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THE CANADIAN ELECTION.

It is evident that this week's general election marks a crisis in Canadian politics. Never was there an election more fiercely contested since the provinces were federated into the Dominion of Canada in 1867. The Tories or Conservatives were backed by all the resources of the Canadian Pacific Railway company, and it is suspected, by the British government. Sir Charles Tupper, who would have been premier had the Tories been successful, is a close personal friend of "Joe" Chamberlain, and resigned his position as high commissioner of Canada in London to enter the race for the premiership.

The Grits, or Liberals, took advantage of the prevailing hard times in Canada to loudly proclaim that the Tory policy of protection was ruinous to Canada. Wilfred Laurier, of Quebec, the Liberal leader, promised the people that if the Liberals were returned to power they would bring about free trade between Canada and the United States.

Then came the most disturbing element—the Manitoba school question. In order to properly understand this matter it should be stated that in Canada there are two classes of schools, both supported out of the public funds, known as "public" and "separate" schools. In Quebec the Catholics predominate, and there the public schools are the Catholic schools and the non-Catholic these separate schools. In Ontario the non-Catholics predominate, and there the public schools are the non-Catholic and the Catholic are the separate.

All taxpayers are assessed for school purposes, and the tax is paid by all. The separate schools receive back a pro rata amount of the public school money according to the number of pupils graduated from them. All schools are alike open to government inspection. The maintenance of these separate schools is guaranteed by the Dominion Confederation Act of 1867.

Some two years ago, Premier Greenway, of the province of Manitoba, undertook to override the confederation act and to close the Catholic separate schools. He is a member of the Protestant Protective Association, a Canadian organization hostile to the A. P. A. At his

behest the Manitoba provincial legislature passed a law depriving the Catholic schools of their share of the public funds. The Catholics appealed to the Dominion government and that body decided against the Catholics. An appeal was taken to the Imperial privy council of the British Empire, and that body decided that the Dominion government had full power. The Catholics again appealed to the Dominion cabinet on the ground that their separate schools were guaranteed by the confederation act. The government this time decided that the separate schools be restored to their former status. The Manitoba legislature refused, and in the provincial election the Greenway government was returned to power on this distinct issue.

In the past the Tories in Canada have been dominated by the Orange order, but the large number of French Canadian Tory members of parliament have kept the Orange men in check. This year the Tories saw a storm gathering because of the public dislike of the Tory policy of subsidizing the Canadian Pacific railway with public money, and also because the Tory policy of high protection had failed to prevent hard times. They foresaw that without Catholic help in Quebec they were likely to be defeated. So they came out strongly for the restoration of the separate schools in Manitoba, and the Catholic prelates of Quebec issued an address calling upon their fellow-Catholics to vote the Tory ticket.

Wilfred Laurier, the Liberal leader and the next Canadian premier, is a French Canadian and a Catholic, so-called. From the results it would appear that the French Canadians were unable to resist the temptation to vote for a fellow countryman and for one of their own faith because the Liberals swept Quebec.

From what we know of Laurier we are confident he will arrange some compromise of the Manitoba difficulty amicable to both sides. We are the more strongly inclined to this view because the venerable and sagacious Archbishop Walsh, of Toronto, refused to join in the appeal of the French prelates. Indeed, if some compromise is not reached, the Quebec legislature may retaliate and close the non-Catholic separate schools in that province as is clearly within its power from the Manitoba standpoint.

We deal with this subject at length to show that the Liberal victory was not gained on the Manitoba issue alone, and also to show "The Post Express" that it was mistaken when it said last Tuesday: "It was not alone the mere query as to whether Manitoba should have a secular school system, similar to our own, that the electors of the Dominion have responded to affirmatively. The issue was deeper far than this, and of much further reach in its consequences. It involved the fundamental principle as to whether the integrity of the provinces should be protected as against the arbitrary power of the Dominion government. The fight was to settle the principle of home rule, and we have faith that it has been settled definitely and permanently."

Much capital is made of the fact that a specific A. P. A. plank was not inserted in the St. Louis platform. In the advance reports sent out by the press associations to sections where the A. P. A. is strong, the platform did contain an Apatist plank—a declaration against appropriating any money to aid so-called sectarian institutions—and a good many Apatists really believe such a plank was voted by the full convention. Such work is on a par with the other political dishonesty at St. Louis. And mind you, we do not expect much better from the Chicago convention if such creatures as John P. Altgeld are in control.

A sound moneyman who hesitates to fight for his standard at this critical stage because of a fear that such a move may damage his personal political prospects is a moral coward and should not be relied on in the future.

THE HOLY FATHER'S SILENCE

Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII., has issued an important Encyclical on "Christian Unity." The letter is so important to be dismissed with a cursory mention, and we will reserve extended comment until we have given it a careful reading. At this time it is sufficient to say that the Pope makes it clear that Christ desired but one church in the world, and also that Christ intended that that church should be presided over by the pontiff of Rome, the Vicar of Christ sitting in the chair of Peter.

The Board of Education is at this time endeavoring to know how to make \$50,000 build additions to half a dozen of the public school buildings of the city. Their experience will serve to give the school commission a slight inkling as to what a delightful time they would have some day were the sixteen parochial schools in the city to be closed simultaneously and their 12,000 or so pupils turned over to the public schools. The experience of this summer would not be a circumstance to that. If such a thing did happen, how the bigots would howl. Just the same when they are shouting for "equal rights" and against Catholics, these bigots are perfectly willing that we should pay as much and more to support these public schools as they do and at the same time compel us to support our own schools in order that our children may have a chance to breathe the air of Christianity and morality.

The average American bigot is a *rara avis*.

Says the Boston "Republic": An anti-Catholic rouser started a Texas audience recently by excitedly informing it that St. Thomas Aquinas laid down this dogmatic proposition: "If the Pope should curse the government of the United States every consistent orthodox Roman Catholic would thereby be absolved from his oath of allegiance to the government." He hears, of course, did not know that the great dogma died about 500 years before the United States became a nation. But the lie will stick. It is on a par with the other clanders against the church which form the stock-in-trade of the A. P. A. propagandists.

The Journal sincerely wishes the A. P. A. would nominate an independent ticket with Congressman Bigot Linton of Michigan for president and Bigot-for-revenue Traynor for vice-president. But such a welcome event will not happen. The reported threat is only a "bluff" to catch an extra supply of Mark Hanna's shekels. The A. P. A. nominated its candidate at St. Louis.

"Had there been a Rainses bill in Russia," remarks a contemporary, "there would have been no lunch for the general Russian public at the czar's coronation, and the terrible slaughter reported as occurring there would not have taken place. Rainses should go to Russia. He is needed there."

So suspicious are Englishmen of Americans that even an American yacht cannot win a race in English waters without a howl from the British press that they won by unfair methods. John Bull is still bellowing over the disgraceful Dauraven incident.

Catholic schools are closing this week for the summer vacation. Parents, however, should not forget to send their children to mass and Sunday school, even if the parochial school is not in session.

It is not honest to try to pay a debt of a dollar with fifty cents. Yet that is what the western advocates of free silver would have the United States do.

Time will demonstrate whether Wilfred Laurier, the Canadian Liberal leader is merely a time-serving politician or a statesman.

One bad Catholic can do more harm than a dozen good Catholics can expiate.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Mark viii 1-9—At that time: "When there was a great multitude, and they had nothing to eat, calling His disciples together, He said to them: I have compassion on the multitude, for behold they have now been with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And if I shall send them away fasting to their homes they will faint in the way, for some of them came from afar off. And His disciples answered Him: From whence can any one fill them here with bread, in the wilderness? And He asked them: How many loaves have ye? Who said: Seven. And He commanded the multitude to sit down upon the ground. And taking the seven loaves, giving thanks, He broke, and gave to His disciples to set before them, and they set them before the people. And they had a few little fishes; and He blessed them, and commanded them to be set before them. And they did eat and were filled, and they took up that which was left of the fragments, seven baskets. And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and He sent them away."

Weekly Church Calendar.

What are we to learn from Jesus Christ? We are to learn to have compassion for our brethren who are in want, and, as He used the bread reserved for Himself and for the apostles to feed the people, so also must we take pleasure in giving our selves of something in order to help the poor.

Sunday, 5—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. Feast of the Most Precious Blood. SS. Cyril and Methodius, Bishops and Confessors. Epist. Heb. ix 11-15. Gosp. John xii. 30-35. Last Gosp. Mark, viii 1-9.
Monday, 6—Octave of SS. Peter and Paul.
Tuesday, 7—Feast of St. Elizabeth, Queen of Portugal, widow.
Wednesday, 8—St. Elizabeth, Queen of Portugal, widow.
Thursday, 9—Office of the Blessed Sacrament.
Friday, 10—The Seven Brothers, and SS. Rufina and Secunda, Martyrs.
Saturday, 11—Office of the Immaculate Conception. St. Pius I., Pope and Martyr.

To the thousands who enjoyed the intellectual treat provided at the first session of the Catholic Winter School of America, it will be a source of satisfaction to learn that the arrangements for the second term are moving forward with a fine promise of successful examinations in all the details. The Committee of the Auxiliary Board, under the direction of Archbishop Janssens and the Society of the Holy Spirit, are actively engaged in the various preparatory duties. The Committee on Studies has already made engagements that insure a high grade of lecture talent, and the subjects treated will be diversified and entertaining as well as instructive. The Catholic Winter School of America follows closely upon the Mardi Gras pageants which bring such vast throngs to New Orleans, and by arrangement with the railroad excursionists who attend the lectures may have their tickets extended so as to cover the term of delivery.

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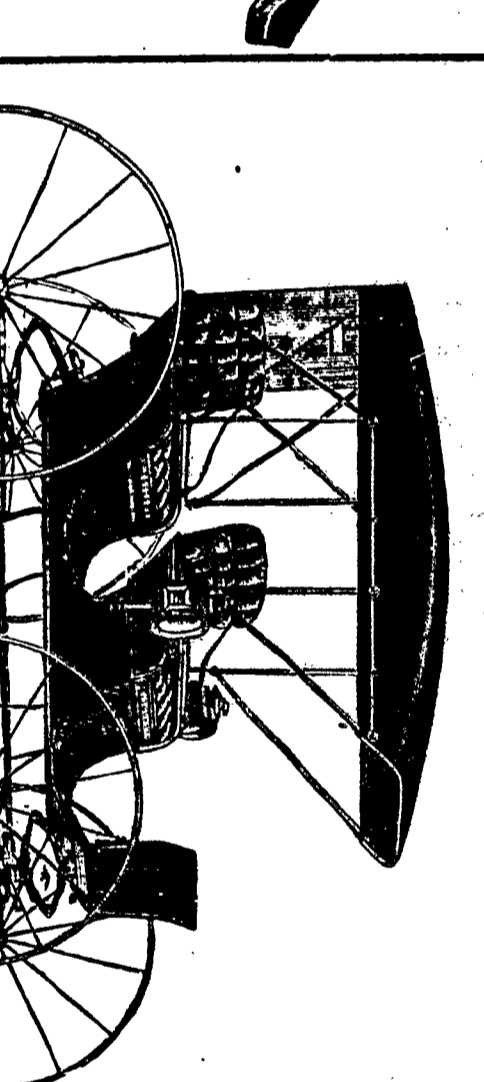
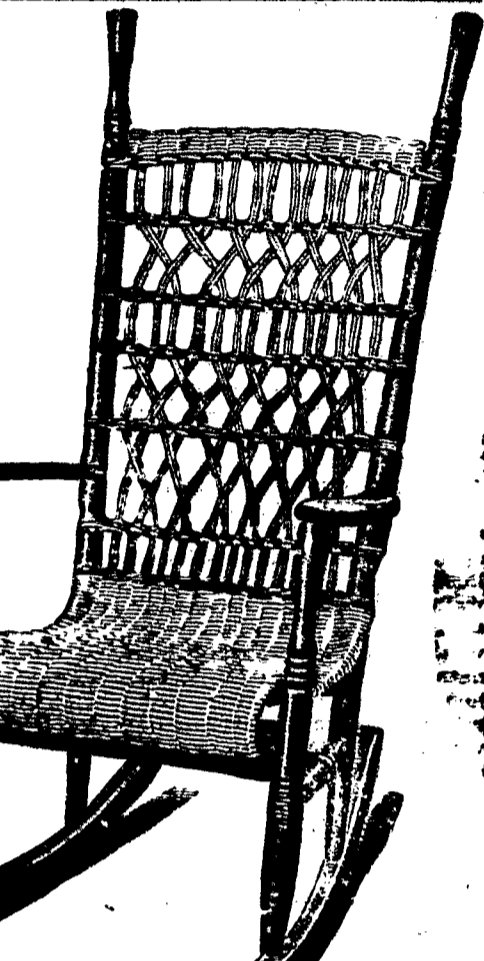
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