

ST. ALBERT'S DAY.

St. Albert's Day is one of the days to which the people of Prince Albert look forward with much pleasure, it being the feast of their good pastor, Bishop Pascal. The feast occurs on the 22nd of November, and was this year a day of rejoicing in the community.

The people in every part of the diocese were very anxious to express to their dear pastor their gratitude for the many works which he had done for them. For the work which he has done for his diocese is one which has required much earnest labor and patient perseverance. A work which will cause his name to be revered, not only by the Catholics, but by all the people of the diocese of Prince Albert. He has certainly been one of the principal actors who have tended to raise the place from the condition it occupied a few years ago, to the very promising diocese which it is at present. And the great work is not, by any means completed. Ever zealous for the greater glory of God, His Lordship is now contemplating the erection of a new cathedral, which, judging from the success of similar enterprises which he has previously undertaken, is sure to be a source of great pride to all his people.

Friday and Saturday November 20th and 21st His Lordship spent with his parishioners at Duck Lake. There every effort was made to show the great love and devotion which the people felt for their pastor. Among other ceremonies was the renewal of Vows made by the Sisters of the Presentation. Among the chief places where he was entertained was the Industrial School for Indian children, one of the institutions which have developed under his careful guidance and evidence was given of the careful preparation which had been made for the occasion. The children certainly did credit to both themselves and the teachers, and the great trouble which had been taken to prepare the little ones for the event, was certainly repaid by its success. The concert which took place Saturday afternoon was composed of Music, Recitations and Drills. All the little ones seemed anxious to do their parts well and they succeeded. His Lordship returned to Prince Albert on Saturday night, well pleased with the obvious progress made by the children under the able direction of Mr. R. F. Ovide Charlebois, and the worthy cooperation of the zealously devoted Sisters of the Presentation, in charge of the Industrial school.

At the cathedral on Sunday a Pontifical High Mass was celebrated. The church was nicely decorated for the occasion and the congregation attended both the Mass and Vespers in large numbers.

On Tuesday evening the children of Prince Albert Catholic school took advantage of the occasion to show their appreciation of His Lordship's many kindnesses towards them. The school-room on the lower flat was very prettily decorated for the occasion and presented quite a gala appearance. The room was draped with the national colors and ornamented with evergreens interspersed with lights, flowers and flags. Over the entrance was hung a large picture of His Lordship, draped with the French flag. The attendance was large, all the available space being taxed to the utmost. Among those present were, His Lordship, R. R. Fathers Bruck, Gaste, and Paille. Several of the Brothers, Mother Superior, besides the parents and friends of the children.

The children did their best to make the evening a success. Mr. De la Gorgendiere very ably filled the position of chairman. The children were ably assisted by Miss F. Lacroix, as accompanist, and Brother Lacroix who aided them in the vocal music.

A very enjoyable programme was rendered as follows:  
 Chorus—"Vivat! Vivat! Vivat!"  
 Address—The chairman.  
 Speech—Regis De la Gorgendiere.  
 Recitation—"J'ange et l'enfant."  
 —Eleanore Decoteaux.  
 Song—"Tenting To-night."—The Boys.  
 Recitation—Ina McDonald.  
 Song—Miss De la Gorgendiere.  
 Recitation—Victoria McDonald.

Chorus—"Ding-Dong Bell."—A Class of Girls.

Recitation—Zita McDonald.

Dialogue—"Boy's Rights."—Walter Flanagan, Wilfrid Lacroix, Earnest Lacroix, Laurence Lacroix.

Song—"Mothers' Dying."—Sylvester Branconnier.

Chorus—"Fading, Still Fading."—Recitation—Marguerite Benoit.

This was followed by an address to His Lordship by Miss F. Lacroix on behalf of the school, and the presentation of an offering from the school for the bazaar for which His Lordship is preparing.

His Lordship replied in most felicitous terms, thanking the teachers and pupils for the pains they had taken, and praising their success.

The programme closed with the singing of the National Anthem. But His Lordship, ever mindful of the "blind side particular to childhood" had still another treat in store. Many were the beaming faces of the youngsters as they saw a large bag of candy being produced. For His Lordship is truly solicitous for the happiness of the little ones of his flock. And they, quick to respond to true love, repay it with most sincere filial affection.

IGNOTA.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

What does Mother England mean? According to the dispatches she promised to keep hands off in the Panama affair. Now news comes that her strongest cruiser squadron under command of Rear Admiral Sir Wilmot Fawkes is preparing to concentrate and demonstrate in West Indian waters. The British North American cruiser squadron, under Vice-Admiral Sir Archibald Douglas, will gather in those waters at the same time. It may be entirely for show, yet there is a possibility that several over-confident people may get hurt before the Panama case is settled.—New World, (Chicago).

The genius for maladroitness of the English language possessed by the "Independent" is strikingly in evidence once more this week in an editorial article coolly headed "Our Catholic Seminaries." "Our" is a generous pronoun—save when it comes to a question of distribution of the taxes for popular education, high or low.—Catholic Standard and Times.

The murder of an Italian priest, Rev. Father Lepore, of Denver, Col. last week, was reported as being the result of a fight over cards. Father Lepore made a signed statement a few hours before his death in which he stated that he believed his assassin was sent to kill him; that he knew him only as a poor man whom he pitied and befriended up to the night of his death. That he called at the rectory presumably on business, but in reality to murder him, was the belief of Father Lepore, as it is now the belief of all Denver citizens who took an interest in the case. It is supposed the assassin was the friend of a depositor who had a few hundred dollars in a private bank conducted by the priest in New York city some years ago for the benefit of his countrymen. Father Lepore could not avoid the failure of the bank and so incurred the enmity of the depositors, many of whom were members of the notorious-Mafia.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

The municipal elections will be held on Tuesday next, the voting taking place from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. The campaign has been the quietest and least interesting of recent years, and the indications are that the vote will be a small one. In ward one Ald. Campbell is

re-elected by acclamation. In ward two Captain J. R. Wynne, who made such a splendid run last year has again been placed in nomination, and the indications are that he will be a member of next year's council, as it is not likely that the intelligent electors of the ward will lose the opportunity of securing the services of one so eminently qualified to look after their civic interests. His opponent is Mr. H. Sandison. Ward three will again send Mr. Horne to the council, and in ward four there is no doubt the next representative will be Mr. A. T. Davidson. In ward five it is more difficult to pick a winner, but we look for the success of Ald. Ritchie with the other two candidates, Messrs. Fry and Coltart close up in the order named. Mr. F. J. C. Cox will this year receive the reward of his persistent efforts to obtain a seat on the council Board, for there can be no doubt of his election.

For the mayoralty there are three candidates, and no general public interest appears to be centred in any one of them. Ald Barclay, who would undoubtedly make a safe mayor, has a number of warm friends and supporters in the south end; Ald. Sharpe has a good organization of workers; and Ex-Ald. Mitchell is carrying on a quiet canvas, especially in the north end. The indications are that Ald. Sharpe's superior organization will win the day, with Ald. Barclay next, some distance behind, and Mr. Mitchell a poor third.

FALSE PRIDE ONE CAUSE OF IMMIGRATION.

By Alice L. Milligan in November Donahoe's.

But a great number of people are driven to emigrate who have no real desire to do so. Perhaps they are farmer's sons who would consider that they lowered themselves by entering the ranks of laborers and domestic servants. While Ireland suffers from a dearth of laborers to till her soil, these victims of false and foolish pride are at service away in Manitoba or California. The sons of the middle or professional classes swell the ranks of these unwilling exiles. Many a young man not clever enough to qualify as a doctor or barrister, or solicitor, is sent to America or the colonies, because his mother and sisters object to his taking to trade or commerce. They can speak quite comfortably and vaguely of their brother being "abroad," but would think he had disgraced the family if he opened a shop in his native town. Perhaps the unfortunate youth, with no capacity for rough adventure, is toiling in the Canadian backwoods with the home-longing aching in his heart.

The anti-emigration movement would be much helped if its promoters, instigated by sound principles of democracy, urged on the youth of Ireland the nobility of honest toil. To till the soil of Ireland, to increase her manufactured produce, to trade honorably in one's native land are worthy goals of ambition.

"When I came to this town, thirteen years ago," said the man with the amplitudinous waist, "all my earthly possessions were wrapped up in a red bandana handkerchief."  
 "And now you own that factory on the edge of the town and 200 acres of land?"

"Yes."  
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