



The Christmas Spirit.

Just a little bit of Christmas
For the neighbor at your side
Who upon the wave of fortune
With yourself seems not to ride.

Archbishop McNeil Bids Farewell to Vancouver.

MUNICIPAL GIFT BY HIS GRACE TO ARCHDIOCESE.

It was an audience representative of Vancouver Catholics that met in Pender hall, on Friday evening, to bid farewell and God speed to the late Archbishop of Vancouver, now Toronto's Archbishop-elect.

Every church in the city was represented, while from places at a distance came either priests or laymen to pay tribute to the Prelate who had, for two and a half years, so ably presided over the pioneer work of the Church in British Columbia.

As the platform party traversed the long hall, on the way to their seats, the entire audience rose in respect to their late Head, and remained standing till he was seated.

Mr. J. D. Bryce presided, and on either side of him were His Grace, Very Rev. Father Welch, O. M. I., and Justice Murphy.

Continuing, His Grace said, boys must have both religious and secular facilities, and it lay with the Catholics to provide them.

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There were in various parts of Canada, young students studying for the priesthood in order to come to British Columbia. These require money, and he proposed to hand over the thousand dollars to assist them in their studies (loud applause).

"We hope and trust that Your Grace will not entirely forget your friends on the shores of the great Pacific. While we are now all westerners, a large number of us have come from the distant Atlantic and some of us at least from your own province of Nova Scotia.

"We can not allow this opportunity to pass without showing that it is not all empty compliments we are paying you, and we therefore ask you to accept the accompanying gift as a small token of our esteem and affection for you as a man and a Prince of our Holy Church."

(Signed) Messrs. J. F. Barry, E. A. O'Connor, J. A. Foley, A. G. Bagley, P. Donnelly, James M. McGuigan, J. A. Cashion, C. W. Eoright, Richard Evans, and J. E. Rauch.

With the address a purse with a cheque for \$1000 was handed His Grace. His Grace, on rising to reply, received an ovation. His first words were a deprecation of the terms of the address, which, he said, gave him compliments he did not deserve.

He thanked them most sincerely for their kind words. It was now about two and a half years ago since they had met in another hall, on a somewhat similar occasion.

He would carry to Toronto the message from the West, that here were heavy problems to solve, heavy burdens to bear, and he would advise the East to come to the help of the West.

"We have been discussing problems," continued His Grace, "one of them that of education. Your girls are fairly well provided for by existing institutions, or by those in course of construction, but for boys, educational centers are sorely needed."

There were demands from every corner of British Columbia, and we must remember that there are large districts with but scant educational facilities.

Catholic Vancouver must take advantage of the University at Point Grey, which is erecting, and take their part in that institution, but what could they do without an adequate preparatory course?

They must have boarding and high schools, to gain profit from the University, but it was not for him to go into this.

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"I go with very genuine regret, I should have preferred to remain here, but we are like the officers of an army, we go where we are told to go, though we may protest," said His Grace.

"In parting I wish you all prosperity, and all happiness. God has given you ample means to support your families and a splendid climate, but there is a danger that these temporal blessings may make you neglectful of your souls, and forgetful of the fact that you are not to place all your hopes in this world, but to carry out the high ideals of religion, which teach us the hope of heaven."

Justice Murphy, in the course of a short speech, repudiated His Grace's assertion about being a makeshift archbishop, and all present, he claimed, would agree with the speaker that His Grace was not a makeshift (applause).

He had taken a prominent part in the business life of the city, and commanded the respect of all the citizens of Vancouver, besides doing many things which had redounded to the benefit of the city.

people, and the fourteen churches in British Columbia, which he had erected, were proofs of that. Every man in Vancouver would wish His Grace success and Godspeed, and would hope to meet him again, if not in Vancouver, at last in that brighter realm above, where they would not be called on to say that sad word, farewell (applause).

Very Rev. Father Welch, O. M. I., who spoke with considerable feeling, recalled their welcome to His Grace in the Dominion Hall. Now they were met to say good-bye, and, speaking for the clergy, he could say they had found Archbishop McNeil a kind Father and an enlightened guide, while those who read the city newspapers knew that Vancouver looked upon His Grace as a brainy man.

All the citizens will regret his departure, but even when he is gone we shall hear his voice through the B. C. Western Catholic. His Grace always realized the power of the press, either for good or evil, and he succeeded in placing in every home a weekly Catholic paper, and in every home the B. C. Western Catholic paper will speak week after week to remind them of him who took such an interest in it.

As the people read its pages, it will seem as if they yet hear the voice of the Archbishop directing it. They had to say good-bye and wish him every prosperity and also sympathize with him in being transferred three thousand miles, though leaving behind him a record of administration, zeal and great ability.

The chairman, on behalf of the committee, made a humorous allusion to the action of His Grace in devoting his present to the needs of Vancouver diocese.

A lawyer, declared the chairman, would say he had a right to do what he liked with his own, and in handing over the money, the committee, no doubt, forfeited their right to it, though had some of them known the use His Grace intended to put it to, they would not have worked so hard to collect it.

His Grace had no right to give away money for a work which belonged to the Catholics of the diocese, but the committee had been caught in a trap. (Laughter).

"I hope," added the speaker, "that His Grace has not given away the railway ticket to Toronto which the Knights of Columbus gave him." They had bought him the ticket to prevent him giving it away, as it was not transferable. Had it been so, no doubt he would have given it away and travelled tourist in an upper berth. (Laughter).

Continuing, the chairman asked if it had ever been known that His Grace sought anything for himself. Let them follow his example. It was not the sole duty of the Archbishop and priests to arrange for intermediate education; it was the duty of the laity, and if it failed it would not be their Archbishop who would be to blame.

There were many Catholics who had made their money in British Columbia, and he hoped they would spend some of it in the province where it had been made.

Too much had been done by the Archbishop and priests, and he trusted the people would make the work of Archbishop McNeil's successor easier than had been that of their late Archbishop. (Loud applause).

At the close of his remarks, the chairman asked the audience to kneel to receive Archbishop McNeil's farewell blessing, which was done, the entire assemblage kneeling with bowed heads, while His Grace blessed them.

During the year, the new University Chapel was opened, and has since been in daily use. It literally fills a long-felt want, and is proving a great convenience and a great comfort. It is a splendid memorial to the loyalty and generosity of an old Alumnus.

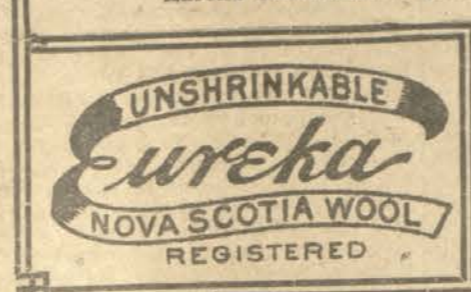
In November we had the pleasure and advantage of having with us for a few days, Warren H. Manning, Esq., Landscape Designer, of Boston, Mass. Mr. Manning is an acknowledged expert in the business of laying out to the best advantage the grounds of towns and educational institutions.

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at the docks early in the morning and check up the freight that had arrived during the night. And it had become a habit also with various commission men throughout the city to call up to learn what produce had arrived. It was to one of these he had just been talking—and it was over this that he was pondering. His sentence about the letter had given him an idea and he began work on it.

Its Brains That Wins. Five years ago a clerk who worked in the freight offices of a lake steamship company shouted angrily into a telephone as he tried to make the man at the other end of the wire understand what he was saying. At last, the agony over, he hung up the receiver.

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THE SNAKE IN THE GRASS.

(By Maurice Francis Egan.) It may sound amusing, said Mrs. Heritage, as she turned the new spraying machine on a thickly bearing rose-bush.

must say Mannering warned me against it; he knows I've lost everything, and the 'Sunset's' failure to sell at the exhibition, Jack is likely to have a chance at the only career for which he is fitted—mining or mechanical engineering. The boy loves it.

"Nobility will buy it, and yet it's my best thing,—the best thing I shall ever do. If it were 'Sunset on the Rhine' or 'Sunset' anywhere except on an American river, somebody would pick it up. As to Mannering, even if he bought it, it would not change my opinion of him. He'd buy it because somebody might say I was the fashion (I wish I were the fashion); because he knew some richer snob who had a picture with the same kind of sunlight in it. Oh, I know the breed! That man is like the old farmer general of the French Revolution,—the one that told people to eat grass if they didn't have bread."

natured at this moment, and Ethel Greene had two seats to herself. Behind her was a tall man, with his back buried in a newspaper, and his face to the locomotive.

"After all, envy is a snake in the grass, isn't it? Have a cup of tea, Ethel?" John Heritage turned his face away, and took up his hat.

feel that true culture lies deep in the treasure house of Holy Mother Church. It is not a call to classes for the rearing of book-worms, but a realization that true culture must be part and parcel of each and all—of the laborer as well as of the professor, of the artisan as well as of the professional man.

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How THE EVIL OF BAD LITERATURE HAS BEEN GREATLY LESSENS. For a long time the level of Belgium's libraries was far below that of the general culture and artistic temperament of this "Land of Art."

It is quite interesting to see what was done in so important a matter as the selection and distribution of books. Upon the solution of this delicate problem must ultimately be build the success or failure of the whole venture.

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