

The Catholic World

CANADA—Ecclesiastical Provinces

Canada is divided, ecclesiastically, into eight provinces, nine—if we include Newfoundland. The Apostolic Delegate, his Excellency Most Rev. Donatus Sbarretti, D.D., resides at Ottawa. The provinces are Quebec, five dioceses and one vicariate-apostolic; Montreal, five dioceses; Halifax, five; Kingston, four; Ottawa, two; Toronto, three; St. Boniface, two, and two vicariates-apostolic; Victoria, two, and one vicariate-apostolic; Newfoundland, three dioceses. There are ten archbishops; twenty-seven bishops, and one mitred abbot; 3381 priests of whom 1172 belong to religious Orders. The churches number 2552; the seminaries fourteen; universities and colleges sixty-eight; charitable institutions 267.

The French-Canadians

The Prince of Wales had an opportunity on July 27 of learning something of the inner life of the French-Canadian habitant. He was the guest at luncheon of Monsignor Mathieu and the priests of Laval University and the Seminary of Quebec at their country vacation retreat at St. Joachim, a lovely rural estate in the heart of the woods at the foot of lofty Cape Tourmente. The property has belonged to the seminary ever since the time of Bishop Laval, who founded it. The estate was his own summer home. The Prince and his suite, with the distinguished company attending him, including the Duke of Norfolk, Lord Lovat, Lord Strathcona, Lord Ranfurly, Earl Grey, Lord Dudley and others, went down by electric car. The retainers of the seminary and the other people of St. Joachim, descendants of the very first Canadian settlers, were gathered around to greet the Prince, who shook hands with many of them, and grouped some of them around him to be photographed with him. The Duke of Norfolk and others of the party did the same thing. The Prince declared himself much charmed with the outing. On the way back to town along the picturesque Montmorency and Beauport road, one or two halts were made to call upon parish priests. At Beauport the cure presented to the Prince an old lady, aged 100, with whom the Prince shook hands and chatted pleasantly in French. All along the route the country people gave him a most enthusiastic welcome.

An Exodus

An unusual exodus was witnessed in Montreal the other day. Two and a half centuries ago the venerable Margaret Bourgeois, with her little band of four devoted French women, founded the famous teaching community of the Ladies of the Congregation of Notre Dame, and all these long years the headquarters of that community have been on St. Jean Baptist street, adjacent to the time-honored Church of Notre Dame de Pitie. The community has now moved into a magnificent new home, with its 150 novices and 200 professed members, of whom there are nearly 1500 in the Dominion.

ENGLAND—The New Bishop of Shrewsbury

The news of the appointment of Canon Singleton to the vacant see of Shrewsbury (says the *Catholic Times*) will be received with genuine joy by the Catholics of the diocese. There could be no more popular appointment. Monsignor Singleton's life and labors have been most closely associated with the region over which he holds spiritual authority. Born at Birkenhead, he belongs to a family which has long been distinguished for devotion in promoting the public weal and Catholic interests. No man was better known in Birkenhead than his brother, the late Alderman Singleton, and few did so much to further the welfare of the town. Mgr. Singleton's qualifications and experiences fit him peculiarly for the responsible post in which he has been placed by the Holy See. His powers as an administrator are of exceptional excellence, and it may be said with perfect accuracy that never has an undertaking failed to which he has set his hand. In the discharge of parochial work he has been keenly alive to the value of every opportunity for extending Catholic influence, and the flourishing condition of the Catholic Young Men's Society and other organisations in connection with St. Joseph's Church, Seacombe, of which he has been rector since 1887, is, in no small measure, due to his encouragement and energy.

GERMANY—His First Mass

Catholics in the Eternal City, no less than throughout all Germany, have been deeply interested and impressed by an event that occurred in Venloo, Holland, on the feast of St. Dominic (writes the Rome correspondent of the *Dublin Freeman's Journal*).

On that day an aged man ascended the altar for the first time to celebrate Mass; and the strange thing was that he was Prince Karl von Lowenstein-Wertholm Rosenberg, one of the most brilliant Parliamentarians of the German Reichstag. On St. Dominic's day last year this Prince, to the surprise of the political world of Germany, as well as to the whole feudal aristocracy of that country, entered into the religious Order of St. Dominic as a novice. After having spent his life, which has now passed the ordinary span of three score years and ten in the service of the Church and of the State, he comes now, at the age of 74, to devote himself to the service of God in the religious State. He has been a man of action rather than a man of contemplation all his life. In the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 he fought like a hero for his country. The persecution of the Catholics of Germany which followed that war found a strenuous opponent in him, working in harmony with Windhorst, Reichensperger, Schorlemer-Alst, and Malinkrodt, and others. In fact, in every good work his presence and his name were prominent; and now, at last, he has taken the white habit of the Dominican.

Catholic Congress

The Catholics of the whole world (remarks the *Catholic Times*) are proud of the practical work done by their German co-religionists in the interests of religion, and look forward with pleasant anticipations each year to the proceedings of the annual Catholic Congress. This year the Congress has been held at Düsseldorf, and it would have been difficult to select a town better suited to be the theatre of such an assemblage. Twenty-two miles from Cologne, it is one of the finest towns on the Rhine, the streets being broad, planted with avenues of trees, and containing splendid shops. The seat of many manufactories, it is about the most densely peopled portion of the Prussian dominions. It was peculiarly appropriate that a Catholic gathering which devotes itself so earnestly to the consideration of social and labor questions should have taken place in such a large centre of population, where some four-sevenths of the inhabitants are Catholics. The speeches, discussions, and resolutions were well up to the best level of former Congresses. The German Catholics have proved once again that their enthusiastic loyalty to the Holy See is not on the wane, that their unity is firm as ever, and that their methods of solving the problems of the day, whilst in harmony with Catholic doctrine and sentiment, are admirably adapted to the promotion of the people's welfare.

ROME—Anniversary Celebration

The anniversary of the Holy Father's coronation was a gala day at the Vatican (writes the Rome correspondent of the *Catholic Times*). The Papal troops were early at work putting up flags and bunting in their various quarters, and the quiet majesty of the halls and cortile was made bright by the addition of many colors. The band of the Gendarmes played in the cortile of San Damaso before and after the Solemn Mass of Commemoration, and also in the afternoon. The procession of Cardinals, Bishops, Generals of religious Orders, Chamberlains, and others formed outside the Papal apartments and moved through the Sala Regia and the Sala Ducale towards the Sistine Chapel. The Pope, attended by Cardinals Segna and Della Volpe, came last, and his Holiness frequently blessed the crowds who lined the passages. The Holy Father presided at the Pontifical Mass celebrated by his Eminence Cardinal Merry del Val, who was assisted by Canons representing the Chapters of three great Basilicas of the city. The Sistine choir, under the direction of its beloved Maestro, Don Perosi, seemed exceptionally good, and rendered the Mass of Palestrina and other selected pieces with wonderful sweetness and devotion. There were twenty Cardinals present, including his Eminence Cardinal Gibbons; many Bishops were also at the Mass, as well as the Diplomatic Body and some strangers. The Pope gave the Benediction and a special indulgence, and appeared fresh and vigorous, notwithstanding the many duties of the morning, as he returned to his private apartments.

UNITED STATES—A New Seminary

Mr. John J. McGrane, one of the leading Catholic laymen in Brooklyn, has purchased a large building from the Lutherans at Hawthorn, Westchester County, at a cost of £10,000, and presented it to the Salesian Fathers as a novitiate for Italians studying for the priesthood. The Hawthorn institution will be known as Christopher Columbus Hall, in honor of the Knights of Columbus.

A Temperance Advocate

The Rev. Daniel F. McGillicuddy, pastor of St. Stephen's Church, Worcester, Massachusetts, famous throughout the United