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"Do what you ought to do whatever may happen"

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For 10 to 11 days the cold came ruthlessly with a truly depressing intensity over all Minnesota and particularly Minneapolis.

Minnehaha Park

The Chamber of Commerce of this city discussed last Monday the project of acquiring Minnehaha falls for a national park. ...

Mr & Mrs Louis Laramée of Minneapolis left recently on 2 trips of several weeks to Canada and the eastern U. S. during which they will visit the principle cities. Our best wishes for a happy trip.

Z. Demeules & Co. just received from Lake Superior 100 barrels of 'Siskone' fish which will be sold at a moderate price.

The Legislature

It is now two weeks that our Minnesota legislators have been in session in St Paul to deliberate the economic situation of the State and legislate for its needs. The message of Governor Hubbard

Deaths

In this city January 15, after a chest malady, Mr Charles Bolduc, 53. The funeral was last Saturday at Notre Dame of Lourdes.

National Clergy

The French Canadians of Fall River have appealed to the Pope a decision of their Bishop which gave them an Irish priest to replace the late lamented Father Bedard. They number 14,000 and call for a French priest.

It is their incontestable right to appeal to the supreme authority. It remains the question of timeliness.

We have often said that we have thought of this subject. If there is a way of having French priests, the American Bishops ought to offer them to all the French parishes in the U.S. As one recalls in regarding Fall River, it is of great importance in the interest of the church that the faithful of diverse nationalities have pastors who speak their particular language. It is up to the priests to learn the language of the faithful and not the faithful to learn the language of their priests and it is for this [reason] that the apostles received the "gift of tongues" which put them in a position to teach the gospel to all.

Now, as to the ease at hand. Does Monsignor the Bishop of Providence have at his disposition enough French priest to put one in each French parish in his diocese? That we don't know.

The matter depends a great part on our Canadian Bishops and Clergy. Are they disposed to the needs of these kinds of exiled dioceses? That we don't know either. It is up to the ecclesiastic authority if to be as devoted to national interests as to religions, as we see it.

In the meantime, it is a singular situation that of the French Canadians of Fall River, governed by an Irish priest and a German bishop.

(signed) "Minerva"

There will be next Friday the 23rd of the current month at 8:00 PM at the office of l'Echo de l'Ouest, a special meeting of members of the Fréchette Club [named for a Canadian poet born 1839]. All members and friends of the ancient dramatic club are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Monsignor Ireland made Monday last at Vespers at the Cathedral (in) St Paul a learned and skillful dissertation on authority in Society and the duties of citizens. The vast Cathedral was literally full. The principal citizens, catholic and protestant, of the city gathered there to hear the always eloquent words of the eminent orator.

An atheistic society has just been formed in Paris with the purpose of getting rid of the name of God in the different languages of the world.

The health of general Grant is most disturbing. It is known that he used a lot of tobacco and was a heavy smoker. A disease of the tongue which caused him great suffering has been seriously irritated by tobacco and it is believed that cancer has developed.

Diphtheria has ravaged the town and district of Trois-Rivières.

Obituaries

1885 hardly began and already death has caused numerous losses in the ranks in the Canadian colony of Minneapolis and St Paul.

January 3, Mrs Joseph Godreau after a short illness.

January 6, Mrs Mathilda Bazinet, the wife of Mr Louis Desrosiers, taken suddenly in the flower of age. Her Funeral was held at the church of Notre Dame de Lourdes, Thursday January 8.

Last Thursday, the 15, another of our esteemed citizens and compatriots, Mr. Charles Bolduc, 53 years old, ancient resident of Minneapolis, also went for the big trip to eternity.

The funeral took place last Saturday in the church of Notre Dame de Lourdes in the middle of a large gathering of parents and friends.

In St Paul our brother publication the *Canadien* listed the deaths of two former Canadiens, Mr Jean Baptiste Gauthier, born in Whitehall, N. Y. January 24, 1803 and died in St Paul, at the age of 81 years, 11 months and 15 days. Mr J. B. Gauthier was the father of Madame Alfred Dufresne vice-president of the mercantile society P. H. Kelly & Co.

The funeral of Mr Gauthier took place at St Paul January 10 at St Louis Church.

Sunday, 11, another of the first Canadian pioneers of Minnesota, Mr. Henry Béland, took his last breath at his residence in West St. Paul, at the age of 74 years. Mr. Béland was born in the Riviere du Loup (en haut) P.Q. Canada. He emigrated to Minnesota in 1836, came to settle in Mendota in 1851 and at West St Paul where he died Sunday January 11.

His funeral took place in St. Paul, at St Louis Church, Tuesday, 13.

Finally, to conclude this list funeral, we still have the painful duty to register the death of Mr. Joseph Semper of St. Paul.

Mr. Semper was employed as a traveling salesman, wholesale business of Auerbach Finch & Co St Paul; he was traveling for eight days when death struck suddenly in Héléna, Montana, last Wednesday January 14. He died of heart disease at the age of 40 years. For his talents and his business, he had created a enviable position and enjoyed the esteem of his compatriots in general and particularly of his patrons. His remains arrived Saturday evening in St Paul and his funeral took place Monday morning at St Louis Church.

Mr. Semper leaves in St Paul his elderly mother, his wife and two children who cry today on his grave.

Today to January 1 1885.

P. W. Tobin, 618 Nicollet Ave. Minneapolis.

Greet for the fourteenth time the approach of Christmas and New Years with a special notice of his friends and practical people that he has just made radical reductions in the price of the following articles:

Lace collars, Fishus lace, Hankerchiefs, Gloves.

Also a great assortment of special gifts chosen for the holidays. 50 diagonal wraps in Russian beaver for \$6, value \$10... 50 ulster overcoats cut to a close fitting in beaver, trimmed in fur, \$8.50, an item that sold for \$12 just ten days ago... Six other "circulars" in Russian fur, lined with satin for \$12 value \$50... 50 dress patterns of 12 yards each in length, colored cashmere and black, double pleated for \$2.50, value \$3. Seal skin muffs for ladies with combination pocket.

Something new in hand bags, valises for ladies with traps with (and) a considerable assortment of articles for Christmas presents at

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