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FROM THE EDMONTON PAPERS.

Important Address by the Cath olics of Edmonton, and Ke ply of Archbishop Langevin Lhast Sanday in spite of the day, a large conrourse people gathered at the General Hospin building. Punctually at the appointed Lour a procession wus formed in one of the wards on the ground floor in the
following order: Father Le Marchand, Crosbearer, two acolytes ; Fathers Mc-
Carthy, Lestane, Ledur, Bishops Grouard and Grandin and Archbishop Langevin. They passed throngh every room and
ward in the building sprinkling holy whter and repeating the prayers and rethe church. The spectators were then invited to assemble in oue of the larye
wards, where they were addressed by Archbishop Langevin, who congratulat-
ed the people of Edmonton in Laving secured the services of the Sisters of Charity and paricularly of Sister Mary
Xavier from St. Boniface and eulogized he services of the medical profession English with scarcely any trace of rened with profound attention. He wa followed by the venerable prelate of St
Alleert, who spoke in French praising Altert, who of the Sisters of Charity, ${ }^{\text {w }}$ in ministering to the sick and to Curist himself. A lection for the Hospital tas crowd ad Which realized $\$ 55.00$ and the crowd ach him, which was speedily packed to its listop was vested in his mitre and cop and, had taken his seat in front of the
alhar, Mr. N. D. Beck, on behalf of the Catholics of Edmonton, read the follow ing address

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My Lord Archbrshor,- We, the under lation of Edmonton, whatever their
mother tongue may be, are deeply graii fied to greet you on the first occasion:
your coming among us
secration as Archbishop
We felicitate you on your elevation
that high and boly office. We recognis that high and ho has already proved bimeelf to be a worthy successor to the late office labored so long and faithfully an well tor the spiritu
fare of all his flock.
We pray that you may be spared
numos anvos to continue and multos annos to continue and deyelo
the work of which he laid the foundations so well and true
already yours too-is for ever iuseparab ly linked with the question whici now most agitates the minds of the people of Although so-called, and strictly speak ing correctly so, it is in reality one elsew here throughout the whole Dom-
inion but especially us of the North inion, but especialy Territories, one which affects us by no means merely by sympatisy but ver deeply by a consideration of our own our
terests ; for our rights, we do not say our privileges, in regard to the education our children, have also, though not
to so large an extent, been grossly in vaded, and we believe that our liberty In this regard whils degree in which our fellow Catholics Manitoba suffer defeat or triumph in th

## long engaged

Witb regard to our own schools wo atil maintain the position taken in lay Catholic population by the Catholic separate school trustees throughout the territories in 1893, when petitioning fore namely, that since the
dinance of 1892, nat passage of ${ }^{\text {that }}$, ordinance the so-called
Catholic schools of the Territories were then, and still are Catholic in name only, and in view of the oft repeated asser-
tion that the agitation against the pre-

$|$| part of the ecclesiastical authorities only, |
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| we may on this occasion be permitted to |
| declare that the movement for the dis- |
| allowance of the school ordinance of | leclare that the movement or the

allowance of the school ordinance of 1892 lad its origin, not with the ecclesi-
astical authorities, but with the lay trustees of our own separate school from whom the first of the mad
In reply to the denials and specious arguments on the part of the Executiv
Council of the Legislative Assembly to Councli of those petitions the truth of the state
ments and conclusions contained in ments and conclusions contained
them was unanswerably established b memorial from your venerated pre-
lecessor and we look with entire confidence to Your Grace as the Metropol wour we form a part, to aid us we your high position in freeing ourselve rom the fetters placer
school ordinance of 1892.
That ordinance compels us to use for the qualification of Catholic teachers an series of text books nuiform with thos used in the case of Protestant teacher
and Protestant pupils and of a characte object most strenuously. It compels u to submit to the inspection and superin
tendence of the entire system of our schools by non-Catholics who have, a
best and to say the least, no ssmpathy best and to say the least, no sympathy
with our views concerning educaion and rellgious instruction is probibite ander severe penalties save for a neag
half hour at the close of the schoo hours-and yet we
schools are Catholic.
The present school system of the Te of Manitoba-is based upon a false an abominable principle that is 'the echo the cry "We have no king but (iesar."
It is a grobs violation of the natura and God-given and inalienable rights parents in respect to their children,
rights which it is beyond the power of man by legislation or otherwise to take gladly acknowledge the right and, und
circumstances, the duty of the stats and the parent in the periormance of his
duty in this regard, to provide for the parent's neglect; but the parent is first the state last. No school system will be
satisfactory unless and only in so far as it is based on a recognition of these prin
ciples. The school law of the Terri actually administered was inder the circumstances tolerable as an approx
mate application of these principles, th We declare the system mimposed on us by We have said much upon the sehthe
question, but Your Grace will, neverthe ess agree with us, that we have given no munce prominence.
Concluding, we again greet Your Gruce, and lendering to you and their
Lordships, who are tieside yon, the pression of our profound respect aud
reverence, we ask Your Grace's blessag upon ourselves and our children. Archbishop Langevin in reply ex pressed his thanks for the expression
contained in the address and for the pportunity which it gave him of stating looked upon as of the very flrst import stand on the su! ject were fighting for their rights, and would defend th:ese
rights if necessary to the death. Tuey were not slaves. This question was no
ne that could be settled by synods. 1 must be settled by that court of bighes And unless parliament granted Catho lits their scho. He could not under stand how, when a government does its duty, it should not be supported. Thio
was not a question of Catholic or Pro lestant, but of right and justice. A com-
mission of enquiry had been suggested for five years we have had nothing but about it. It was strange that the matter ear and yet we knew nothing of Even the children could tell of the mission but justice and right. A
commaission on this question would be an insult to the country and every
one in it. When England made her
 bishops and archbishop.
parties to let their claims be adjadicated
upon jy an arbitrator, and Lord Salisbury had refused. Disappointed in bis
attempt to get a judicial decision with attempt to get a judicial decision with
the consent of both parties as to the consent of both parties as to whether
Great Britain was offending acainst the Monroe doctrine, or merely claiming her opn, Mr. Cleveland had only one course
open to him. Unwilling to construe the refusal of Great Britain to go to arbitration as an admission that her claims
would not bear investigation, he has ithvited congress for the satisfaction of its determine for itself the proper line between Veneznela ami British Guana fort to induce this country to let a judi cial tribunal dee ifle the issue, and hav-
ing fa led, before yielding to the supplication of Venezaela to go in and vindi. he has asked Congress to appoint a com mission, which, after carefully tating
evidence, will report to him there is a case for interference or not.
The only fault we find with the Precil ent's action is that he has lieen needlessly abrupt in closing the door to nego-
tations, and by appealing publicly to difficult. A little more patience would have given slatesmer on this side of the
Atlantic time to understand the vastly assumes in proportions which this dispute England the whole business is re-
arded merely as a vexatious little af fair which will have to be attended to
some day or other, but which meanwhile can drag itself along as it has heien
doing any time for the last fifty years; n the United States, on the other hand, lways looms so large, the quarrel with national honour, and the most sacred
For our part we regret deeply that both Lord Salisbury and Lord Kimber-
ley have refused to submit the whole question to arbitration. It is surely irrelevant to contend that our right to the too clear for dispute ; the fact remains ed for years. And surely the fact tha upon the merits of our case we are bound to win, is the gdcest of reasons for re
fusing to go before an ithernational tri bunal. And it has not been the fault of mitted to the decision of the most ang fis Judge in Christendom. Mindful Low Germany and Spain in the case of the Carolice Istands, the President of Vene ear, commissioned Archbishop Touti Vicar Apostolic at Caracas, to yo to
Rome and beg the Sovereign Pontiff to use lis good offices to settle this dis yute willing to undertake of the difficult which Prince Bismarck had sought Lord Kimberley declined. The decision of such an arbitrator, in whosesoever favo it were given, would have been gladly of Venezuela, while our own Govern ment, if they had had the instinct of welcomed an honourable and dignified way out of a difficulty which now
threatens us with the most bid calaüity which could possibly hefall wember how little it matters to the per manent interestis of Enland wLether
me
frontiers of British Guiag a miles this way or that, and how ininite
ly inportant it is to us, and to our child reu's children, to avoid a struggle wit
our kindred in tue United states, w
may well wonder at the blindness whic
led Lord Kimberiey so to throw awa this quaque opportunity of bringing
long quarrel to an honourable close. all the Guianas were bloited from the
earth to-morrow the Eaglish future yet it is for so poor a thinna as a patch of
one of them that our statesnen decling
the good offies of the Holy risk a serions quarrel with the Amer
can people. Happily we feel sure that canpeope the thunders those in haigu
whatever thay
places may coumit. the saving comuron sense of both hations will forbid the
worst. worst. The spirit that rang out in the
brave and generous words of the A meri-
can Ambassuitor on Wednesd can Ambassalor on Wednesday night,
words for which in the hereafter two
nations will bless hin, will find an ansnations will bless hi, , will find an ans-
wering ecto in millions of heartson both
sides of the world, and gnard its peace.

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## The dorthurest tavieu

## wednesday, January 8.

he Londo
Venezuela question is leader on the Venezuela question is printed here as a
specimen of judicial calmness in the midst of the shricks of two nations. Th editor of the 'Lablet, though a staunch
Tory, is able to enter into the minds of Tory, is able to enter into the pinds of
Americans and put himself in their place. He is too sure of his admitted loyalty to think himself obliged to boast of it. Nor is he afraid to blame his own leader, iord Salisbury, for not accepting the proposed arbitration. Well were if some of our a merican Catholic col temporaries, who are just now making themselves supremely ridiculous by thei clamors for war, would take a leaf from
the admirably written and charitably conceived article in the great metropol tan weekly.
The reports printed in another column of the Edmonton Catholics' address and of His Gracele reply bear on their face the evidence that the laity are not a whited the clergy in denouncing the
behin treatment Catbolic schools are receiving treatment Cutbolic schools are receiving
in the Northwest Territories. In fact he address of the laity is much mor scathing than the Archbishop's reply The former says "the present school sys
tem of the Territories is based unan tem of the Territories is based upon a false and abominable principle," "is a gross violation of the natural and God and begs His Grace to aid the Catholice in freeing themselves from the fettere placed on them by the school ordinance I 1892." Surely, this is stronger lang uage than any used by the Archbishop.
And yet, as if this lonest report was too And yet, as if this honest report was too
fair, the Calgary Herald suppressed al fair, the Calgary Herald suppressed all
allusion to the address and blamed Mgr. allusion to the address and blamed Mgr
Langevin for having painfully surprised is histeners by an uncalled for tirade All that His Grace said was suggested and distinctly called for by the indignant protest of the laity.
Last Friday the Free Press published long screed on the School question from den of this silly performance was that the intelligence and progress of Ontario and Manitoba should be forced upon the stagnation and retrogression of Qnebec. Now it so happens that the facts are dead
against Elva. There is vastly more inagainst Elva. There is vastly more in-
telligence and more real progress in Quebec than in either Ontario or Manitoba. Solvency is a sure test of progress. Property owners are far more solvent in QueJohn Talbot Smith proved, some years ago, that the farms of the "premier province" were at least twice as heavily mortgaged as the farms of the "pivotal prov-
mprovements, such as the spread of creameries and cheese factories. News ress, W apposed to be a sign of pro Frencl Catholic paper, of Monireal, ulation than any other paper in the Dominion, wider even than that of the Star whose readers are largely Catholic, aud which also thrives in the "stagnant"
province. As regards intelligence, culture and refinement of a ligh order are
more general in Quebec than in any other part of Canada. The old province contains more college men in proportion ths population than any other region of A merica and perhaps of Europe, and the curriculum of its colleges is, though less showy, much more substantial and elev ating than the cramming and multiform smattering of non-Catholic colleges. No
long ago Principal Grant gave a list o ameus living lirench Canadians all trained in the "etagnation and retro
gression" of Quelec. Our own Archbishop, quite lately in his reply to the Edmonton address, quoted a Manitoba nember as saying that Catholic members members in education. But, alas! none Mr. Ewart's pamphlet in reply to Mr Wade's comes in tie nick of time. A glance at it shows that it is, like everying, crushing. To set off Mr. Wade's itle page quotation from Victor Hugo r. Ewart prints a most apposite and elling passage from Lord Salishury. It
rould be difficult to present in a more would be difficult to present in a more
striking manner the contrast between the striking manner the contrast between the
two pamphlets. Victor Hugo is the worst possible authority on any question itterary insanity is his forte; no man o judgment or taste would think of quoting is testimony on any subject; at best he might, with pardonable indulgence, be alled, as Lamartine called bim, "the ablime child," a creature of impulse and men, which Mr. Wade qnotes, is a typmen, which Mr. Wade quotes, is a typ-
ical specimen of foundationless rant, the aving ef an apostate Catholic ruined b prodiyious pride. The Marquis of Sali bury, on the contrary, is a master of core terrible to his onemies by what be says that even by the trenchant words in which he says it. No man is more he, and few of his many terse and really eep sayings are wiser and better ex ressed than the one Mr. Ewart has hosen. Hugo is a mad poet, a fool, hose influence tends to spoil and deis a wise, strong statesman, in salisbury clearness of thought inan, in whom strength of will. As Hugo just suits Mr Wade, so Salisbury just suits Mr. Ewart

## A declaration of

The Catholic laymen of Edmonton, n address presented to His Grace, Mgr . Langevin, during his visit to Mgr Grandin, have "declared war" against the Masonic programme of D. J. Goggin, which has for its aim the destruction of the Catholic character of the separate
schools in the Northwest Territories. There is no uncertain sound in the language of this address. It shows tha the Catholics of the Northwest Terri tories have a grievance in educational
matters, much more dangerous because less brutal and more treacherous than the grievance in Manitoba. In Manon the minority is so flagrant as to defeat its object, while in the Territories the thing is done with scientific slow itoba the Government openly appeal to the lowest passions and prejudices of th ingly devised methods of 'Mr. D. J. Goggin are hidden beneath the cloak o kindly interest in the improvement of Catholics. In Manitoba the appeal is while in the Northwest Territories the end aimed at is accomplished by an in idiousness which lurks behind a smil ing pretence of friendship. In Manitoba denial when protesting against the
wrongs inflicted upon them, while in the Territories west of us the protests of the
Catholics are met with a semblance Catholics are met with a semblance of
humility on the part of Mr. Goggin, who takes refuge behind skilfully prepared him granting:aty relief to the aggrieve omplaina:tis. With a stereotyped smile the Past Grand Master of Freemasomr meets the complaints of the minority and, while assuring them of his undy ing friendship for them and deep rever ence for their conscientious conviction in the education of their children, h
egrets most earnestly that he is powe those unfortunate regulations of the Department of Education. If the Cath olics could only induce the Departmen Education to relax or change thes regulations, devised by himself, h
would be so glad to grant the prayers would be so glad to grant the prayers of
his dear Catholic fellow-subjects; but as matters now stand he is the unfortunat and most unwilling instrument of their misery ; he is the creature of painful cir cumstances over which he has no conesteems them highly; he recognizes their unhappy lot; he hopes that they will not blame him. but those unspeak able regulations, gentlemen, come be-
tween him and his love for you. The most worshipful Grand Master of Ma sonry, with all the craftiness of hi most effective while hiding from publi view the secret machinations of hissect No vulgar display of intolerance; no
abusive and brutal assault on Cath olics ; this would weaken his designs, o render them abortive. That kind of
warfare may suit the vuigar and ignor warfare may suit the vuigar and ignor
ant herd in Manitoba; but for the clever and astute leader of "The Craft" in thi ountry, it is beneath contempt.
The devil is an accomplished diplomat who knows all the weaknesses of human he may go with safety in his soul-des troying programme. He commits no to clothe his in its ex pectability and apparent goodness. He is neither vulgar, stupid, nor ignorant Helaughs at his agents when they work
nto his hands and curses them when hey defeat his designs. He prefers to work in secret and to hide his hand lest its hideousness might, if revealed, ploys, therefore, as the executors of hi purpose, men versed in all the arts of deception. For this end he has establish ed secret means; oath-bound secret Conaves, where the light of day neve penetrates, and where his cumningly
hatched schemes are prepared and hatched schemes are prepared and
launched upon an unthinking and easily duped world. He sees in the Spouse of Jesus Christ, the Catholic
Church, the one insurmountable obstacle to the accomplishment of all his designs on the human family and he has sworn to destroy her influence. He ut he wishes to do the ner blot her that is, destroy her influence. He real zes that the best way to do this is to corrupt the fountains from which th young draw their knowledge. He knows that if he can succeed in hiding the sav-
ing truths of Christianity from one genration of men, he will have no difficulty with the generations that will succeed them. How can this be done? By seclarizing the schools and degrading the ame of Jesus Christ. He suggests that he easiest way to settle religious disp cation of religion. "Why the incul state, which exists in order to deal with ters, recognize or both itself with spiritual affairs? Let th Churches and Sunday schools attend to that. It is their proper duty, not the
state's." Freemasonry is theinstrument by which this programme of the Devilis arried out, and it is the enemy which is, to-day, threatening, nay, accomplishing the destruction of Catholic schools in the Northwest Territories.
We are pleased to notice the "declar Wion of war" which the Catholic laymen of the Territories have made upon this
threatening to destroy their God-given
$\underset{\text { ThOBE BYE-ELECTIO }}{ }$
The Tribune sees in each bye-election esulting against the Dominion Govern ment a victory for Manitoba, and even
goes the length of saying that thie Cat olics in the East are not interestel in eparate schools generally, and especial ly that they are indifferent to the mainince. In making tiese statements the Tribune is judging the Catholics of east ern Canada by its own narrow standard It assumes that they are governed by sions and prejudices which actuate itsel and those who follow its lead. Not so Catholics are governed in their public and private acts by well defined and in elligent rules, and cannot, therefore, be largely influenced by passions and pre-
udices which have their origin, life and udices which have their origin, life and
ction in ingnorance and the evils flow ing therefrom.
In all the bye-elections the Catholic oters have been governed by just princples. In Ontario, they had been drivn ont of the ranks of the Conservative arty by the narrow intolerance of that partv in local politics. Mr. Mereditı an the local politicians of Ontario belonging th the Conservative party made open
and cruel war upon the separate schools and cruel war upon the separate schools
Ontario and sought, by exciting the assions and ignorant prejudices of the itra-Protestant element, to defeat Sir Oliver Mowat and destroy the schools of he minority. For twelve years, the Catholics of Ontario have been witnesses of this savage onslaught carried on by hampions of their coreligioning in hampions of their co-religionists in Man seeking to take away from Catholics the ery privileges which they half-hearted promised to support the Dominion overnment in restoring to the minority Manitoba. Is it any wonder that me Catholic electors should look with ons of men who have systematically op posed their edncational rights for twelve ears? They reason thus: "The rights Manitoba Catholics have been invaded. Under our Constitution it becomes the duty of the Dominion Governmeat and Parliament of Canada to supply a rem-
e.ly. In doing so, that government and arliament are merely doing an act of imple justice for which they deserve special thanks. Why should we abandon our party and fly to the arms of our rstwhile persecutors, simply becaus do an act of simplas by the Constitution? Up to the present ime they have only made promises and we prefer to wait and see what these
promises will amount to. If the Government bring in a just measure of relief, and if the Lileral party, to which we belong, in any way oppose the bestowwill place relinc, then, as Catholics, give our hearty support to the Govern ment. Meantime we decline to be by appeals founded only on promises We lave stood by Sir Oliver Mowat' Goverument because its poliey was one founded on justice and opposed to tyrañ-
ny and persecution, and, should our party oppose the Government in granting a full measure of justice to our co-religonists in Manitoba, we will stand for ustice and right and support the men who maintain it." That is the position of the Catholics of Ontario, and we submit that it is one founded on common reasons, interpret it as indiffer for party ssential a principle as the maintenarce of Catholic schools in Manitoba will, should the occasion urise, find that the Catholics Ontario, like the Catholics of Quebec and the rest of Canada, rise above party and stand as one man in the sacred ause of Catholic education.
That the Dominion Government ba suffered defeat in two constituencies in Quebec, which have heretofore returned anservative members, must not be taken as indifference to the cause of the Catb-
olics of Manitoba; but rather the opolics of Manitoba; but rather the op
posite. Neither can it be taken as an in
dorsement of Mr. Laurier. The true cause of the defeat of the Government is
to be found in the tain whelmingly indorses the position taken by Mr. Angers on the school question, and is determined that he will not suffer personally by the stand he then took. reason for delay in granting relief after the decided refusal of the Manitoba Gov ernment to recognize the decision of the Imperial Privy Counci!. The result of the further negotiations of the Dominion Government amply justifies Mr . Angers position aud, evidently, Quabec is ft same opinion. So strongly intrenched Mr . Angers in the hearts of the people o Quebec, that Sir M. Bowell cannot pertake lis place in the cabinet Than best thing Sir Mackenzie can do is to get Mr. Angers back into his caibinet as soon as possible, by promp'ly taking steps to restore to the mincrity in Manitoba their Catholic schools. Mr. Angers bas proved himself, on more than one occasion, ower of strength in his own province and, by his resignation, he bas shown his devotion to principle at any cost. The sooner the Government recognize his, the better it will be for them, if they value their prestige in Quebec. NOTES FROM PORTAGE LA PRALRIE.

## St. Cuthbert's Church Christmas

 in the Sundey which took place the 27 th inst., was a success. Misse Maggie Bemister and Tessie Thomas ed in preparing the pupils they expendall other arrangements, pand and making all otber arrangements, and the successachieved was greatly due to their efforts. The entertainment opened with The entertainment opened with
chorus, "Jolly Old St. Nicholas," by Mar Fitzgerald, Lillie Thomas, Mary Costigan, Kathleen Bemister, Frank O'Reilly Humbert Costigan, Eddie McFarlane and Teddie Lyons, and was very appropriate
and well rendered. "Vocal solo" by Miss Lillie Thomas showed that the full rich voice and under possesses a professor promises to be more than ordi-

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