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SOME RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL COMPLICATIONS

A number of the higher courts of the various Protestant religious bodies have within the past few weeks made pronouncements in regard to the Ne Temere decree and its promulgation in Canada, but so far as our reading goes without laying down any specific remedy. They have, however, affirmed general principles, with which The Guardian is quite in accord; and which fairly express the attitude of Protestant Canada.

Broadly they lay down the principle that no church shall be permitted to dissolve marriages that are legally performed, and that no church shall be permitted to exercise any authority or privilege in Canada that is not accorded to all churches. These principles have been repeatedly affirmed in these columns and by them we stand most firmly. We have not and will not have in Canada any state church, or any religious body that is privileged above others. All must stand upon an equal footing.

The impression is, however, widespread in Protestant Canada that the Roman Catholic Church has arrogated to itself certain powers and prerogatives that encroach upon this principle of equality and which interfere not infrequently with the rights of those belonging to other religious bodies. This impression was given an impetus at the time of the Eucharistic Congress in Montreal, when high Canadian officials in their robes of state and the military forces of the country were joined in a Catholic procession as they would not be asked or permitted to do in any like religious observance of the Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist or other Protestant bodies. This ought never to have occurred, and forms a just ground of complaint.

Following upon the Eucharistic Congress came the promulgation of the Ne Temere Decree, which as already stated in these columns is not and cannot be enforced in France or

Italy, but is being given effect in Canada. It is not surprising that it has aroused a strong feeling throughout the Protestant communities of the Dominion and especially in those localities where under its administration it has led to the disruption of families and so much sorrow and heart-burning as has been reported.

It is impossible to consider the Ne Temere Decree or the religious aspects of the present trouble alone. They are complicated with racial and political features of the gravest character. By a strange succession of circumstances the French Province of Quebec stands today in the heart of Canada, dividing the Protestant communities of the east from those of the west, itself the most solid and devoted Catholic community in the world. In race, language, laws and religion it stands apart from the other Provinces of the Dominion. Politically it stands solid and compact under a French Canadian Premier and dominates the Dominion.

Our naval policy is shaped to please Quebec, as the constitutions of Alberta and Saskatchewan were framed to the like purpose, and today our very relations with the Empire are made subservient to the same controlling influence. A vast project for the addition of new territories from the north to Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba is now in train and only suspended because Manitoba insists that her non-sectarian school law shall cover the territory to be added to that Province, as the separate school law will cover the area to be added to Ontario, and as the laws, language and religion of Quebec will cover the 400,000 square miles to be added to the French-speaking Province.

To our mind the political aspects of the situation as it stands are not less grave than those arising from the Ne Temere decree. That of itself is but an incident in a far wider movement.

CITIZENSHIP OF THE EMPIRE.

The Imperial Conference has been struggling with the question of naturalisation and citizenship. At present these questions are in a strangely mixed condition. The United Kingdom has its own laws for the naturalisation of aliens, among the conditions of which are five years' residence. That is, a foreigner going to reside in England and desiring to become a British subject can only attain the latter object after residing there five years, and then procuring a certificate of naturalisation and taking the oath of allegiance.

The over-sea Dominions have their own laws as to naturalisation, each requiring a longer or shorter term of residence and the usual formalities. This process is good enough so far as that particular country is concerned, so long as the naturalised person resides there. But if he passes over from Canada to Australia or to the Mother Country he will find that his naturalisation counts for nothing there. He is not, in fact recognised as a British citizen in England or Australia if naturalised in Canada.

The existing state of the law produces some strange complications. For instance, many Canadians have gone to the United States and been naturalised there. Many American citizens are now removing to Canada, becoming naturalised and are thus becoming citizens of Canada. But if one of these visits England he has no status as a British citizen, because the United Kingdom does not recognise the validity of Canadian naturalisation outside of Canada. A citizen of the United States, naturalised in Canada, is when in England still a citizen of the United States.

A Canadian born who has gone to the United States and has been naturalised there, and who has afterwards returned to Canada and been again naturalised, will find on going to England that he is, while there, legally a citizen of the United States. Only on his return to Canada is he a Canadian citizen. This is too absurd a condition of things to be allowed to continue and the Imperial Conference is endeavoring to devise means to straighten matters out. What is aimed at is to establish imperial citizenship that will be legal and valid anywhere throughout the Empire.

Of course, those who are British born, or who are natives of any British country are all right. So long as they do not forfeit their citizenship by becoming citizens of any other country.

Auction

I am instructed by Miss Hilda Stewart to sell by public auction on the premises, 22 Brighton Road, on Monday, the 19th day of June, 1911, commencing at one o'clock p. m., all the valuable household furniture the property of the late W. H. Stewart, consisting in part of parlor, dining room, hall, bed room, and kitchen furniture, kitchen range and utensils, pictures, lamps, mats, hook-cases and wardrobes, etc., and other articles. Terms cash.

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zenship by becoming citizens of any foreign country they are British subjects and citizens in England, Canada, Australia or wherever the British flag floats. But in these days where a vast migration is taking place from year to year the need of Imperial citizenship for naturalised aliens has become urgent and imperative. Citizenship that pertains to only one Dominion is far too narrow for those who aspire, as they properly may, to be citizens of the Empire.

NOTES.

The legislative term in Nova Scotia is now five years, instead of four as in our own Province, so that should the Liberal Government hold office to the end of the term it will exceed the length of continuous Liberal power in Ontario, under Blake, Mowat, Hardy and Ross.

Hon. C. P. Chisholm, Commissioner of Works and Mines in Nova Scotia, was among the Liberals, who were defeated in the recent election, along with two other members of the Government, who held no portfolios.

A COMPLAINT FROM MONTAGUE.

Sir:—As a citizen of Montague I desire to make a protest against a gross injustice that is being perpetrated against the inhabitants of this place. Not being an incorporated town we are under the provisions of the Domestic Animals Act. Heretofore it has been the custom of the Montague School Trustees to insert in the notice of the annual meeting a further notice as prescribed by law, providing for a meeting at the close of the annual school meeting to make regulations relative to the running at large of domestic animals.

The notices for the annual school meeting of this year have been posted up and no mention has been made of the after meeting to be held under the Domestic Animals Act. Is this an oversight, or is it the intention of the trustees that cattle, sheep and horses shall be permitted to run at large on our streets under no regulation whatever?

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HULL OF BATTLESHIP WAS BLOWN TO PIECES

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CASTRO AT HAYTI ON BOARD HIS OWN WARSHIP

WASHINGTON, June 14—After a telegraphic hunt lasting several weeks Cipriano Castro, former president of Venezuela, has been located on board the steamship Consul Grostuck, an obsolete gunboat, formerly owned by the Italian government which is now at Port de Paix, Hayti. He is undoubtedly on his way back to Venezuela to stir up a revolution against the present government there. The state department will promptly take steps to thwart his plans.

This is the second time Castro has endeavored to return to Venezuela since he was disposed a couple of years ago. On his former attempt he succeeded in getting as far as Martinique. The French authorities refused to allow him to go any further on his way. They compelled him to board a ship bound for Europe.

Since his former attempt to return to Venezuela Castro has lived in the Canary Islands. Several weeks ago he disappeared. At the same time reports became current of a prospective revolution against the Venezuelan government for the purpose of restoring Castro to power.

Secretary of State Root was especially anxious to locate Castro to prevent his return to Venezuela. Instructions were sent to all consular and diplomatic officers to try and find him. Several days ago apparently authentic information reached the department that Castro had been seen in Lisbon and the state department advised the Portuguese government of his alleged movements. This information was probably incorrect.

For several weeks, however, the movements of the steamship Consul Grostuck have been regarded with suspicion. H. W. Furness, United States minister to Hayti, advised the state department today that no one but the officers and crew had been allowed on board the steamer, which made her appearance a few days ago in Haytian waters. The United States consul has not been allowed to visit her. The Consul Grostuck is an Italian gunboat formerly called the Umbria. The present ownership of the vessel is unknown, though she has lately been flying the German flag.

Late this afternoon John B. Terrest, American consul at Port-au-Prince, telegraphed the state department that Castro is on board the steamer. The despatch was lacking in details, but it is regarded by the state department as authentic.

Officers of the state department have no doubt that all the interest European and American powers will co-operate, as was done on the former occasion, to keep Castro out of Venezuela and to prevent him from starting a revolution.

The present incident is complicated by the fact that Castro apparently has his own vessel when in the former incident he travelled on a regular liner. The navy department has several gunboats in the West Indies near Hayti and they may be assigned to keep watch on the Consul Grostuck.



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