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“Do what you ought to do whatever may happen”

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Minneapolis

Next Sunday at 4 pm. in the church of Ste Clotilde will begin the annual retreat for Christian mothers, which will end on March 27th at 9 am with the Feast of the Very Holy Virgin. There will be at 9 am, mass and instruction and at 2:30 pm, instruction and praise.

Concert

The great vocal and instrumental concert in rehearsal by the French-Canadians of Minneapolis for the profit of Notre Dame de Lourdes will take place April 19. We are happy to learn that the organization of this concert is on a firm footing and promises to be a brilliant success. We will in the future provide full details of the concert.

The Rev. Father Pernin, priest of LaCrescent, Minnesota, visited Minneapolis on Saturday, the guest of Rev. Father Nougaret. On Sunday Father Pernin chanted the High Mass at St Clotilde.

The railroad line “St Paul, Brainerd, and Northwester” passing through Mille Lacs and Red Lake Falls will probably be built in the spring. The route to Red Lake Falls will make that place a most flourishing center of activity of the Northwest.

Free Canadian Job Placement

Business men, carpenters, masons, road workers will always find at this office experienced, sober and well recommended workers. No. 27 1st Street South.

The musical and dramatic evening performance by the French-Canadian Ladies of the city will take place tomorrow in Market Hall as has been already announced. The program is most attractive and we expect a large attendance.

We have learned that M. F. C. Fortier of this city recently bought half the property of M. Valentine presently used as a meat market and has entered into partnership with the latter for this branch of the business. We wish M. Fortier every success which his qualities of good Canadian and good citizen merit him and at the same time, the encouragement of his compatriots.

Notice

Next Monday evening the 23 March there will be a general assembly of French Canadians of the 3rd precinct at 7:30 pm at 206 Plymouth Avenue to take into consideration what it is advisable to do relative to representation from that precinct to the city council. The elections are approaching; is it time for the French-Canadians to organize, to see that their interests are

seriously safe guarded in the elections. The assembly of next Monday at the time and place indicated above is precisely convoked to discuss their interests.

We are very happy to recommend the house P. H. Prendergast, Catholic bookstore, to the patronage of our compatriots. M. P. H. Prendergast merits in all respects the patronage of the public. He has for a long time been known for the worthiness of his business.

The Company of Pillsbury and Hulbert of this city is on the way to equip this city with the largest elevator in the West. This immense structure will have a capacity of one million and a half bushels. We are quite happy to learn that the contract has been given to our skillful and entrepreneurial compatriot M. Cloutier, pass master in this kind of construction.

Building Society Lafayette of St Paul [This would be a Savings & Loan Bank]

The election of directors and officers of the above society took place last Friday at a special meeting at the offices on Robert St. St Paul. The following were elected directors: T.O. Dufresne, L.N. Dion, L.O. St Pierre, F.X. Gravel, J.B. Olivier, A.C. Anderson, Adolph Poirier, Octave Savard, Zotique Quesnel, Alfred Dufresne, Louis Demeules.

The new directors then proceeded to elect officers for the current year: T.O. Dufresne, President; Octave Savard, Vice President; L.N. Dion, Treasurer; F.X. Gravel, Secretary; J.B. Olivier, Counsel. Examiners: Alfred Dufresne, Adolphe Martin, Louis Demeules.

Lack of space prevents giving a full report of the operations,. Suffice it to say that the financial state of this wholly French Canadian institution is most prosperous and does honor to our St Paul compatriots.

The musical evening tomorrow by the Ladies of the congregation St Louis in St Paul, in the church basement, promises to be a success. Here is the program:

Instumental Overture

1. Grand Concert Galop [a musical dance form] by Ketterer. Delles L. and E. Olivier.
2. Comedy "Country Aunt" by Aunt Peabody and her nieces Helena, Hattie & Miriam.
3. Instrumental Grand Concert Waltz ob Lieberg. Madam Bastien Muckey.
4. Vocal: The Huntress. Duet by Madam Louis Demeules and Delle E Demeules.
5. Instrumental: Minuet by Bocherini. Ferdinand Duleken, Delles E. and J. Olivier.
6. Vocal: A Bird Flies over the Sea by White. Delle E. Langevin.
7. Instrumental: Bard's Prayerby Godefroy. Madame Bastien Muckey.
8. Vocal: Only A Dream by Delle Emma Pepin.
9. Comic Song by Z. Quesnel.
10. One Act Farce: The Lawyer by Patelin.

Our Travelers

The Canadians returning from Egypt arrived in this city Friday by the Northern Railway. Two to three thousand persons went to meet them at the station and escorted them to the Hotel de Ville where Mayor Cooke presented a welcoming address. The fanfare of the Union Musical marched at the head of the Column. All our river travelers returned in good health though fatigued by their long journey. It is fair to say they suffered a little from the type of food they had in the Sudan, but the travel was not too harsh even though they found the navigation of the Nile difficult and dangerous. The hardest part had been during that traverse. In sum, all appeared content with their voyage. [These travelers were probably members of General Wolsley's relief expedition to the Sudan in support of General Gordon. They arrived too late.]