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BISHOP CASEY'S FAREWELL.

Every man, woman and child of St. Dunstan's felt a thrill of honest pride when it was announced that their beloved pastor, Father Casey had been selected by the Head of the church to wear the mitre and stole of a prince of the church; when he was chosen from among all the clergymen of the diocese to succeed the late Dr. Sweeny, in the exalted position of bishop, but every man woman and child of St. Dunstan's feels sharp pangs of regret that His Lordship through that appointment is compelled to sever the close relations that have existed between pastor and people for the past four years.

Farewell is a hard word to utter under any circumstances, but it is especially trying for Bishop Casey to bid adieu to those who have worked in such close relations with him, and have given him such a loyal and enthusiastic support in his pastorate which has accomplished so much for the church and congregation spiritually and temporarily.

There were many Protestants in last night's crowded congregation at St. Dunstan's when His Lordship and his people took formal farewell of each other. The address from the congregation was couched in endearing terms, but were none too strong to express the mingled feelings of regret and congratulation which the people of St. Dunstan's feel towards their late pastor and present bishop.

His Lordship's reply, delivered during the course of a very eloquent sermon, was just what might be expected from a gentleman of his culture, broad-mindedness and Christian charity. He not only thanked his own co-religionists for their interest in his welfare, their hearty support of his pastorate, but extended his observations in that direction to his non-Catholic friends of this city. His Lordship declared, and declared truly, that the congratulations over his elevation to the bishopric, and expressions of regret at his removal from Fredericton, offered him by those of other faiths than his, were just as sincere as those which came from his own people. His Lordship was pleased to dwell at length on this phase of his reply to the address, and we are sure the Protestants of Fredericton fully appreciate the kindly feeling His Lordship bears towards them. Bishop Casey's mission here has been one of peace and goodwill; while his duty to his church has been faithfully and zealously discharged he has given offence to none, but has raised not only himself but his people in the respect and esteem of the other religious denominations. A pastorate such as his is a wider blessing than the mere good of the particular people to which he ministers.

Another pleasing feature of His Lordship's reply was his eloquent outburst of patriotism at the close of his farewell utterance. He held up Canada to his hearers as a country of which every man in it should be proud, a land of unlimited possibilities, one that in the years to come will take a leading place among the nations of the earth, and he counselled his people to be proud of their country and loyal to its interests.

Dr. Casey's broad views, sturdy loyalty and unswerving faith in the land which has reason to feel a pride in recognizing him as one of her distinguished sons, are causes of congratulation, not only to his own people but to all New Brunswickers and Canadians, who rejoice in the cultivation of a national spirit and a feeling of Christian charity and toleration.

Fredericton sincerely regrets His Lordship's departure, and bids him God speed in his high and sacred mission.

Rev. Father Carney, of Debec, the new pastor of St. Dunstan's church, comes with an excellent reputation as a priest of energy, executive ability, power as a preacher, and a gentleman who is sure to become popular among his new parishioners. He is in the prime of life, with a rugged physique and an experience which will be invaluable in the large field to which he has been called. The Herald bids him a hearty welcome to the city.

At Halifax the other day Judge Ritchie in delivering judgment, condemned severely the practice of solicitors giving evidence on behalf of their clients and thought they would maintain the honour and dignity of the profession by refraining from such a course. It is not so long ago that in a case in court here one of the principal affidavits was by a lawyer on behalf of his client.

Mr Borden, the Tory Opposition leader, has discovered that the race and creed cries raised by his friends have not had the effect intended, and he counsels peace and harmony. It is to be hoped that his words will reach that eminent agitator, Mr Horton Hetherington of Queen's county, and the St John Sun.

It is bad news from the lumber drives. The water is low and a large proportion of the logs cut last winter are likely to be hung up, unless friendly rains are soon to hand. While not exactly king, lumber is one of the great industries of this province, and any failure in it is felt by all classes.

The Tory organs have commenced to drop their attacks on Mr. Blair for buying Canadian made steel rails, for the Intercolonial railway, and some of the more prominent newspapers of the party have openly endorsed the minister's action.

Another vacancy has been created in the Senate by the death of Hon. Dr. Ross of Quebec who was a member of the Tupper Government that went down before the electors in 1896.

The Hewitson tragedy must not be lost sight of. The unfortunate man's death calls for vengeance on those responsible for it.

One hundred thousand people gave a hearty welcome to the Duke and Duchess of York at Melbourne, Australia, yesterday.

Senatorships are still coming our way. Another year and the Liberals will have a majority in the upper chamber.

THAT ELOPEMENT CASE.

Fredericton Girl Deserted in St. John Tells Her Story.

(St. John Telegraph.)

Among the guests at an uptown boarding house is a young woman, who is anxiously awaiting the return of the man with whom she eloped from Fredericton to this city. She is not happy, and there may be something very startling resulting in the case if her soldier friend does not soon make his appearance.

The story went the rounds of the press that Percy Kitson, a sergeant in the Infantry School at Fredericton, had purchased his discharge and had suddenly left Fredericton for St John being accompanied by a young woman from the West End of the capital city and whom he was to marry when they arrived in this city. A great portion of this story is only too true. Sergeant Kitson has been an admirer of the young woman, who gave her name here as Miss Mamie Kitson, but whose real name is Miss Mamie Hamilton. They had been keeping company for some time and a week ago last Friday Kitson left Fredericton, accompanied by Miss Hamilton who is only 19 years of age. On arrival in the city, they were registered at a hotel, where they remained over night, but not as man and wife, and had separate rooms. The next morning Kitson left on the steamer Prince Rupert to visit his home at Williamsport, N. S., and his young friend changed her quarters to a boarding house where the rates of living were not so high. She is still at the boarding house, anxiously awaiting the return of her soldier friend.

A long week has passed and yet he has not returned, although it is said she has received a letter from him, in which he says he intends to make her his wife.

Miss Hamilton says she is going on 19

years of age, but she looks much younger. Her story is a sad one. She claims that when she was but young, her mother died and she was left in charge of a Mrs. Hamilton, who resides in Fredericton. She grew up in the family and has been known as Mamie Hamilton ever since. She has been given a fairly good education. She says that, although she has had a somewhat pleasant time living in Fredericton, her life has not been as smooth as it might have been, and that she was glad to get away. When asked why she would not return to her home she said that she would not go back there and face the people after leaving the town in the manner in which she did. She does not know what made her come away with Kitson; he asked her to leave with him and she immediately got on board the train and came.

A story has been circulated that Miss Hamilton took from Fredericton a lady's bicycle belonging to a Mr Burt; that the hire of the wheel had not been settled for, or that the wheel had not been purchased. The whole blame has been placed on Miss Hamilton, but her story regarding the wheel places the matter in an entirely different light. She claims that Sergeant Kitson asked her if she would like to go out bicycling. She replied in the affirmative and the soldier went to Burt's "bike" livery and hired a wheel, stating that it was for Miss Hamilton. He took the wheel to her and she used it. When she left Fredericton for St John, Sergeant Kitson had the wheel checked to St John, and, she says, she did not know it was on the train until she arrived here. When Kitson left for his home in Nova Scotia he took the wheel with him, and it is probably there with him now. According to Miss Hamilton's story, she is not in any to blame for the carrying away of the wheel.

A St. John lawyer has been interested in the case lately and has called on the young lady several times during the past week, looking after the interests of the Fredericton bicycle firm, and has gone as far as to tell her she would be arrested if the wheel was not soon returned.

Another story that was going the rounds was that Miss Hamilton was looking for a breach of promise suit, but this is not thought to be true.

It was rumored Sunday among the passengers arriving in the city to-day would be a young man, and that this evening a well-known clergyman would make two persons happy by making them husband and wife.

May Return.

The Canadian Jubilee Singers recently performed in Moncton where the Opera House was packed to the doors. The audience was delighted and efforts are being made to get the company to return. —dl.

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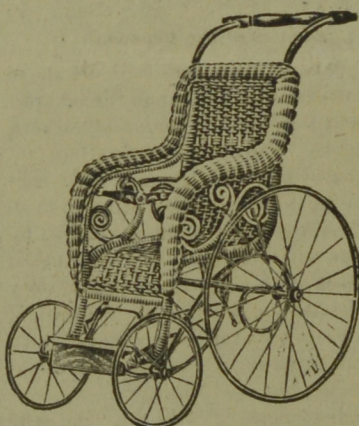
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