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THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR ENGLISH-SPEAKING BOYS.

The Ceremony of Laying the Corner Stone Performed by Archbishop Bruchesi, In the Presence of Eight Thou- sand Spectators on Sunday Last.

A Magnificent Demonstration of Enthusiasm in Favor of the Undertaking—National and Religious Organizations of the Five English-speaking Parishes March in Pro- cession With Bands and Banners—The Eloquent Speeches After the Cere- mony—Notes of the Cele- bration.

THE large, imposing, and enthu-
siastic demonstration of the
English speaking Catholics of
Montreal, which took place on
Sunday last in Belmont Park, on the oc-
casion of the blessing and laying of the
corner stone of the Catholic High School
for boys, will be memorable, from more
than one point of view, for generations
to come.

Since the laying of the corner stone of
St. Patrick's Church, a little over half a
century ago, no other event of such far-
reaching importance to the English-
speaking Catholics of this city and dis-
trict has occurred.

The gathering at Victoria Square of
all the English-speaking Catholic
national, religious, benevolent and liter-
ary societies of the five parishes, and
their march thence to the Archbishop's
palace, to escort his Grace Arch-
bishop Bruchesi to the scene of the
ceremony, aptly symbolized the unity
that is working such progress amongst
them, irrespective of parochial lines;
the unity that is strength; the unity
which the great educational influence
of the High School will complete and
solidify.

The weather, which always has a
good deal to do with outdoor demon-
strations, was very unpropitious in the
forenoon, when the sky was sombre with
heavy, dark masses of rain-clouds, and
when the rain fell for several hours. It
must have disheartened many who had
made arrangements to join in the pro-
cession. After the noon hour, how-
ever, the rain ceased, the dark clouds
moved away to some other airy region,
the sky resumed that Italian blue tint
to which Canadians have become so
familiar, and the sun shone out in all
its warm splendor. This interlude of
fair weather lasted just long enough to
permit of the procession, the speech-
making and the blessing taking place—
the whole programme, in fact, was suc-
cessfully gone through. Then the sky
again became overcast with murky
clouds, until it was soon one dark inky
mass. The large crowds dispersed, and
in about half an hour afterwards a hail
storm of almost unprecedented severity
burst over the city, breaking thousands
of windows and skylights, uprooting
trees, and strewing the sidewalks with
the ends of live electric wires, which re-
sulted in one fatality.

The procession was an imposing one,
headed by the A.O.H., with a contin-
gent of Hibernian Knights, in their
pretty uniforms, in front. The C.M.B.A.,
it is perhaps of interest to note, included
the principal officers of the American
and Canadian branches, who for the first
time marched together. Each society
had its band and banners; and the keen
interest in the event was evidenced by
the thousands who crowded the streets
along the line of march.

Complimentary remarks could be
heard on all sides in regard to the Rev.

Father Quinlivan, the zealous pastor of
St. Patrick's Church, who is the promoter
of this great project, for his untiring
and successful efforts to bring it to its
present stage, and for his wisdom in se-
lecting so admirable a locality for the in-
stitution—that portion of Belmont Park
which is situated at the corner of
Lagauchiere and Ste. Genevieve
streets. The well known architect, Mr.
W. E. Doran, also came in for his due
measure of praise for his excellent plans
and designs of the structure, which have
already been described in the TRUE
WITNESS.

The speeches of his Grace the Arch-
bishop, the Rev. Father O'Donnell, his
Worship Mayor Prefontaine, the Hon.
Dr. Guerin, who represented the Pro-
vincial Government; Mr. M. J. F.
Quinn, Q.C., M.P., who represents St.
Ann's division in the House of Com-
mons, which were all of a high order and
tone, emphasized the urgent want which
this Catholic High School for boys will
so admirably supply.

The presence of the large number of
the clergy and laity of the five English-
speaking parishes testified to the enthu-
siasm with which the project has been
taken up, and was a happy augury that
Father Quinlivan will not have long to
wait until the institution is cleared of
all debt. That his persevering efforts
are thoroughly appreciated was made
manifest by the loud applause by which
he was greeted when he rose to announce
the arrangements that had been made
for the ceremony.

After the stone had been blessed and
laid, a large number of men and women
availed themselves of the opportunity
afforded them of following the good old
custom of 'striking' it, thus once more
showing the deep and enthusiastic inter-
est taken in this much-needed and all-
important institution for the English-
speaking boys of this city and district of
Montreal.

First was a procession, accompanied
by bands and banners, of the several
societies. They gathered on Victoria
Square shortly after 2.30, and marched
to the Palace, from whence they con-
ducted Archbishop Bruchesi to the
scene of the ceremony. It was a most
imposing spectacle, the A. O. H. leading
with nearly one thousand members. The
progress of the procession was watched
by not less than 8,000 spectators along
the line of march, which was by way of
Beaver Hall Hill, along Dorchester
Street to Cathedral Street and Lagauchiere
Street. It was estimated that
from 8,000 to 10,000 people were as-
sembled in the immediate vicinity of
the site of the school when the proces-
sion reached it.

The marshal-in-chief was Mr. Wil-
liam Davis, who was mounted on a spir-
ited animal, and the societies, whose
members gathered about 1,800 strong,
marched in the following order:—

- Marshal-in-Chief,
St. Gabriel's Band,
Hibernian Knights,
Ancient Order of Hibernians,
Banner.
- St. Gabriel's T. A. & B. Society,
Band (I. O. F.),
Catholic Order of Foresters,
Banner.
- St. Ann's Young Men's Society,
St. Ann's T. A. & B. Society,
Flag.
- Catholic Mutual Benefit Association,
Grand Councils of Canada and Quebec,
Young Irishmen L. & B. Association,
Father Matthew Banner,
St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society,
St. Patrick's Society,
Clergy and Invited Guests.

The next part of the proceedings was
the speech-making, which took place
from a temporary platform at the north-
western corner of the building, adjoining
St. Andrew's Protestant Home, and
was listened to by the vast gathering
which crushed into the large area sur-
rounding the portions of the building
now above ground, many hundreds of
which clambered up to the top of the
unfinished walls and fences enclosing the
premises. The sight was an inspiring
one as the Rev. Father Quinlivan, who
presided, arose to introduce His Worship
the Mayor. The courageous and zealous
pastor received an ovation which must
have convinced him that his endeavors
to organize a distinctively English-speak-
ing Catholic educational establishment
were warmly and enthusiastically appre-
ciated.

There was a large representation of
the clergy present to assist His Grace Arch-
bishop Bruchesi, amongst whom were
noticed Very Rev. Father Colin, Superior

of St. Sulpice; Rev. William O'Meara,
Pastor of St. Gabriel's; Rev. E. Strubbe,
Pastor of St. Ann's; Rev. Father Casey,
St. Jean Baptiste; Rev. P. F. O'Donnell,
St. Mary's; Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan,
Archbishop's Palace; Rev. J. Quinlivan,
Pastor of St. Patrick's; Rev. P. Fallon,
St. Patrick's; Rev. James Callaghan,
Chaplain Hotel Dieu; Rev. Jules Dela-
vigne, S.S. Among the thousands of the
laity present were His Worship
Mayor Prefontaine; Hon. Dr. Guerin,
member of the Provincial Government;
Hon. Sir William Hingston; Hon. James
O'Brien; Hon. J. O. Villeneuve; Mr. Jus-
tice Curran; Mr. M. J. F. Quinn, Q.C. M.P.;
Ald. T. Kinsella; Ald. D. Gallery; Mr.
ex Justice Marcus Doherty; Michael
Burke, President True Witness Com-
pany; Hon. James McShane; F. B.
McNamee, C. A. McDonnell, E. James;
B. J. Coghlin, W. E. Dyan, M. Fitz-
gibbon, J. H. Semple, P. Wright, P.
Reynolds, James Msek, T. J. Finn, P.
Flannery, James Keenahan, John
Lappin, P. McCrory, Felix Casey, F.
J. Curran, advocate; M. Sharkey;

that is necessary to fit them for becom-
ing commercial men and also industrial
men.

As regards other schools, there are
plenty of elementary schools, but may
be they do not fill the bill to the extent
the population requires. But that will
be corrected in time, when this school
is built. I understand that here not
only English speaking pupils will be ad-
mitted, but that a certain reserve will
be made for those of French origin. I
congratulate the promoters on their lib-
eral way of looking at this matter. But
I am not here to make a speech, only to
offer a few remarks. But let me express
one thought, and it is this: On this
British North American soil of ours we
admit no distinction of race or nation-
ality; there is only one distinction ad-
mitted, and that is a distinction between
good citizens and between intelligent
citizens and otherwise, (applause). As
regards the first distinction, I am sure I
am addressing only good citizens; I am
convinced of that. As regards the other
distinction, it is the most important; it

sympathy of the citizens of this province
in general; for I have had occasion to
speak to my colleagues in the provincial
cabinet, and they have assured me in
most positive terms of their sympathy.
It will not be a mere sentimental sym-
pathy, although I am not prepared to
say at the moment just to what extent
they are prepared to go; but I am sure
their co-operation will be a most sub-
stantial one. (Applause) It would be
out of place for me to detain you any
longer; all I have to say is that the light
of education illumine the darkness, and
our young people will advance irresisti-
bly to the foremost rank in every path of
life, and there implant the banner of
honor, of patriotism, and of loyalty to
their Church and their country.
(Applause)

Mr. M. J. F. QUINN, Q.C., M.P., then
addressed the gathering. He congrat-
ulated the public spirited gentlemen who
had so generously seconded the labours
of Father Quinlivan in his efforts to
accomplish the noble work of establish-
ing a High School for the English-
speaking Catholics of Montreal. He had
often wondered why it was that our
people who are renowned throughout
the world for their love of education;
who had established unaided throughout
the United States and the other Pro-
vinces of this Dominion magnificent
elementary and high schools; who had
supported these schools by voluntary
contributions, should be satisfied in
Montreal with only one elementary
school in which the English language
alone is taught. Yet such, up to the
present time, has been our condition in
this city, where we have a larger
English speaking Catholic population
than that of any other two cities in the
Dominion.

Contrast our position in Montreal with
that of our separated brethren who speak
our language and who are numerically
fewer than we are. The city is dotted
with Protestant elementary schools in
which English is taught and there is at
least one high school which stands as a
monument to the intelligence and fore-
sight of our English speaking Protestant
friends.

As a consequence of this I really be-
lieve we have lost ground steadily in
this great metropolis. Although numeri-
cally stronger than our Protestant fellow
citizens we are far behind in the com-
merce of the city and in the learned
professions; in the banking and insur-
ance, in the railway interests of the city,
we are almost unknown. Our people
seem to have been sleeping for the last
forty years. While the different other
peoples have been progressing in the
various walks of life, the English speak-
ing Catholics alone have retrograded. In
a great measure the splendid position
occupied by the Protestants today
is due to the fact that they have always
maintained at a high grade their ele-
mentary and high schools, while our
deplorable position is, in an equal mea-
sure, due to the fact that we have had no
such schools at all.

But at last a step in advance has been
made. We are here today to lay the
corner stone of our first high school.
And we have come here as it is fitting
we should come, supported by a French
Canadian Mayor of the city, who wishes
us God speed in our good work, and sus-
tained and encouraged by the blessing of
our beloved Archbishop whose heart
like his position, is large enough and
good enough to embrace all nationalities
(cheers).

Henceforth our youth will have no
cause to complain. In this school will
be taught the highest form of English
education. Experienced teachers will
be secured for the various branches and
strong courses of English, mathematics,
book-keeping. Arithmetic will be given
so that a young man in completing his
studies here will be qualified either to
enter at once upon a commercial career
or to begin his classical course should he
desire to enter either of the learned pro-
fessions.

Later on it is the intention to give a
course of manual training, and if possi-
ble classes for practical electricity and
mining, assaying and engineering, will
be opened.

All that is required now is that the
good work so nobly and zealously begun
by our beloved pastor, and a few of our
leading citizens should be heartily en-
couraged by all our people. This is not
a work in which St. Patrick's parish
alone is interested, but one which every
English speaking Catholic of the city
and even of the province should feel it
his duty to support. The presence here
today of the pastors and societies of the
different English-speaking parishes of
the city augurs well for the future of the
undertaking.

But let not our efforts relax until a
sum sufficient to build, equip and
establish the school upon a solid finan-
cial basis has been secured, and future
generations of our people will bless the
memory of those who so well began the
good work of this 18th of September
1898. (Applause.)

The Archbishop and several of the
clergy, who had temporarily absented
themselves from the proceedings, in
order to put on their vestments, now
made their way through the throng,
which reverently stepped aside, and
ascended the platform, His Grace who
was attired in his archiepiscopal robes,
being preceded by the cross borne aloft.

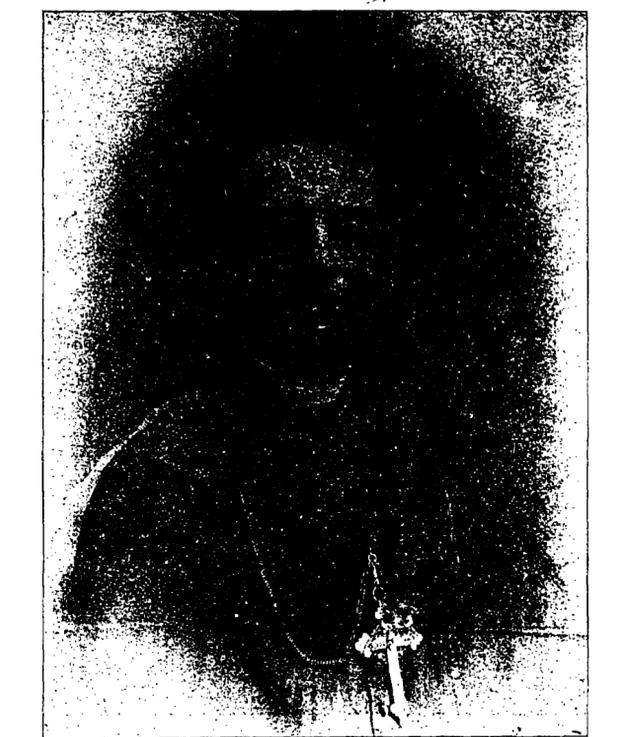
REV. FATHER O'DONNELL was then in-
troduced and delivered an eloquent and
impressive address. He said:—Having
listened to so many eloquent discourses
this afternoon, you cannot expect that I
shall have much to say. However, it
may be in place for the Church to have

a word to say, because to-day the Church
is represented, and it always takes a
wonderful interest in education. From
the day the Church received her charge
from on high to 'teach all nations,' she
has always considered the cause of edu-
cation as one of her most sacred charges,
and to it she has devoted her energies,
and for it made the greatest sacrifices
throughout all ages and all lands. It is
not necessary on this occasion to ex-
plain the necessity of religious educa-
tion. We all know, if education is
necessary, one of its most essential parts
is that which trained the moral part of
man. This is what the Church received
as her primary trust, and towards it she
has always exerted all her energies. But
she has not neglected the sacraments,
and has taken interest in the progress of
the human race and anything tending to
uplift it. The Church was always there
to assist, encourage and bless. Let those
who say that the Church is an obstacle
to progress look back and see where is
the line of progress in which she has
not taken the lead. To-day are we not
a tangible proof of this? Is not our
Archbishop here to pronounce, in the
name of the Church, a blessing even on
the material stones of the establishment
that is to be built up? This is how the
Church estimates the cause of education
and takes an interest in it.

We are here in a great city where we
have education on all lines. We are
proud of that. We have education for
the young men for the liberal profes-
sions, and for our young girls destined
for a religious life. We, the Irish Catho-
lics of Montreal, are in a minority, and
the schools being adopted on the sys-
tem of dual language, it was difficult
for us to get the association we wanted;
and this is casting no reflection upon
those of another language and nation-
ality. Father Quinlivan wished to be
neither unjust nor ungenerous, but only
to look after our interest in the cause of
education (applause) and after all our
other interests. I wish to be brief;
other speakers are to come; the Arch-
bishop is to address you, and conse-
quently it would be out of place for me
to detain you longer. Therefore, let us
thank the Archbishop for being here to
bless the institution and to show his in-
terest in the work he has at heart; and
let us hope that this institution, erected
by the worthy pastor of St. Patrick's,
will go on doing a good work, and that
it will grow and prosper and bear golden
fruit for many generations yet unborn.
(Applause)

HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP, who was
received with great enthusiasm, then ad-
dressed the vast gathering. His Grace
spoke as follows: "I can hardly ex-
press my happiness at seeing Church
and State represented and united at this
ceremony. You will remember that one
of my first wishes, when I had the
pleasure of meeting the Irish Catholics
of Montreal, was for the establishment
of a Catholic High School in this city
(applause), and by a Catholic High
School I did not mean a school where
classical studies would be taught, but a
first-class business college for commer-
cial studies. While some of our zealous
priests and devoted laymen were think-
ing of the creation of such a school, the
Jesuit Fathers were also thinking of
founding a college for classical studies,
where young men would be taught clas-
sical sciences in the English language.
I gave my approbation to these ideas,
and now my wishes are realized. The
Loyola College is in full operation for
the teaching of the higher and classical
studies, and to-day I come to lay the cor-
ner stone of a Catholic High School for
commercial studies. I have said it
more than once, as a Bishop, that I
do not make any distinction in a city
like this between one nationality and
another; I am the father and the friend
of all those who live under my jurisdic-
tion. (Applause) But if I do not make
any distinction between French, English
and Irish, I will not do anything to
destroy a nationality. On the contrary,
I will do all that is in my power to sym-
pathize with all nationalities and to
strengthen them, because I know that if
we French Canadians are proud of our
language and attached to our dear tra-
ditions, the English and the Irish are
also proud of their language and are also
attached to the traditions of their an-
cestors. (Applause)

Let the Irish be Irish, let the Eng-
lish be English, and let the French Can-
adians be French Canadians, but we
must not forget that both languages
—French and English—are official in
our province and in our city. We must
live together as brethren and as mem-
bers of the same family. Let the
French Canadians learn English, and let
the English learn the language of their
friends and brothers, the French Can-
adians. (Applause). That is the reason
why I hope in this institution English
and Irish pupils will have the great
advantage of being educated in their
mother tongue, but they will also be
taught the other language, which is
official in Montreal—the French lan-
guage. I am myself thankful to the
reverend pastor of St. Patrick's Church
and to the other pastors of Montreal and
to the devoted citizens who have encou-
raged the idea of a Catholic High School.
I thank them in the name of God, in the
name of the Church, and in the name of
all the children of Montreal, for what
they have done to-day and for what
they will do in the future. A few days
ago I was in Quebec attending a meeting
of the Council of Public Instruction, and
there, before all the Bishops and other
members, I spoke of this Catholic High
School. I may say that the idea was ap-
proved by all the Bishops of the province
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HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP BRUCHESI,
Who performed the ceremony of the Laying of the Corner Stone of the New
Catholic High School.

William Rawley, president County
Board A.O.H.; H. McMorrow, vice pres-
ident County Board A.O.H.; And. Dunn,
secretary County Board A.O.H.; John
Meagher, S. Cross; Dr. Kennedy, pres-
ident St. Patrick's Society; John Fallon,
Robert Warren, Prof. J. A. Fowler, E.
Irwin, D. McEntyre, J. J. Milloy, J. H.
Feeley, J. Costigan, M. Phelan, John
O'Leary, Andrew Cullinan, H. T. Kearns,
W. Deegan, Martin Egan, F. C. Lawlor,
D. J. O'Neil, M. Shea, M. P. McGold-
rick, P. Carroll, John Walsh, W. P.
Doyle, John Killfeather, James Brady,
Jas. E. Fosse, Richard Burke, E. Halley,
John Ahearn, P. Ahearn, P. H. Bartley,
D. Boud, J. H. P. Brown, J. Burns, T.
Butler, M. P. Carroll, T. Christy, Geo.
Clarke, Jas. Cochrane, H. J. Codd, B.
Connaughton, F. Connaughton, R. J.
Cooke, J. Corcoran, C. Coughlin, W. H.
Cox, P. J. Coyle, M. D. Labanty, P. J.
Donovan, M. Feron, J. B. I. Flynn, John
Galley, John Hatchette, Thos. Heffer-
nan, A. Jones, J. J. Pigott, P. Pearney,
J. G. Kennedy, John Killoran,
James Lonergan, T. A. Lynch, F. Lyle,
R. J. Lunny, J. E. Manning, Thos. Mul-
cair, P. Mullins, D. Murphy, P. F.
McCaffrey, Dr. J. A. MacDonald, Angus
McDonnell, M. D., John McDonough,
John Mollhone, W. J. McKenna, J. Mc-
Lean, J. P. O'Hara, E. Quinn, W. J.
Riarty, J. A. Rafferty, E. P. Ronayne, E.
Mansfield, D. Furlong, Geo. Clarke, T.
Rogers, Frs. Dowd, P. Doyle, B. Hughes,
J. J. Ryan, R. Gahan.

is acquired. Without you have had the
advantage of education, you may remain
in the lower ranks of society, but with
intelligence, which will develop itself,
you may become one of the first citizens
of your country. I hope that this in-
stitution will contribute to that, and that
the population will be proud of it,
whether they belong to the Roman
Catholic religion or to other creeds; for
anything connected with education
should be welcomed by every good citi-
zen, (applause).

Hon. Dr. GUERIN, the representative
of the English-speaking Catholics in the
Provincial Administration, made a
capital speech. He said: This, indeed,
is a proud day for the Irish Catholic
citizens of Montreal. For a long time
we have felt that there was something
we required; and the establishment of
this institution today is going to create
a boon amongst us, the want of which
has been felt for very many years past.
I am proud to see amongst us today the
Mayor of the city of Montreal and sev-
eral of our French Canadian fellow-
citizens (applause). It shows that they
sympathize with us in our undertaking.
But, ladies and gentlemen, we have in
the past had many occasions of witness-
ing the sympathy of the French-Can-
adian element of this city, and more par-
ticularly when there was a question of
erecting this magnificent edifice. It
seemed almost a hopeless task until the
gentlemen of St. Sulpice gave their
kind co-operation and came forward and
liberally contributed towards this estab-
lishment (applause). We owe them a
debt of gratitude. They have always
been solicitous for our welfare, both in
matters religious and in our educational
institutions.

"This, it is needless for me to inform
you, will be an institution wherein will
be taught commercial pursuits in their
higher forms. I know that you all ap-
preciate the endeavors of our dear and
venerated pastor, Father Quinlivan. He
has in the past proved to the people of
St. Patrick's parish and the Irish people
in general that no obstacle could pre-
vent him from going ahead in anything
he undertook. The embellishment of
St. Patrick's Church would have been
sufficient in itself to crown the efforts of
a lifetime. But no; he felt there was a
work to be done, and although it required
the greatest effort on his part, nevertheless
he nobly undertook it, and, with your
co-operation, will bring it to a successful
issue. (Applause) I wish to tell you
that, as far as I am aware, the Irish
Catholic people of Montreal have the