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## GREAT CATHOLIC DEMONSTRATION

At the Occasion of the Papal Delegate's Visit to St. Boniface, Winnipeg and St. Norbert, Manitoba.

One of the greatest events in the history of the Catholics of Manitoba, an event, the memory of which shall never die in their hearts, an event which has been looked for and hailed with transport of loving faith and respect, has just taken place in the visit of Mgr. Diomede Falconio, Archbishop of Larissa, and Papal Delegate to Canada.

His Excellency arrived at Winnipeg on Wednesday morning, the 26th ult., by the C. P. R. Imperial Limited, and was greeted at the Winnipeg Station with the most hearty welcome by His Grace the Most Rev. L. P. A. Langevin, O.M.I., Archbishop of St. Boniface. Little was done on that day, in line of a public demonstration, as His Excellency wanted a rest after his long journey, but the following will convey to our readers some idea of what the Catholics of this country can do and will carry out when any special opportunity is given them to make a public profession of their faith in, and devotedness to the Representative of Christ's Vicar on earth.

We have copied freely from both the Free Press and the Telegram, two of our Winnipeg Dailies; and therefore we wish to thank them both, also for the manner in which they have given such an elaborate description of this great Catholic Demonstration. However, we have made some few changes in these reports, particularly with regard to His Excellency's reply to some of the numerous addresses presented to him, thus making our own report the most official of all. Having had a free access to His Excellency during his stay here, we had the means to know better and render more accurately his views and words, especially with regard to the Manitoba School question.

### DINNER AT THE PALACE.

A dinner was held at noon Thursday, at the archbishop's palace, at which there was a large attendance of the local clergy. The dinner had been tastefully arranged by the ladies of St. Boniface, and there were present: His Excellency Monseigneur Falconio, His Grace the Archbishop, Mgr. Langevin, Bishop Pascal, Mgr. Ritchot, V.G.P.A., Very Rev. A. M. Dugas, R. M. Dupras, Revs. Sutoni, P. Gortts, P. Dandurand, P. Lewis, P. B. Hudon, R. P. Van Hertum, M. Gendron, P. Camper, M. Cherrier, P. Fisher, M. Baul, M. Fielion, P. Portras, P. Blair, M. Dufresne, P. Dorais, M. Juilas, P. Lacasse, M. Giroux, P. Augustins, M. Cahill, M. Bourret, P. Claude, M. Lebrault, M. Lussier, M. Rousseau, P. W. Kulawy, D. Guillet M. Hella, M. Biroux, M. Turcolle, M. Preedel, P. Fallon, M. Dargnault, M. Giroux, P. Magnan, M. Cloutier, P. Beaudin, M. Messier, P. Louis, M. Rocan, M. Duffy, M. Passaplan, W. Belliveau, and M. Heynan. A recherche banquet was served in the beautiful hall, which had been decorated for the occasion with fairy lights, in elaborate candelabra, choice flowers, and flags, the whole presenting a

charming appearance. The dinner had been entirely supplied by the ladies of St. Boniface, under the presidency of Mrs. Justice Dubuc, who was assisted by a number of ladies, the married ones being attired in black with the papal colors, and the younger ones in white with the yellow colors and sprays of flowers. There were no members of the laity present. Music was supplied by the Italian band in the persons of Michael Valla and R. Abbots.

### DINNER AT THE ST. MARY'S PRESBYTERY.

His excellency was entertained at dinner last Thursday evening, by the ladies of St. Mary's church at St. Mary's Presbytery. Great interest has been taken in this interesting event and every effort had been taken to make the delegate of his holiness' visit to St. Mary's parish, a unique event in the annals of St. Mary's parish. The dining room at the Presbytery was beautifully decorated with flowers, palms and various colored lights, and presented a most charming appearance. His excellency Monseigneur Falconio was attended by Father Fisher, and was supported by his grace Monseigneur Langevin, archbishop of St. Boniface, Monseigneur Pascal, bishop of St. Albert, Father Guillet, the popular rector of St. Mary's, Father Louis, Father Dugas, of St. Boniface, Father Cherrier, Parish priest of the Immaculate Conception; Father Kulawy, of the Church of the Holy Ghost, Father Beliveau, and other priests to the number of fifty. A splendid dinner was served, and after the tables had been cleared, several loyal and patriotic toasts were honored, and special thanks were tendered to the kind ladies who had made the gathering such a complete success, amongst whom must be mentioned, Mesdames N. Balf, T. D. Deegan, Moran, D. Smith, McDonnell, C. M. Weiss, W. H. Hastings, W. H. Youhill, T. Jobin, and many others. During the evening the Italian band rendered a selection of charming music. After the dinner his excellency held a reception of the principal laity of the diocese. Monseigneur Falconio has expressed his liveliest sense of gratification of the reception he has received at his visit to the city.

### AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST.

On Saturday morning at 8, his excellency proceeded to the Church of the Holy Ghost, at Selkirk Avenue, and celebrated mass. The church had been beautifully decorated with choice flowers. During the mass, hymns were sung, in the Polish language. The Rev. Fathers Albert and William delivered a few duets on the violin and organ. After mass Rev. Father William Kulawy gave the following address of welcome, in English, to his excellency, while Father Albert spoke in Polish, and the Rev. Dr. Sufia in German:

Your Excellency, My Lords, Rev. Fathers, Dear Brethren,—

Is it not true, that after a long separation from a beloved father, living far, far away, we feel happy to possess a picture recalling to our love and veneration the sacred features of the head of the family? To-day, I, and we all, dear brethren, members of the Church of the Holy Ghost, are presented with a

faithful picture—I should say, with the living picture—of our common father, the glorious Pope Leo XIII. We are so happy as to enjoy the presence of his head representative in this country, invested with his authority, animated with his spirit of love for the spiritual welfare of his people. And though we be, dear brethren, the youngest and least Catholic congregation of this city, we are, I am assured, not the last in the memory of his excellency, Monseigneur Falconio.

Let us then welcome your Excellency in the name of his lordship, and the reverend clergy of the diocese of St. Boniface, let us welcome you in the name of the religious body of Oblates to which I have the honor to belong, let us welcome you in the name of all the Catholics of Winnipeg, let us welcome you in the name of our congregation, strange to your excellency by nation and language, but united by the bonds of the one faith.

True sons of our faithful fathers, of the great Christian realm, we will, with the apostolic blessing your Excellency will bestow upon us, fight, or rather continue to fight, for truth, faith, and fidelity to the seat of Rome.

His excellency addressed the congregation, and was interpreted by Father Albert. The main line of Monseigneur Falconio's reply was the unity of the Catholic faith; though the members of the congregation of the Holy Ghost belonged to different nations, spoke different languages, and observed different rites, they were, however, one in their faith and fidelity to Rome. After the ceremonies his excellency kindly granted the apostolic blessing to the congregation. The church was as crowded as on Sundays, and the service was very hearty. After the church services, the Rev. fathers in charge of the church entertained his excellency and party to dejeuner in the room under the church, which was also beautifully decorated. His Excellency was accompanied by His Grace Monseigneur Langevin, archbishop of St. Boniface, and Monseigneur Pascal, Bishop of St. Albert. The following were also present: Rev. Fathers Trudel, secretary; Hudon, S.J.; Lacasse, O.M.I.; Magnan, O.M.I., of Qu'Appelle; Albert and William, O.M.I.; Dr. Sufia, O.M.I.; Enck, O.M.I.; Van Gistern, O.M.I., and Brothers Lewis, John and George, of St. Mary's school. A splendid repast was served by the ladies under the direction of Madame Czernigiewitz and daughter and Mrs. Heuchert. During dejeuner there was a capital selection of music by the Fathers Kulawy. His excellency expressed himself as very pleased with his visit to this new and interesting parish.

### MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL.

On Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, one of the most impressive of the many engagements entered into by His Excellency Monseigneur Falconio took place, when pontifical high mass was celebrated at St. Boniface cathedral, and a very elaborate and beautiful ceremony it was. The old cathedral was packed to the doors with a reverent congregation, all the nobilities of St. Boniface, with many visitors from Winnipeg, being present. The altar was one mass of foliage and

flowers with different lights and the side altars were similarly adorned. In the congregation were conspicuous the boys from the Indian Industrial school, looking very smart and neat in their black suits, with red stockings and naval caps. The boys from the Provencher academy were also present, together with the girls from the School of the Holy Names, and the orphans in the care of the Grey Sisters; the latter sacred body also mustered in force. In the sanctuary there were erected two thrones, draped in yellow, for the use of His Excellency and Archbishop Langevin. At ten a procession was formed from the principal entrance. It entered, preceded by a cross bearer, two acolytes with lighted candles, a very large choir of boys from St. Boniface college in surplices and cassocks, a number of priests in their various ecclesiastical robes, and then came Monseigneur Langevin, Archbishop of St. Boniface, and His Excellency Monseigneur Falconio, the delegate. Both these dignitaries were attired in full state. They were preceded by little lads carrying lighted candles, and their trains were held by two small boys. Monseigneur Pascal simultaneously entered in the procession from behind the altar, also gorgeously robed, with his attendant clergy, acolytes and train-bearer. The orchestra played a selection; the sight being impressive in the extreme as the whole of the clergy and attendants knelt before the altar while the Introit was sung. Monseigneur Pascal, Bishop of St. Albert, was the celebrant, and the epistle and gospel were read by Fathers Trudel and Beliveau. There was a full and efficient choir, under the able direction of Ernest Leveque; P. Sale presided at the organ. After the service addresses were presented to His Excellency by His Grace the Archbishop and the Mayor of St. Boniface, M. Betourney, in which they expressed their undying loyalty to the Pope, and the sacred faith. His Excellency made a suitable reply, and thanked the presenters of the addresses for their kind references to himself, as representing His Holiness the Pope, and said he should certainly inform the Holy Father of the heartiness of his welcome in Manitoba. A reception was afterwards held at the palace at which a large number of the laity were presented to His Excellency.

### PROCESSION TO WINNIPEG.

In the afternoon a procession was formed at the Archbishop's palace to take His Excellency in high state to the city. The procession was headed by the band of the Indian Industrial school, then came the chief of the police of St. Boniface, the boys from the Academy of Provencher, the St. Boniface band, under the conductorship of X. Lavois, and a large number of citizens and members of the different societies, all wearing the papal colors. The procession was met at Broadway bridge by the Catholics of Winnipeg, headed by the Ninetieth band, and the joint procession then formed together and marched to St. Mary's church. The route taken was Broadway, Main street, Portage avenue and Hargrave street, and numerous spectators witnessed its passing. The Union Jack and the tricolor were carried at the head of the procession, and there were other

flags, including the papal emblem. In the principal carriage were His Excellency, His Grace Archbishop Langevin, N. Bawlf and Mayor Betourney, and there were several other carriages conveying a number of clergy and laity. The procession was met with marked signs of respect on the the entire length of its journey.

### AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, and many unable to find seats, knelt around the altar steps. His Excellency, surrounded by a large number of the clergy, occupied a seat in front of the altar, where he received an address from the Catholics of the city. The address was read as follows by Mr. N. Bawlf:

Winnipeg, Sept. 30, 1900.

To His Excellency the Most Reverend Diomede Falconio, Archbishop of Larissa, Apostolic Delegate.

May it please Your Excellency.—The Catholics of Winnipeg gratefully take advantage of the opportunity presented by your first official visit to western Canada, to respectfully and reverently approach Your Excellency, and to assure you that it fills our hearts with joy to receive in our midst the special representative in Canada of our Holy Father, the illustrious occupant of the chair of St. Peter, whose profound learning, eminent virtues and unwearied labors for the moral and material betterment of the human family, have especially endeared him to his own faithful flock the world over, and have won for him the respectful admiration of those who are not of his fold.

From the day when you first reached Canada, we have looked forward to meeting you, and we hold it one of the greatest privileges ever accorded us, that we have been permitted to meet so distinguished a churchman as Your Excellency, and one so closely connected with our chief pastor.

But whilst as humble and devoted children of the church we are filled with joy on account of your visit here, there are special circumstances of our case which intensify our feelings, and in consideration of which your presence animates us with brightest hopes for the future. These circumstances are well known to Your Excellency, but we deem it not inopportune to refer on this auspicious occasion, to the long struggle we have made in our attempt to regain the constitutional rights and privileges, which, until ten years ago, we enjoyed in the matter of education. It is, we believe, unnecessary to tell Your Excellency what innumerable disappointments we have met with in the course of our struggle to regain our rights. We are obliged to pay taxes towards the erection, equipment and maintenance of an excessively expensive system of public schools, to pay civil taxes on our school buildings, and to support our own schools besides—a double burden that bears intolerably hard upon us.

During Your Excellency's visit you will see ample evidence of the grievous nature of the burden we have to bear; but although it is well nigh insupportable, we assure Your Excellency that the Catholics of Winnipeg will in the future, as in

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