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## CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

### MARCH.

- 22—Fourth Sunday in Lent. So-  
lemnity of the Annunciation.
- 23—Monday—St. Cyril of Jerusa-  
lem.
- 24—Tuesday—Votive office of the  
Holy Apostles.
- 25—Wednesday—The Annunciation.
- 26—Thursday—Votive office of the  
Blessed Sacrament.
- 27—Friday—The Most Precious  
Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 28—Saturday—St. John Capistran.

## AN ANCIENT PRECEDENT.

At a time when there is so much talk about the Gamey-Stratton disclosures in Ontario, it may be interesting to our readers if we lay before them what we have reason to think is the only precedent, from Confederation, of a similar attempt to bribe a member of the House of Commons. The details of this momentous disclosure made almost thirty years ago will be all the more interesting to Manitobans because the member who made them was the first representative from Marquette in the Dominion Parliament. The resemblance between the Cunningham-Heney and the Gamey-Stratton cases is rather curious.

On motion of Mr. Whyte (Halton), seconded by Mr. Laflamme, an order of the House was issued "directing that the Sergeant-at-Arms do forthwith take the said Alderman Heney into custody," and on the following day, November 4th, 1873, the Sergeant-at-Arms reported "that in obedience to the Order of the House of yesterday, he had taken into custody Mr. Alderman Heney." But, considering that, three days later, the administration of Sir John A. Macdonald resigned, the Parliament was prorogued, and the ensuing general elections returned a Liberal administration, Mr. Heney's custody was swallowed up in the graver issues of which it had been the fore-runner.

From the Journals of the House of Commons, Monday, 3rd November, 1873.

Mr. Cunningham, member for the electoral district of Marquette, rose in his place, and read to the House a statement, and laid the same on the table, which statement is as follows:—

"On Sunday, being unwell, I left word with the clerk of my hotel that I was not at home to anybody. At 1.30 p.m., Mr. Graham, the proprietor, came to my room and informed me a gentleman wished to see me. I declined; he mentioned that my visitor's name was Alderman Heney, of Ottawa, and that he had been told I was in, and pressed me to admit him. I consented at length, and a person came in, who introduced himself to me as Alderman Heney. He immediately referred to my speech of Thursday, suggested that I had not so committed myself as to prevent me from voting either way, and asked me to vote for the Govern-

ment, told me that he knew all about the situation the Government wished me to accept, and said that I might have that situation, and that it would be made far better for me than was at first proposed. He went on to say that my expenses at last election must have been great, and that the Government were willing to pay these expenses, and more, that I could name any sum, £1,000, £2,000, £3,000, and it would be at once deposited so as to be secured to me.

"I was so astounded at the conversation that I wished for time to consider and consult as to the best mode of exposing the affair, and I asked him to return at seven o'clock, when I would have considered it. As he left my room he met Senator Sutherland, who entered immediately, and to whom I at once communicated what had passed. During the afternoon I also stated the facts to two private, and to four parliamentary friends.

"About 7 p.m., Mr. Alderman Heney returned, and asked me if I had thought over the matter. I replied in the affirmative. He asked me what I meant to do. I inquired for whom he was acting in the matter. He said for the Government. He asked me what my election expenses were. I named a sum. 'That is not enough, put it higher. Name any sum, any sum at all. Vote with the Government, and you will get it.' I asked what guarantee I would have of good faith, supposing I agreed. He said the Government never went back on their word,—that they had been true to him in his wood contracts,—and that they would be sure in this matter,—that I would still have the situation mentioned, and could name my terms as to money.

"Though I had been more than once nearly overcome by indignation, and was on the point of ejecting the Alderman from my room, I restrained myself and determined to see how far he would go. Accordingly I said, suppose I ask that \$5,000 should be put to my credit in a bank, secured so that I can draw it on my voting with the Government, can that be done? 'Certainly,' he replied. 'Meet me to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock at my office. We will go to Mr. Noel, and the whole will be arranged.'

"We then parted, and I at once informed Senator Sutherland and the other gentlemen of the conversation.

"I did not go to his office, and avoided seeing him since.

"I may state that this statement contains the more material part of the conversation, although much more was said."

## CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF HIS GRACE AT ST. NORBERT.

On Sunday last at St. Norbert, the ceremony of the blessing of a bell for the Trappist monastery took place, and the occasion was taken advantage of by the pupils of St. Norbert convent to present to His Grace the annual reception in honor of the anniversary of his consecration as Bishop. Promptly upon the arrival of the train at 3.30 p.m. conveying the distinguished prelate and the Rev. Fathers F. A. Dugas, V.G., Dandurand, Poitras, Lecoq, O.M.I., Hudon, S.J., Lebel, S.J., A. Beliveau, M. Lalonde, M. Mirault, M. Theriault, and many visitors from St. Boniface and Winnipeg. The parish church bells pealed forth the announcing the hour of Benediction, after which His Grace, assisted by the Trappist Fathers, performed the ceremony of the blessing of the bell. The Rev. A. Dugas, V.G., then in a few well chosen words explained the significance of the blessing of bells and in particular, this one to be used by the Trappists, whose austere monastic regulations are well known. After the ceremony a sumptuous repast was served to the visiting prelates and sponsors at Monsignor Ritchot's, whose hospitality is attested to by all who know the venerable cure of St. Norbert. At 7.30 p.m. the doors of the spacious reception room of the convent, where two hundred seats had been placed, were thrown open, and in a very short while standing room was at a premium, though notice

of the play had been given but a few days previous.

The entrance of His Grace, accompanied by Monseigneur Ritchot, Rev. Fathers Louis, Paul and Sebastian, of the Trappist monastery, Rev. G. Garnier and the visiting clergy, signalized the opening of the performance of the following programme:

Athalie: Tragedy in five acts.  
Personages.

Joas, King of Judea, Son of Ocho-  
sias, Miss T. Marcoux  
Athalie, widow of Joram,

Joad, High Priest, A. Ross  
Josabeth, Joas' Aunt, wife of high  
priest M. A. Laurendeau

Zacharie, son of Joad and Josa-  
beth, A. Laporte  
Salomith, sister of Zacharie,

H. Chagnon  
Abner, principal officer of the Queen

E. Cloutier  
T. Beaubier

Asarias, J. Campeau  
Ismael, Chiefs of the Priests,

R. Garaud, A. Poulin  
Mathan, Apostate, Sacrificer to  
Baal, M. Beauchemin

Nabal, confidant of Mathan,  
E. Ross

Agar, follower of Athalie,  
G. Champagne

Levites,  
E. Gosselin, M. M. Monchamp

Chorus—soloists, Misses B. Mc-  
Dougall, E. Lacerte, B. Marcoux,  
M. Dufort, A. Dufort.

Accompanist—Miss A. M. Jean.  
Address.

God Save the King.

For two and a half hours the eagerly attentive audience listened to the rendering of the drama, interrupted only by the applause called forth occasionally by the parts which were exceptionally well rendered; the young ladies doing their parts so well that one almost forgot they were not professionals.

Before the opening Miss Hubertha Chagnon stepped forward and read the following (in substance):—  
My Lord, Very Rev. Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen.

In offering you this evening our first effort in the rendering of a chef-d'oeuvre of Racine, we do not pretend to perfection—no, far from that. It would be presumption on our part, had we not in view the nourishing of our hearts and minds with the pure truth and beauty, rising to our Maker, himself who lends a willing ear to the humblest child, asking as food, the truth in his studies as well as in all else.

We are confident of your indulgence, knowing that you do not object to the occasional leaving of other studies for that of the sublime tragedy Athalie, which to us represents your holy teachings and paternal solicitude.

Thanks Rev. Fathers for your presence here in such numbers, which we partly owe to the solemn blessing of the monastery bell. In future its tones will serve as a reminiscence of this day.

Thanks ladies and gentlemen, to whom we extend a respectful and cordial welcome, craving your indulgence while we assure you of our good will in these our efforts for your amusement.

At the close of the performance the following address to His Grace was read by Miss A. M. Jean:—

"My Lord,—How thankful we are to-day for the circumstances which permits us to celebrate a feast so dear to all; that of the eighth anniversary of your consecration as Bishop, which causes emotions of thanksgiving to surge within us. Permit, My Lord, for this once that the usual order be reversed, allowing the last to be the first, to offer you the respectful homage of their gratitude. The humble tribute of our filial piety is admirably expressed in the docile submission of the child (Joas-in-Athalie) who is guarded and protected by the Divine Law given by God to His ministers for the welfare of His people.

Such lessons imprinted on our memory will always serve as beacons to guide our footsteps in life's path.

During the occasional short visits which you paid us since the beginning of the year, wherein you encouraged us in our studies, we have heard you remark that you counted on the preparation of the youth of to-day, for the future of our cause. These words have found a responsive chord within us and we

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wish but to prove useful instruments of His Divine Will as well as to the cause which you have so much at heart.

May our sincere wishes for your preservation and happiness, My Lord, be deserving of the continuation of your kind favors and fatherly care."

His Grace, upon rising to answer, first dwelt on the high standard of the Educational Institute wherein such care was being taken to train the young ladies to an appreciation of the beautiful in literature by the devoted Sisters of Charity, and eulogized the rendering of the play by a well merited compliment to the principal actors—Miss A. Ross as High Priest, Miss Therese Turenne, who so gracefully fulfilled her role as Queen, Miss E. Cloutier as a faithful general, and last but not least, the child, Miss T. Marcoux, who so perfectly represented Joas' rightful heir to the throne.

He complimented the audience in their appreciation of the play, thereby proving themselves a credit to their venerable pastor, who had just reason to be proud of them as well as the convent where the young ladies secured such training.

Monsignor Ritchot then complimented the pupils and could only reiterate the sentiments expressed by His Grace.

Owing to the limited hall space, the play was again rendered on Tuesday, to give to all an opportunity of witnessing it.

A Spectator.  
ST. ANNE DES CHENES.

It is with sorrow that we announce the death of Mrs. Pare, who expired at 11 o'clock, Saturday morning, the 7th of March. She was the esteemed wife of our sometime member of Parliament, Mr. T. Pare, who is one of the most universally respected gentlemen in the whole district. Mrs. Pare died fortified with all the rights of our Holy Mother the Church, her only regret was that she could not see her daughter: to bid her a last good-bye. Her daughter was very

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