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CHURCH AND STATE.

French Priests Physically Resist Offi- cials' Attempt to Possess Church Property.

Paris, Feb. 2.—Everywhere in France the actual putting into operation of the clause of the church and state separation bill which provides for the making of inventories of the property of the churches has aroused a storm of protest. In several provincial parishes Catholics have gathered in the churches and made such strong resistance that the government commissioners were unable to enter the edifices.

In Paris yesterday violent scenes took place in several churches, notably those of St. Roch and St. Clothilde. An inventory of the property of the church of St. Roche has not yet been made owing to the opposition of the congregation, but the defenders of the church of St. Clothilde succumbed before the energetic assault of an armed force, which acted on the avowed intention of the government to use every means at its disposal to compel obedience to the enactment.

The energetic measures taken by the police had the effect of almost completely clearing the church, except at the altar, where a few of the congregation and some young priests stood defiantly brandishing sticks. These were allowed to remain.

The ejection of the remainder of the crowd resulted in the injuring of many persons on both sides, including fifty policemen and guards and a still higher number of the militant Catholics. One hundred and fifty members of the congregation were arrested.

During the struggle of the guards had their rifles snatched from them and they fought with their hands against the people, some of whom were armed with swordsticks. One of the barricades erected in the church was thirty feet high.

After the people had been driven out, Perfect Lepine, in order to prevent further interruption of the inventory, placed a triple rank of guards armed with rifles around the choir. The commissioner was thus enabled to proceed with his work, which he had about completed last night.

All the windows in the church were broken and every chair smashed. Among the wreckage scattered over the floor are numerous umbrellas and hats.

In the chamber of deputies yesterday Premier Rouvier's reply to an interpellation on the subject by a Socialist deputy, M. Allard, was given amid great applause. The government, however, secured a vote of confidence by 384 against 166, after the premier had assured the chamber that the government was desirous of using tact and moderation in carrying out the law, but it was fully determined to perform its duty no matter what the cost.

ELECTION FRAUDS.

Three Returning Officers in Saskat- chewan Failed to Hold the Polls.

Regina, Sask., Jan. 31.—Three Deputy Returning Officers are implicated in the election frauds. Punishment by fines does not end the proceedings against the culprits. These penalties were inflicted under a Northwest ordinance, and the charge was simply that the defendants had failed to hold polls at the time and place set forth by proclamation for the election.

Nothing was said of ballot stuffing, perjury, forgery, personation, fraud and any other accusation to which the election manipulators laid themselves open. Information in these cases must be laid under the criminal code. The plot appears to have originated in Prince Albert City. It is charged that Sutherland, Charles Nelson and Robert McLeod, three Deputy Returning Officers, left that City about the first week in December, presumably with the intention of holding polls at three northern points hundreds of miles away, accompanied by two poll clerks, and they had ballots and all papers necessary.

They did not return until more than a week after the election, and reported 151 votes for Tireman, Liberal candidate and none for Donaldson, the Provincial Rights candidate. It appears that the deputies did not

go anywhere near the polls to which they had been assigned. They crossed the constituency and camped at Redberry. They met a body of police which were sent to protect them, and the parties travelled together for a short time. The deputies "shook" the police for a day and visited the Indian Reserve.

It is alleged the work was done there, for the officials, during some stage of their two weeks' trip, opened the ballot boxes, deposited 151 ballots for the Liberal candidate, made necessary entries, names etc. in the polling books and generally went through all the clerical forms required. They did not meet a single voter belonging to the district they were supposed to serve. While these deputies were on their way back from Prince Albert a story was circulated that the City Provincial Rights supporters planned a raid on the ballot boxes to stuff them.

For this reason the police were sent out as escort, but it seems another emissary went out previously in the balance of the constituency. At that time Donaldson, Opposition, was leading by 56 and expected to win. The deputies then instructed them to arrange that enough ballots should be included in the returns from northern polls. The case will be fully investigated.

BRIDE BALKS AT ALTAR.

So Far, but No Farther, Decides Maria, When Before Polish Priest, and Quits Church.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 31.—There was a sudden cessation of wedding bells in the Polish colony today, and unadulterated joy was turned into bitter sorrow. The occasion was the deliberate balking of a bride-elect when she and her loved faced the priest at the altar.

The jilted swain is Wladimir Martynowicz, but, that he may more easily do business here, he has adopted the simpler cognomen of John Schultz. John was interested in Maria Molicka, who was up to a few weeks ago, a resident of Austria, and like him, a Pole. A month ago John sent Maria her passage money.

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