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“Do what you ought to do whatever may happen”

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## Minneapolis

Hours of religious services at the Congregation of Notre Dame de Lourdes

First Mass ..... 8 A.M.

Second Mass ..... 10 A.M.

Vespers ..... 2:30 P.M.

[\*Notre Dame de Lourdes was founded in 1877]

At the Church of Saint Clothilde, corner of Lyndale and 11<sup>th</sup> Ave North

Solemn/High Mass ..... 10 A.M.

Vespers ..... 3 P.M.

[\*St Clothilde was founded in 1884 and reorganized as St Anne's in 1893]

The proposed extension of the boundaries of St. Paul has inspired severe criticisms by the business leaders of Minneapolis.

The Honorable C.M. Loring [Loring] on his return from Washington reports the good news that the business leaders in the East announce with confidence that we are reaching the end of the commercial crisis.

[\*Charles M Loring, Minneapolis City Councilman, businessman and father of the Minneapolis park system; The Depression of 1878 continued for many years. Returning to the “Gold Standard” helped but times turned bad again in the 1890's]

During the past nine months the public debt of the US went down \$41,000,000. Last year for the same period, the reduction amounted to \$65,000,000.

Last Wednesday the City Council, at evening meeting, approved the contracts for 1885 covering the work on sewers and street paving with cedar blocks.

The ex-Methodist minister Edward S Bowdish, whose first wife obtained a divorce in 1882 for ill treatment and other more serious causes, has initiated in District Court a divorce action against his second wife who lived only ten days with him.

During debates in Washington last week over the appropriations bill for rivers and ports, the Honorable Washburn of Minneapolis, member of the House from the Fourth District of Minnesota, delivered an eloquent discourse against the measure which, it adopted, committed the vaguest appropriation which might be seen as giving \$9,000,000 to the lone port of Galveston, while the ports of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Charleston and Savanah, of much greater importance, only receive all together \$9,670,000.

The commercial agency R.G. Dun & Co. noted a gradual diminution of the number of deaths in the US and Canada. Last week there were 367 and 354 the week preceding.

The members of the Press Association of the Province of Quebec embarked last Monday for an excursion to New Orleans.

The general manager of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St Paul Railway, M. S.S. Merrill, died last Saturday. He was one of the most outstanding rail company administrators.

The statue of Sir George Etienne Cartier, chiseled by the celebrated French-Canadian artist Hébert and placed in the garden border facing the main entrance to Parliament in Ottawa, has been unveiled with great pomp by Sir John McDonald on January 29 after the opening of the session of Parliament. An immense crowd attended the impressive ceremony.

The French-Canadian Association

Monday evening at the semi-monthly meeting of *L'Association Canadienne-Francaise*, took place. The solemn installation of society officers were elected at a separate meeting of which we already published a list. The hall was magnificently decorated with rich draperies and other insignias of the Society. Despite the intensity of the cold that evening, several ladies gave honor by their presence to our friends of The Association. One noticed also the Rev. Father Nougaret, pastor of St Clothilde, Joseph Saucier, businessman from Osseo, Dr P. Marchand, E.J. L'Hereault, and others of Minneapolis.

In the absence of the offices, kept from coming by urgent matters, Messieurs Z. Demeules and Bottineau were called to preside. M. Demeules in his capacity of president pro-tempt gave in clear and precise terms the history of the Society and demonstrated in a convincing manner the usefulness and necessity of such societies for the advancement and progress of Canadians, especially when foreigners.

Before proceeding to routine matters, on a motion of members, the Rev. Father Nougaret was proclaimed the new Chaplain of the society for the current semester. Asked to speak, the Rev. Father made with the eloquence one knows of him, a fervent speech about the social benefits of organization similar to the Society and congratulated highly the members of the Society for their zeal, devotion to meritorious work for causes dignified and praiseworthy: The work of daily cooperation among our compatriots of Minneapolis, to the increase of the numbers, of the unity and their material and social well-being for the support of their benevolent association. The Rev. Father then cordially thanked the members for the honor of continuing him in his post of Chaplain and then seated himself amidst the applause of the assembly.

Then they proceeded to the routine business and then came the installation of new officers with the regular ceremony: charging each by the Commissioner of the day, M. Frenet, of the reading good and loyal fulfilling of duties of the position, presentation of the insignia of the Society which the officer puts on, and speaks to each on taking his seat. This formality fulfilled the new president and vice-president-elect Messieurs G. A. Scheffler and Louis Tuscany replacing the officers pro-tempt Messieurs Demeules and Bottineau. The assemblage then had the pleasure of hearing again several other appropriate speeches of great interest from the Rev. Father, M. Bottineau and M. Demeules.

M. Bottineau next served as spokesman of the Society with feeling words of praise for the former offices and proposed a vote of thanks be given for the skillful and impartial manner with which they fulfilled their duties; that motion was adopted with the acclamation of the assemblage and the meeting then was adjourned.

But all was not over. The ladies, whom no one should be surprised, were not absent, reserved a surprise most agreeable to their hosts: over on a table in the center of the hall they had before the meeting placed several things while they had taken the precaution of covering from the eyes of the curious, with a white cloth. Right after the adjournment, they lifted suddenly with a gracious motion the white linen and two magnificent sponge cakes [pains de savoie] of grand size and mouthwatering, were displayed to the flabbergasted eyes of those in attendance.

It is unnecessary to say that this happy discovery, due to the delicate attention of the ladies, was greeted by the acclamation of all and the evening ended in a most agreeable fashion. Everyone was pleased to do justice to the delicious cakes and the frothy cider that accompanied them.

The Rev. Father Braun, member of the Companions of Jesus, died February 1 at Sault un Récollet near Montreal at an advanced age. The death of this man, eminent for knowledge, science and apostolic virtues, inspired universal regrets in Canada and everywhere the sound of his name has reached.

Mgr. Smeulders, the Apostolic Delegate of Canada arrived in Rome the end of January after a pleasant voyage.

Mgr. Racine, Bishop of Chicoutimi departed for Rome at the beginning of last week.

The Canadian passengers engaged in General Wolsely's expedition on the Nile ought to embarque the 12<sup>th</sup> of this month at Alexandria for return to Canada.

[This is very interesting that Canadian volunteers were on the Wolsely Relief Force which went up the Nile, but arrived too late at Khartoum to save General Gordon's Anglo-Egyptian Garrison from the siege by the Mahdis army]

#### Religious Ceremony

Monday, February 2, the Day of Purification, an impressive ceremony took place at the Church of Notre Dame de Lourdes.

The Rev. Father Dagneault gave that day the Benediction of St. Blaise, which protects from throat ailments and other maladies those who receive it with healing anointing. The pious custom has been generally practiced in the Diocese of St. Paul, but this is the first time the parishioners of Notre Dame de Lourdes have had the advantage of receiving the benediction in their own church.

The ceremony has given place to one of the most beautiful manifestations of faith seen in the congregation. The temple was literally full of the faithful: men, women, children, all participating in the favor of the church and it took no less than two long hours for Father Dagneutt to give the benediction to every member of the collected crowd.

The Rev. Father Decker was named the curate of Osseo, Minnesota.

M. the professor T. C. Boucher, the new French Consul in St. Paul is now in New Orleans for official business and has an office temporarily at the bureau of Abeille [\*newspaper *The Bee*], No 73, rue de Chartres.

The Rev. Father Nougaret, pastor of St. Clothilde, West Minneapolis, returned from his trip to New Orleans. He was appointed again by the diocese to be curate of St Clothilde and returned at the beginning of this week to the spiritual direction of the congregation. His parishioners have been very happy to see him return in perfect health after several weeks absence and in a condition to continue the exercise of his ministry amongst them. During his absence, the congregation of St. Clothilde was served regularly by the Rev. Father Dagneault

of Notre Dame de Lourdes.

Pierre Belleville recently died at Berthier, P.Q. Canada, at age 107 years.

Khartoum fell the 26<sup>th</sup> January to the hands of the Madi, the false prophet of the Soudan. One awaits with the greatest apprehension the loss of General Gordon who is thought to have died in the sack of the city [\*true]. Alas, General Wolseley did not arrive in time to deliver the unfortunate Gordon all the human sacrifices and money made by England to pacify the Soudan and will have to begin again.

### **Births**

In this city, on January 8 this year, Mrs. Joseph Cousineau, a son.

At the same place on 9 January, Mrs. John Larue, a daughter.

At the same place on 12 January, Mrs. Edouard Bessette, a daughter.

At the same place on 24 January, Mrs. Charles Daigneault, a daughter.

At the same place on 31 January, Mrs. Hector Lagasé, a daughter.

These baptisms were made at Notre Dame de Lourdes by Rev. Father Dagneault.

Births in Crookston, Polk, Minn.

On 15 December 1884, Mrs. Pierre Généreux, a son.

On 15 December 1884, Mrs. Felix Frenet, a son.

On 2 January this year, Mrs. Alphonse Berthiaume, a son.

On 21 January, Mrs. Louis Dalaire, a son.

On 26 January, Mrs. Jules Boucher, a son.

On 7 February, Mrs. Arthur Dufresne, a son.

At Argyle, Minn., on 5 December 1884, Mrs. Jean McGlaufin, a son.

At the same place on 29 November 1884, Mrs. Jean Baptiste Brabant, a son.

These baptisms were made by the Rev. Father A. Sicard de Carufel, pastor of the congregation Canadian Crookston.

New Orleans, January 28, 1885

To The Editor,

When I replied to your letter of 9 January, I had not received your journal, alter, I received several numbers. Thank you for them. I have read them and I see that ice and snow cover our beautiful land at the source of the great river. I say "our" country, because the old Louisiana of the French was Minnesota and all the territory of the West which are and will soon be of the United States.

In 1803, Louisiana was immense. At a period France had in its hands the future grandeur of the U. S. She ceded that vast territory, Napoleon said, to give England a maritime rival. Napoleon was a great soldier, but I believe he was a poor statesman. He had only to relinquish lands from the left bank of the great river and satisfy the U.S., which then was asking no more, but you know, he did more, he ceded our beautiful land for only 15 millions; who can say today, in contemplating two vast countries, that he wasn't wrong.

Oh! How beautiful would have been this French America, from the lips of the Saint Lawrence to the mouth of the Mississippi and ending only at the gold coast of the Pacific! But France did not wish it. Strange politics. One time she sold Louisiana to the Spanish, our forefathers were shot, their crime was to have wanted to stay French. Ah! I understand their despair and their revolt. They were the descendants of the French of Charlemagne.

We are faithful to our origin. I am one for my native country. Also, I sing with our great poet:

[Then follows a 27 line poem in praise of Louisiana and its French heritage]....

But to what good these thoughts. All happens only by God's will. The tempests obey His voice said the prophet. And so, God wills it. That was the cry of the crusaders of St. Louis; yes so God wills it, we say of the Republic which Washington Founded and Lincoln saved. These patriotic words of Mgr. Ireland: "receive the tribute of my love and my loyalty". I pray that his glory is never eclipsed and I believe also it brings brilliant hopes for religion and justice that Cicero called the queen and mistress of all the virtues.

–A.Commagene

Fish of all types

Z. Demeules & Co have just received a complete assortment of salted fish which they will sell at the following prices:

|                                    |         |        |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Lake Superior Trout – per ½ barrel |         | \$5.00 |
| Siskiwit                           | “       | 5.75   |
| White Fish                         | “       | 6.50   |
| Labrador herring                   | “       | 3.50   |
| Cod from Georgia Bank              | “       | 4.25   |
| Herring                            | in kits | .90    |
| White Fish                         | “       | 1.00   |
| Mackerel No 1                      | “       | 1.25   |
| Mackerel Family                    | “       | .90    |

For Rent

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[\*Note, Bill Horn]