





THE HERALD

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Rebellion and That Sort of Thing.

No sooner is the insurrection quelled in the Northwest than news comes of a threatened rebellion in British Columbia, arising out of dissatisfaction with the price offered by the Government upon the Dominion lands.

The person who shall have first settled the land before the improvements on Dominion lands before such confirmed survey may stake out the land so settled upon, and after the said shall have been staked out, shall, in addition to the prior right of obtaining homestead entry, be entitled to the same as a settler who has staked out such land, to bring such action to trespass and ejectment as he would be entitled to bring, were he the owner in fee of the same land.

At the expiration of three years from the date of his perfecting his homestead entry, the settler, upon proving to the satisfaction of the agent that he has resided upon and cultivated the land during the said term of three years, shall be entitled to a patent for the land on payment of one dollar per acre.

From that time in the case of a settler who may have obtained homestead entry for land occupied by him previously to survey thereof, residence upon and cultivation of the land for three years next preceding the application for the patent shall be held equivalent to the residence and cultivation prescribed in the foregoing clause.

These regulations appear very just and designed, in every possible way to protect the settlers, so that we fail to see how any objections arise. Not only do the settlers who have surveyed lands enjoy the prior right of homestead entry, but they have the power of bringing actions of trespass and ejectment, as though they owned the land.

We believe that, when full enquiry has been made into all the circumstances connected with the North-west rebellion, it will be found that little, if any, cause was shown for the grievances of the half-breeds, which we have seen paraded in the Opposition press. Of what advantage can it possibly be to the Government to persecute the innocent people? Is it not far easier to grant their demands and keep quiet?

But the Government owe a duty to the Dominion at large, as well as to the residents of the Northwest, and it is part of their duty to protect the treasury of the people, the money of the people, and the money's worth of the people, whether that money consists in the Dominion's debt or in the Dominion's property.

Rebellion is rather too expensive a game to be indulged in at the pleasure of a few restless spirits living on the Northwest frontier. To suppress the recent insurrection has cost millions of money, and what is worse than all, the lives of many of our best and bravest citizens, and upon the inhabitants of the older provinces has devolved by far the heaviest portion of this expenditure of blood and treasure.

It was the first to sacrifice one of her sons in the cause of law and order at Duck Lake, while upon her people must fall a proportionate share of the cost involved in stamping out the rebellion. It is not to be supposed that the Dominion Government, who are suffering an injustice compared with the alleged grievances of the Northwest settlers are ignorant of the fact that for more than ten years, and although our remonstrances have several times been made in strong language to the General Government, we are very slow in saying that the thought of armed rebellion never suggested itself to a single mind.

Because we believe that we live under one of the grandest systems of government upon the face of the earth, and that, by the employment of the constitutional means at our command, we shall yet accomplish our ends and obtain our rights. We must not allow ourselves to be misled by the blood of those who have died for us.

Death of Monsignor Bourget.

This telegraph wire has just reached through Canada news of the death of one of the grandest spirits of Canadian history. At the ripe old age of eighty-six the Right Reverend Ignace Bourget has been called to his reward.

He was a marked man, a man of 1919, and ordained to the priesthood on the 30th of November 1822. He was for some years Secretary to the Bishop of Montreal, and in 1836 he was appointed Vicar-General of the diocese of Montreal, and in 1838 he was appointed Vicar-General of the diocese of Montreal, and in 1838 he was appointed Vicar-General of the diocese of Montreal.

A very clever gentleman, formerly in Parliament, was called by his political opponents the "Great Stretcher," but his greatest feat, his peculiar forte, his special achievement, was his performance of the duties of Monsignor Bourget. He was a man of great energy, and his life was a life of constant activity.

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Corpus Christi.

On Corpus Christi—the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament—was fittingly observed in St. Dunstons Cathedral. At 7 a.m. the first Mass, at which the children received First Communion, was offered by Rev. John McDonald, and assisted by Rev. John McDonald, and assisted by Rev. John McDonald.

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