

REV. DR. FLANDERS ON THE VALUE OF MARRIAGE QUESTIONS

Centenary Pastor Preached Powerful Sermon Last Night on Ne Temere Decree, in Presence of Very Large Congregation—Eucharistic Congress in Montreal also Referred to.

In Centenary church last evening, before a very large congregation, Dr. Charles R. Flanders, the pastor, preached a powerful sermon dealing with the Ne Temere Decree.

The sermon was as follows: "What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."—Mark 10 and 9.

In the latter part of the month of February last, I received an anonymous letter requesting me from this pulpit to protest in the name of Protestants against certain changes in the Coronation Oath, which were under the consideration of the British Parliament.

It is not my intention to do so, but I am moved by the fact that I have been asked to do so by many of my friends and acquaintances.

That you may have an intelligent comprehension of the nature and provisions of this decree, affirmed by the sacred congregations of the council of the Church of Rome and confirmed by the solemn Pope Pius X.

"The betrothals only are considered valid and produce canonical effects, which have been contracted in writing, signed by both parties, and by either the parish priest or the ordinary of the place, or at least by two witnesses.

"Only those marriages are valid which are contracted before the parish priest or the ordinary of the place, or a priest designated by either of them, and at least two witnesses according to the rules laid down in the following articles:

"The above laws are binding on all persons baptized in the Catholic church and upon those who have been converted to it from heresy of schism (even when either the latter or the former have fallen away afterwards from the church) whenever they contract either betrothal or marriage with one another.

The same laws are binding also on all Catholics as enumerated above if they contract betrothal or marriage with non-Catholics, baptized or unbaptized even after a dispensation has been obtained from the impediment of mixed religion or disparity of worship, unless it should be otherwise decreed by the holy see for some particular place or religion."

How The Decree Works Out. To illustrate the working of this decree, allow me to call your attention to a case recently before the courts in the city of Montreal.

In 1908 my friend the Rev. Wm. Timberlake, pastor of Centenary Methodist church of Montreal, married Eugene Hebert to Marie Emma Clouston. Both parties were of major age and a marriage certificate was delivered to the clergyman, recorded in his books according to the authority vested in him as a civil officer and clergyman.

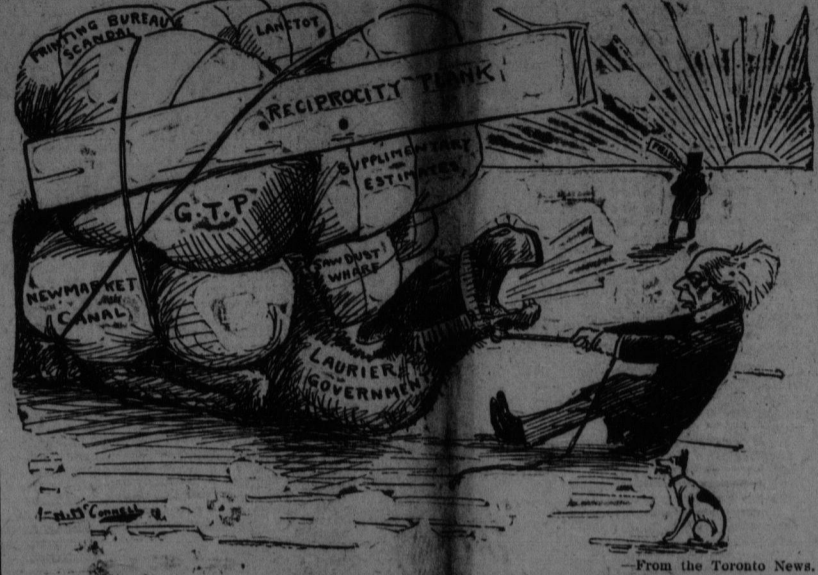
The ground upon which the annulment was granted was not the disloyalty of the woman or any offence on her part, but simply the statement that they were both Roman Catholics and had been married by a Protestant clergyman.

Special to the Standard. A daring robbery was perpetrated in the I. C. R. station at noon on Saturday, while Ticket Agent Lynde was absent at dinner.

The federal garrison under command of Col. Chippas, having surrendered with all the honors of war, fled out as the triumphal insurgents marched into the town at 3.30 this afternoon.

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THE LAST STRAW



From the Toronto News.

EMPEROR OF GERMANY IS KING'S GUEST

Notable Party Reached Sheerness Last Night To Attend Unveiling Of Memorial To Queen Victoria On Tuesday.

London, May 14.—The German imperial yacht Hohenzollern, with the Emperor and Empress and Princess Victoria Luise aboard, arrived at Sheerness this evening.

Emperor William and the Empress are making the first state visit by foreign monarchs to England, since the death of Edward VII.

The unveiling of the statue will take place on Tuesday morning. The ceremony will not only be a picturesque military parade, but a religious service in which the choir of Westminster Abbey will participate.

Special to the Standard. The Emperor and Empress, with the Princess Victoria Luise, will be accompanied by the Emperor's family, his brothers, and other members of the Royal family.

Among them will be the king and queen of Norway, the crown prince and crown princess of Denmark, and the Emperor's family.

The national memorial which the statue crowns and completes, is surrounded by a circular space, it stands directly in front of the palace, the Queen facing down the Mall.

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GUNFIGHT IN SYDNEY MAY PROSE DEATH

Row Between Italians Ends in Shooting Of Two Brothers Both Of Whom May Die—One Arrest Made.

Sydney, N. S. W., May 14.—What was result in a fatal shooting occurred tonight at Sydney, as a result of which two men are in Brooklands hospital in a critical condition from bullet wounds.

The Martiello Brothers conduct a grocery store and bakery shop. They had in their employ Naracuo Cutone. This evening the latter was at work at 8 o'clock, but did not arrive until 9.

Queen Victoria by Thomas Brock, is 15 1/2 feet in height and depicts the Queen dressed in robes of state, sitting enthroned with orb and sceptre.

Some significance may be attached to the state banquet to be given in honor of the German Emperor and Empress on Thursday evening.

The next day there will be a reception at the German embassy and in the evening there will be the gala dinner at Drury Lane Theatre.

On May 18th the Emperor and Empress will go to Windsor to lay wreaths on the graves of Queen Victoria at Frogmore and King Edward in St. George's Chapel.

BRANTFORD Y. M. C. A. GETS MORE MONEY. Brantford, May 14.—Despite the fact that the Y. M. C. A. campaign has closed, contributions are coming in from outside sources.

SMUGGLERS OF OPIUM CAUGHT IN MONTREAL

Canadian Metropolis Headquarters of Gang Whose Operations Extended Over Continent—One Arrest.

Montreal, May 14.—Following the arrest of an express messenger in Plattsburg, the story of the smuggling of large quantities of opium from China into Canada and thence into the United States, has been laid bare.

The customs authorities of both the United States and Canada have been working hand in hand in the matter for some weeks past and as a result have amassed a considerable amount of incriminating evidence against those engaged in the traffic.

Working on information received from New York and Boston, the authorities here instituted search proceedings and discovered small quantities of the drug on the premises of twelve people here, two of whom are whites and ten Chinese.

The discovery of the plot came through the great increase noticed in the traffic in the drug in New York which led to an investigation as to the result of which it was ascertained that the dealers were accustomed to make out checks for considerable amounts payable to persons both Chinese and whites in Montreal.

The delegation went to Ottawa in April, 1909 and was promised an answer in a few days. No answer came and the legislature adjourned.

HAITI NEEDS A NEW NAVY. Kingston, Ja., May 14.—In spite of the threatened revolution in Haiti the government of that republic has been compelled to send two warships here for general repairs.

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COMPANY'S READY TO BUILD VALLEY RAILWAY

Hon. J. K. Flemming Makes Important Announcement at Enthusiastic Meeting at Lakeville—Project Held up by Dominion Government's Refusal to Grant Usual Subsidy.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, N. B., May 14.—What was admitted to be a very successful meeting with good speeches and general enthusiasm was held at the Lakeville some fifteen miles from here last night, and addressed by Hon. J. K. Flemming and Donald Munro, M. P.

Continuing, Mr. Flemming said that part I of the survey, has been completed. By running the line to Lakeville and Centerville to give the people of the district railway accommodation their representative, Mr. Carvell, claimed, the line would be as crooked as a ram's horn.

Under part II, I. C. R. operation, the local government were ready to carry out their part. This was not as good a proposition as part III. It would only be a branch road and the western freight would be carried by the G. T. P.

Mr. Flemming's Address. Mr. Flemming spoke for over two hours and delivered probably the most eloquent speech of his life. He made several important announcements in the matter of the Valley Railway.

The opportunity came a few years ago when the question of the road had been shelved without a cost of six million dollars to the province.

Later a conveyance of the Liberal party was held in St. John at which J. E. Porter, of Andover, moved that the Valley route be selected.

Past Failures. In 1907 the then provincial government took up the question. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill for a road and guaranteed line of 225 miles.

In the session of 1909 the Hazen government were asked by numerous delegations to promote legislation guaranteeing the bonds for the road.

London, May 13.—The greatest compliment ever paid here, to a Colonial Minister, has been arranged for the Coronation season, when Mr. Hazen, Premier of New Brunswick, will be entertained by the Unionist leader.

MRS. DODGE GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER. Guild Hall, Vt., May 13.—Guilty of manslaughter was the verdict returned today in the case of Mrs. Florence M. Dodge of Lunenburg, Vt., who has been on trial for the past two weeks for the murder of William Heath of Dulsyn, N. H.

GREAT HONOR TO PREMIER HAZEN. New Brunswick Premier Will Be Entertained at Dinner in London by British Unionists—Balfour to Preside.

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of them put up a howl that no company would undertake to build such a road for the money. "That" added Mr. Flemming, "is consistency for you. It is the situation in a nutshell at the present time."

Part 3 on the other hand would provide a trunk line from Quebec to St. John. Grades were fixed as laid out in the survey with steel rails 70 pounds to the yard, bridges of steel superstructure, stone or concrete substructure, and concrete culverts with proper rolling stock. It would be a higher class road than the I. C. R., which was one of the best railways in America.

An arrangement had been made with the G. T. P. Mr. Flemming continued, to build the road for the guarantee of bonds and the Dominion subsidy and the company would furnish and commence the road at once.

If the province was willing to put up \$5,262,000 of the people's money what excuse could the Dominion government have for refusing to give the ordinary subsidy as provided by the statutes of the country?

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