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**R. C. Pastoral Visitation.**

His Grace Archbishop O'Connor of Toronto, paid a pastoral visitation to Thornhill and Richmond Hill on Sunday last, the 15th inst. The Archbishop was accompanied at each place by Rev. J. R. Teeffy, President of St. Michael's College; Rev. Dean Egan of Barrie; and the pastor, Rev. Father McMahon.

At St. Luke's Church, Thornhill, there was an exceedingly large congregation, many of those present being members and adherents of other churches. Mass was celebrated at 11 a. m. by Rev. Dean Egan, after which the Archbishop proceeded to examine the children individually on the truths of the Catholic religion, which they were supposed to know for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. His Grace found the children, as he expressed to the people assembled, well instructed, and therefore administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 18 boys and 10 girls. His Grace then took advantage of this fact to congratulate the pastor and the parents of the children confirmed on the able way they answered the questions put to them.

After the ceremony of Confirmation the following Address of Welcome was read to the Archbishop by Mr. Thos. Phelan, who was accompanied by Messrs. Jas. Whalen, J. J. Marshall, M. O'Sullivan, Albert Seager, Wm. Bannon, and Thos. Hughes:—

**TO HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP O'CONNOR:**

May it please Your Grace:—We, the Catholics of Thornhill, take advantage of your presence amongst us to-day to congratulate you on the great distinction conferred by the Holy Father in appointing you to the Archbishopric of Toronto. We were glad to see that the choice of His Holiness had been hailed with acclamation throughout this Archdiocese by priests and people and that every opportunity had been availed of to express their unbounded joy and satisfaction at your election. Speaking for ourselves and knowing as we do your great scholarly attainments, the many positions of trust and dignity you have filled with credit to yourself and credit and honor to the places where you exercised your sacerdotal and episcopal functions, our feelings of gratitude to the venerable head of the church for having appointed a gentleman of such eminence and distinction to rule over us were inexhaustible. Knowing as we do the warm interest you at all times manifested in the college at Sandwich during the many years you presided over its interests, and in such a manner as to redound to your credit and live in the memory of those whose privilege it was to sit at your feet and receive from you that sound education that distinguished them in the different walks in life; we feel sure that the youth now committed to your care and guidance will be the objects of that paternal solicitude that has characterized your life in the past. In the diocese of London where you labored for nine years your administration was worthy of the Bishop of the Church of God. We have, therefore, every reason to congratulate ourselves on having a bishop who will interest himself in our spiritual and temporal welfare and in return for this blessing we promise to assist your devoted flock in lessening the burdens of your exalted office. For the office of a bishop as we are taught is freighted with many and grave responsibilities. We ask Almighty God in His great mercy to spare you length of days to preside over the interests of this important arch-diocese that we may enjoy the benefits of your kind advice and the blessings of your holy guidance. That the more we come to know you the more our love will increase, and our affections strengthen towards you as time rolls on.

Asking your Grace's blessing and trusting you will accept this expression of our feelings of deep affection and praying again that God may long spare you to rule over this arch-diocese we have the honor to be your Grace's devoted and faithful children.

At 3.30 p. m. the distinguished rev. gentlemen drove to St. Mary's church Richmond Hill, where a service similar to the former was held. Archbishop O'Connor preached an instructive and practical sermon to a large and attentive congregation, the church being packed to the doors. At this place 20 boys and 14 girls were confirmed, and here as at Thornhill the children were found well skilled in the doctrines of the Catholic church. After Confirmation Mr. M. Teeffy, accompanied by Messrs. N. Lynett, J. Devine, D. Lynett, J. Naughton, Dr. McElroy, E. J. Fahey, Thos. Cosgrove, Thos. Riley and W. J. Hearn walked to the altar railing where Mr. Teeffy read the following address:—

**TO THE MOST REV. DENIS O'CONNOR, D. D., ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO:**  
May it please Your Grace,—  
It is with deep pleasure that we welcome Your Grace to our church upon

this your first visit. We offer you our congratulations upon your elevation to the Archbishopric dignity, and hope that Your Grace will long be spared to rule over the Metropolitan See of Toronto.

We tender to Your Grace our loyalty and obedience as faithful children of the great Church of God.

The last episcopal visit to Richmond Hill was that of the late venerable Archbishop Walsh, who came to lay the corner stone of this church on the 17th June, 1891.

We were happy when the following 25th November it was dedicated. We point to it with pride, as its neatness is a great satisfaction to its members. The sacrifice which this cost us was lessened very much by the generosity of a benefactor, the late Mr. Martin Brennan, a former member of the Thornhill congregation.

This church is also a monument of the zeal of our excellent Pastor, the Rev. Father McMahon, for whom we wish to express to Your Grace our highest esteem and affection. He has labored most earnestly by ministrations, word and example, for the spiritual welfare of his flock.

In conclusion we ask Your Grace's blessing upon us and our children, your devoted people of Richmond Hill. Richmond Hill, 15th October, 1899.

His Grace replied on both occasions in choice and appropriate words, thanking the congregation for the kind words contained in the addresses and at the latter place took occasion to congratulate the people and pastor on their new edifice, the good work they were doing, and the success which crowned their efforts. After the service was concluded the rev. gentlemen then drove to the presbytery at Thornhill where they had refreshments with Rev. Father McMahon.

At each place His Grace, the Archbishop, pledged the boys confirmed against the use of intoxicating liquor until they are at least 21 years of age.

**Our Ottawa Letter.**

The flying visit made this week to Chicago by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and other prominent Canadians cannot but have a far-reaching and beneficial effect upon the relations of the two countries, relations which have already been vastly strengthened and improved by the firm and statesmanlike, yet conciliatory attitude of the Canadian Government. The spontaneous and universal enthusiasm with which the Canadian Premier was greeted at every turn was gratifying and significant; the more significant indeed because it was not alone the expression of good feeling engendered by the ties of kindred blood, which would naturally be expected from the tens of thousands of Canadians who form so important a part of Chicago's population, but also from the hard-headed business men with whom sentiment counts for very little. It was on the Chicago stock exchange, and at the busiest hour of the day, that two thousand stock brokers voluntarily suspended operations and eagerly listened to an impromptu speech from Sir Wilfrid.

**FREER TRADE RELATIONS.**

His remarks were short, but to the point. "I believe," he said, "that if we were to establish between Canada and the United States such a current of business as we ought to have, it would be immensely and mutually profitable to both countries, but trade between us is much impeded by your tariff as it is by our tariff. Can we not, I want to know, come to such an agreement that trade relations between us may be greatly improved?"

"One would have thought that every journalist of experience, without regard to political leaning, would have been able to appreciate the substantial and mutual value to the countries concerned, of the interchange of international courtesies on occasions like this, and yet the local Opposition organ is so little able to understand the situation, that it refers to it as 'inopportune junketing,' while the Toronto Telegram (which is as fond of parading its 'independence' as is the Montreal Star), remarks: "It would suit Sir Wilfrid Laurier better to stay at home trying to please Canadians with his work, instead of jumping at every chance to go abroad and please outside audiences with his talk."

**NO ANNEXATION HERE.**

It is an old, though by this time entirely discredited, trick with a certain section of the Opposition to charge Ministers with a weakness for "talking to the gallery," declaring that they are too ready to say the thing would be pleasing to the audience they are addressing at the moment, while equally prepared to say the opposite to another audience the following day. How exceedingly far from the truth this is, however, may be gathered from the remarks of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the course of the last address he made before he left Chicago. The Premier has, time and again, been charged with annexation proclivities, and certainly before an audience of

enthusiastic Chicagoans annexation would have been a popular topic, but there is precious little of it in such remarks as the following: "Canada occupies to-day the absolutely unprecedented position that, while she is a colony, she is at the same time a nation. Canada is independent. The tie which to-day binds us to England is simply the tie of love. There is not to-day on Canadian soil a soldier to maintain British rule. The reign of the Queen, the supremacy of the Queen has no other foundation than the gratitude which is in the hearts of the people for the privileges which they enjoy. I am proud of being a subject of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. There has never been a sovereign who has understood and discharged her sovereignty as Queen Victoria has. We Canadians are proud of our allegiance, and so long as we continue to be as we are at the present time, I do not see that we shall have any cause for regret." There does not appear to be much annexation in this.

**PERMANENT DEVELOPMENT.**

Ex-Lieutenant-Governor Mackintosh—one time a representative of the Capital in the Federal House—has been down here on a flying visit to the scene of his past activities. He is now actively engaged in western mining projects, and speaks enthusiastically of the future of mining in British Columbia. Speaking with extensive practical knowledge he declares that development must go on for many years at an increasing ratio and with constantly improving results. The industry is a permanent one and the influx of population into the mining districts is not of a temporary character. All of which goes to show that the market which has thus been created for the products of the east, has also all the elements of permanency and steady growth.

**Carrville**

A number of our small farmers have commenced teaming.

Mr. W. Bowen of Cress Creek Farm, has been visiting at Cedar Grove.

Miss Maggie Cook of the Willows, and Miss V. Pleasance of Shallow Pond Farm, were visiting friends at Hill-Crest Cottage one day last week.

The Misses Mellish of the post office, accompanied by Miss L. Smith of The Elms, spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lowry.

Miss A. Ellston of Richmond Hill, was in the vicinity one day last week taking snap shots of our picturesque village.

Now boys, Mr. B. says you are to leave the wire alone on his fence.

Miss Mary Snider purposes taking departure for Pine Wood in the Rainy River District on the 18th inst.

Mrs. Wm. Cook has returned home from a several days' visit with friends at Sutton.

Mr. W. Ford of Sherwood, called on friends at High Hill House on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. B. Boston is convalescent.

Miss A. Baker of Moorwood Farm, spent Sunday with Miss Cooper of Sherwood.

Mr. Howarth of Toronto, called on friends at Woodbine Cottage.

Miss E. Appleton of Richmond Hill, spent Sunday with her parents at Sport Valley.

Mr. Thos. Ough of Holland Landing, is holidaying at Moorwood Farm.

Mr. Jas. Richards, his two sons, Willie and Johnny, and Miss Ward, all of Toronto, have been visiting at Cosy Nook.

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