highest English authorities. I appeal to the greatest Englishmen of the past century, whose unequalled majesty of eloquence and amplitude of statesmanship and serene moral grandeur lifted him above all his associates, who crowned an unmatchable career by consecrating the later years of his long and remarkable life and all his wonderful powers of intellect to the noblest effort for justice to a race—I appeal to the shade of the immortal Gladstone. I appeal to those most eminent and worthy of the living statesmen of England whom Americans are wont to trust and honor."

And also from Mr. Hugh Sutherland, editor of the Philadelphia North-American:

"From the columns of jeering British journals we learn that the Irish cause has suffered an overwhelming defeat. Let them think so. Let them take what comfort they can from the blunderings of an incompetent ministry and the scornful rejection of a preposterous bill. Why, Irish hopes have been bred on defeat for seven centuries, and Irish loyalty has been nurtured upon countless disappointments. Each time they have been struck down by betrayal they have sprung up anew, stronger than before."

Home Rule for Ireland is as certain as the rising of to-morrow's sun. The cause which has endured for seven hundred years cannot be overthrown by a trifling check. It

is no longer a question of argument but of expediency and the conjunction of favorable conditions.

ENGLISH CATHOLIC MISSION.

In another column will be seen an appeal for funds for a mission in Fakenham, England. The need is urgent, for as the priest in charge, Rev. H. W. Gray, says: "The church is sadly needed, for at present I am obliged to say Mass and give benediction in a garret. My average weekly collection is only 3s 6d, and I have no endowment except hope." We who worship in magnificent temples, with every spiritual privilege ours to command, may not be able to readily appreciate the pitiful condition of the good priest who appeals. However, hope seems to be his guiding star. Such is the faith of the priest of God in the divine help which is frequently his sole consolation. Many of our readers who have enough and to spare will, we feel confident, stretch forth a helping hand to Father Gray, who will remember all benefactors in the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

"DOCTOR" SPROULE ON 'THE COAST.

The only "Dr." Sproule broke loose in Vancouver a few days since and told his listeners lots of things about the Pope and some Canadian statesmen, including Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

This Orange mountebank in effect told his hearers that Canadian political affairs were dictated from Rome. We presume there are some who take Sproule seriously, but they must be shallow-pated. For the life of us we cannot imagine any intelligent person being edified with his aberrations. This man has been going up and down Ontario for years heaping abuse and calumny on Catholic citizens, but the net result has been to thoroughly disgust all fair-minded people with himself and the organization to which he is accredited. And from a political viewpoint he must be a Burchard of the worst and most damaging type. Surely the party harboring him must have an immense load to carry. But we should be as charitable as possible with Sproule. He is suffering with the same incurable malady that affects "Col." Hughes. Our future Websters may define "Sprouleing" as idiotic drooling.

MARRIAGES, DIVORCES, ETC.

The growing and most deplorable of our modern evils is that of divorce. Many Protestant ministers of the Gospel nowadays care very little for the conditions. The fee is usually paramount, and very little inquiry, if any, is undertaken when the application is made for the marriage service. Under our social system marriages are most recklessly entered into and ceremonies are the merest mockeries.

The unalterable position of the Catholic Church is well known by all intelligent people, and recent signs would point that all the leading religious denominations were at last becoming sane on the question. Many of them are advocating rules along the lines of those in the Catholic Church.

We pointed out last week that the census instituted by President Roosevelt, and now in progress, was showing startling results. The outcome will, no doubt, be the enactment of most stringent laws. This must be resorted to if the social fabric is not to be totally degraded. In many of the commonwealths of the United States marriages and divorces have sunk to a "sale and barter" condition.

A lesson might be taken from the Mexicans with profit. A prominent writer speaking of marriages in Mexico, tells us in the following extract what they think of divorces. He says:

"The divorce laws now in force in the United States have been severely and repeatedly criticized in private by both men and women of the higher classes in this country, on the ground that man and woman, once united in matrimony, ought never to separate. 'The theory is so deeply rooted in their minds to permit a man or a woman to resort to the court of divorce in Mexico, but it is never adhered to as a principle; it is simply a question of self-respect. The separation of husband and wife excludes both from high society, and even their sons and daughters are made to feel the effects of public scorn; sometimes it bars the sons and daughters from matrimony, while social intercourse becomes impossible for the divorced husband and wife.'"

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

At Joliet, on the 28th and 29th of the present month, will be celebrated the 25th anniversary of the priesthood of His Lordship Bishop Archambault.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The brilliant young governor of the State of Kentucky who has just been nominated for the United States Senate, has made all of the saloons of the State close and stay closed on Sunday. Beckham had scarcely reached the age limit when he was nominated for governor of the "Blue Grass" State, but he has shown backbone, principle and courage through trying administrations.

An influential committee, including eight peers, two Irish Roman Catholic Bishops, and 40 members of Parliament, including Messrs. Wyndham and Long, two ex-Irish secretaries, has been formed to support the Blackhead Bay route in connection with the proposed fast mail service. Both the British and Canadian Ministers are, however, dealing with the project on the subsidy basis alone, leaving the contractors, whoever they may be, to settle ports and routes, subject, of course, to rigorous conditions as to time and equal facilities to all Canadian railways.

Romey Abbey, which is this week celebrating its millennial, was founded by St. Elfelda, and gave shelter to St. Margaret's daughter, Queen Matilda. The men of Romey bought it from Henry VIII., and bequeathed it "to the parish church forever," and it is still a regular place of worship. A great pageant presenting the chief scenes in the history of the place has been planned. The cart, upon which the effigy of the murdered William Rufus will be borne, will be of exactly the same pattern as that used when the Red King's body was brought home from his last hunting, and it will be guided by one Purkess, a lineal descendant of the family which lent the cart to be the monarch's hearse. The town looks almost as old as the Abbey.

The yellow papers of New York are always on the lookout for rot of any description and prey on any unenviable reputation to obtain it. Bont de Castellane, the sporty Parisian who gained a little of this commodity through his marital troubles, and who was promiscuously dumped out of his former wife's mansion on several occasions, is sending letters to these yellows. Bont says: "The time has gone by when, for a few dollars, one could obtain the dissolution of matrimonial ties from the Roman Curia." And there are Catholics in Canada, regardless of the Sunday exclusion law, who experience no trouble in getting and spending the better part of the day pondering over these disreputable sheets.

The Hon. Mr. Aylesworth a few days ago at a public meeting in Ontario denounced in a vigorous manner the attacks made upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the Conservative press on account of his recent visit to the Pope, and he also denounced the language of Dr. Sproule in connection with that incident. The Hon. Mr. Lamoureux delivered a stirring address on the loyalty of the French-Canadians, declaring that they were fully satisfied with the British institutions to which they are perhaps more attached than their English fellow-citizens themselves. The Sproules and Hughes' will prove a boomerang in the end. Individuals of their stamp usually do.

Father Blanchet, of the order of Lazarus, a French missionary now on his way to the Northwest, who left France as a result of the recent troubles over the separation of Church and State, speaking at the St. Jean Baptiste celebration, said that the French from France and French Canadians had a common ancestry, but that those who governed France to-day were not true Frenchmen. "Real France is a country like this one, where people can think as they please," he said.

Father Blanchet said that what had ruined France was its internal dissensions, and its departure from the Roman Catholic faith. "My dear brethren of New France, I exhort you to keep united and remain fast in the faith. In this way you shall be strong. Keep on the road which you have chosen, for it leads to heaven."

President Kearney, of St. Patrick's Society, voiced the feelings of the Irish people of the city for their fellow French citizens, when at the St. Jean Baptiste banquet he said: "I am especially proud and happy to be what I am to-day, because, as a life-long admirer of your race, I love to be in your midst on this occasion to participate in your patriotic function and to express the sincere hope that the French and Irish citizens of this city will ever possess a spirit of unity and goodwill. On behalf of St. Patrick's

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CATHOLIC SAILORS' CONCERT.

Last evening's concert in aid of the Catholic sailors was crowned with success. The entertainment was under the auspices of Dominion Council Knights of Columbus. Mr. Wm. Cochrane occupied the chair. The programme was carried out in a manner which did honor to all taking part. Mention is due to Miss Flossie Lynch, Messrs. Murphy, Asselin, Hennessey, Daly, Morgan, Shearer, Fox and Carey.

The chairman having called upon the Rev. Chaplain for a few words, the Rev. Father Malone, in his usual happy style, spoke most entertainingly concerning the efforts that were being made in favor of the advancement of the Club, and its prospects in the future.

The chairman then announced that next week's concert would be under the management of Miss Goodyear, the lady who has acted as accompanist for this season.

PILGRIMAGE TO LANORAIE.

To-day the pilgrimage of the League of the Sacred Heart is taking place at Lanoraie under the direction of Rev. P. Heffernan. Much success has attended those of previous years, and this year's promises to equal, if not surpass, any other.

PARISH ITEMS.

We are desirous of printing, each week, all items of interest in each English-speaking parish in the city under individual headings for such parishes. This will make the True Witness all the more welcome to our local as well as absent friends. To carry out our purpose it will be essential to have a little co-operation of the clergy, the secretaries of social organizations, etc. Besides this, we would like a regular correspondent in each parish, and we will be pleased to hear from any one wishing to do this work.

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.

A thousand dollars, representing the first instalment of the legacy provided in the will of the late F. B. McNamee, in his life-time president of the Catholic Sailors' Club, has been paid over to that institution by Mrs. McNamee, who is one of the executors of her husband's will.

Keep the Children Well.

Stomach and bowel troubles kill thousands of little ones every year during the hot weather months. Diarrhoea, dysentery and cholera infantum often come without warning, and if prompt aid is not at hand the child may be beyond help in a few hours. If you want to keep your children healthy, rosy and full of life during the hot weather give them an occasional dose of Baby's Own Tablets. This medicine prevents illness by cleansing the stomach and bowels, and cures summer complaints when they come unexpectedly. Every mother should keep these Tablets in the home at all times. Mrs. Robt. Currie, Loring, Ont., says: "Baby's Own Tablets are the best medicine I know of for stomach and bowel troubles." Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

OBITUARY.

LATE MR. W. FITZGERALD.

The funeral of Mr. William Fitzgerald took place yesterday morning from the family residence, 145 Roper street, to St. Gabriel Church and thence to Cote des Neiges Cemetery.

Minister of Labor Congratulate Arbitrator

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The Little Yellow Sheet of Hill.

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There are others. Listed from the Eastern Ontario published by one H. Carl J. miraculous hog is said to have discovered recently near Ridge of a Sacred Heart is to be visible are worshipers. Here is another from this of Vankleek Hill: "Born to Mrs. Alphonso of Spain, a poor little chap cannot help the country is making of his the pretty little town of Hill is a Catholic town, and yellow rag, the 'Eastern Review, is the only paper here. Were this sheet published in Western Ontario, and were it matters one tenth as much about Protestant affairs, would the people have backbone to withdraw all papers but they would treat such lister of offensive dirt to a sterner kind of cure. We advocate violence, but we do it our honest conviction that Catholics of Vankleek Hill do sympathy so long as they and patronize such a black gotted sheet as the Eastern Review, so-called. Men III (that he belongs to the humbly) will be found to be ready to change their method you hit them near their hearing that serves for a heap pocket-book. Catholics of the Hill and all self-respecting tants there, too, should treat and his yellow rag to a sterner 'letting him severely alone A FREE AND ACCEPTED MAN.