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“Do what you ought to do whatever may happen”

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Minneapolis

All members of the French-Canadian Association are asked to go to their meeting hall April 26th at 8 am to respond to the invitation of the Society St. Joseph to go to a mass in honor of the Society's patron saint. Members are requested to wear their insignia's and white gloves. A.H. Trepanie, Corr. Sec.

Two hundred Polish immigrants have come to establish themselves in Audubon County, Iowa.

Birth

A daughter to Gilbert Daignault on 15 October with baptism the 18th. The godparents were M. Urgel A. Gendron and Miss Mary L. Hall.

Concert at Notre Dame de Lourdes

The crowd that filled the church Sunday evening for the program described in our last issue did not fail expectations. We hasten to say the concert was a fine success and even exceeded the hopes of the most optimistic as a financial success.

The church artistically decorated with banners, drapery and the flags of our national societies and greenery and bathed in waves of lights, presented a most agreeable sight. One noticed in the choir area the Rev. Fathers James McGulrick, Jeram, Nougaret and Dagnault. A large number of non-French-Canadians also honored with their presence in the elite audience. The delegates of our national Societies in Minneapolis and St. Paul occupied the front seats in the nave. The officers and members of the Union of St. Joseph, in rather large number, were cloaked in their rich insignia.

We would like to be able to award praise to each of the artists who charmed us Sunday evening, but the list would be too long. The execution of the different parts of the program was rendered with great artistry. The singers gathered a harvest of bouquets; a sentiment of true admiration.

We learn today that the net profit from the concert is \$400. This is a brilliant success and we congratulate cordially cleré Dagnueault, the promoter of the effort and the parish.

Sunday afternoon at 3 pm the meeting of The Literary Circle of Young French-Canadian of Minneapolis was held. After the routine business, admission of new members of the minutes, M. M.J. Faubert and Vinct, led the audience in a very interesting discussion of “Plume et l'Epec” (The Pen and the Sword”) as to which has been the most useful to humanity, has rendered the most service to the world, which is superior to the other.

Deprived of a library or even places to conveniently study the material, we must say, to their honor, the contestants, joined by M. Paul Roy, acquitted their task with dignity which denoted

among them marked aptitude and talent.

The dramatic presentation which the members of the Circle are preparing for the end of May, and the mentors who are leading it are equal to the task. Good actors are plentiful to the director M. Marcoux.

The French-Canadian public will appreciate, we have no doubt, and the efforts which they made to create among us, a center of literary and proper entertainment absolutely in rapport with the feelings and character of our compatriots.

Lt. Col. Ouimet, commander of the 65th battalion of Montreal was in St. Paul on his way to Ottawa from Calgary. When he left the battalion in Calgary under Major Hughes, the morale of the troops was excellent. Col. Ouimet refuted rumors published here last Friday, that the French-Canadian militia refused to march against the Metis (under Louis Riel).

Accident

Last Monday afternoon, a child age 5 to 6, daughter of Madam Ve Charles Bolduc of this city, accidentally fell into a well, several feet from her residence. Her cries of distress attracted several people who retrieved her safe and sound.

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The Catholic population of Minneapolis is growing so rapidly that the Bishop has judged it necessary to create a new parish. The Rev. Kenny of Litchfield will be the first pastor (This is presently to not be a French oriented parish).

Notice

Regular meetings of the French Canadian Association this Sunday the 29th at 4 pm.
All are urged to attend for important business.
A.H. Trepanier, Secretary

We learn with pleasure that M. A.F. Landry, formerly of Grand Forks, arrived Monday as assistant at Bib Boston One Price Clothing Store. French speaking citizens should encourage our new compatriot who merits our patronage.

The Rebellion of the Northwest

The news of the troubles in the Northwest is more serious than ever. A dispatch from Winnipeg dated the 21st announces that Fort Pitt was taken by the Cree Indians who besieged it after the massacre at Lac a la Grenouille. Two mounted policemen were killed and it is feared that all at the garrison were killed.

All the whites of the districts at Lac Onion and Cold, numbering thirty-five families including forty women and children, found refuge in the fort before the siege, have been taken prisoner. They say that the Indians now turn their attention to Battleford. The troops of Co. Otter,

camped 35 miles north of Saskatchewan River, are headed that way.

The telegraph wires from Battleford are cut, which indicates Riel's people are more active than first believed.

The situation in the Northwest is more tenuous than ever, the insurgent Metis and Indians are widespread in bands, carrying out pillage and massacre insatiably. On the other hand, the government forces have the advantage of position. It is hardly possible to hope that they can overpower the rebels.

It seems that the only means to stop the bloodshed and prevent greater disaster is to negotiate quickly in recognizing the complaints of the Metis. It is already announced that a government commission is in route and that all will soon be settled.

If this commission fails, the Canadian government will have to change its military organization in the Northwest to suppress the troubles.

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