HONOUR TO FOUNDRESS REJOICES 7,000 GREY NUNS

MONTREAL (NC) — There was great joy at the motherhouse of the Grey Nuns of Montreal and among 7,000 Grey Nuns throughout the world when the news came that their foundress, Mother Marie d’Youville, would be beatified at St. Peter’s basilica in Rome on May 3.

Representatives of the 325 houses of the Grey Nuns attended the beatification ceremonies and later services at the Church of the Canadian Martyrs in Rome. Some fifty members of the Canadian Hierarchy, led by His Eminence Paul Émile Cardinal Leger, Archbishop of Montreal, attended the beatification rites.

MARIE DUFROST Lajamme d’Youville was born Oct. 13, 1701, at Varennes, 15 miles from Montreal. Widowed while still a young woman, she became the first Canadian to establish a religious community, the Sisters of Charity, who became known popularly as the Grey Nuns because of the color of their religious habit.

Dedicated to serve the poor and the sick in education and in the social field, the Grey Nuns spread rapidly after their establishment in 1738. There are now five other communities of Grey Nuns who owe their beginning to the original Montreal foundation.

THERE ARE the Grey Nuns of St. Hyacinthe, Que., founded in 1846; the Grey Nuns of the Cross of Ottawa, Ont., founded in 1845, and the Grey Nuns of Quebec, founded in 1849, these three communities trace their beginnings directly to the Montreal motherhouse. There also are the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart of Philadelphia, founded in 1921, and the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Pembroke, Ont., founded in 1929, which are offshoots of the Grey Nuns of the Cross of Ottawa.

The 7,000 members of the Grey Nuns are found principally in Canada and the United States. But they also have houses in Africa, Brazil, Haiti, Japan, and were in China until their expulsion by the Communists.

IN CANADA, the Grey Nuns followed the missionary trails of priests and Brothers of the Oblates of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the opening of the West and in the Far North. The nuns travelled to the outposts by wagon, canoe and, in the Far North, by dogsled.

THE GREY NUNS direct hospitals, founding homes, havens for the aged, and schools for the blind and epileptics. They conduct elementary and high schools, colleges, schools of nursing, and social service. Over the years, hundreds of thousands of persons, from the very young to the very old, have been helped by the Grey Nuns.

Mother Beatrice St. Louis, who comes from Windsor, Ont., and is the Superior General of the Grey Nuns of Montreal, said that two miracles which occurred in 1900 and 1907 made possible the beatification of Mother d’Youville. The cause of Mother d’Youville was introduced in Rome in 1890. She was declared Venerable on April 28, 1890, by Pope Leo XIII, 113 years after her death.

The other cure was that of Sister St. Jean Marie of the Grey Nuns of the Cross of Ottawa. She joined the novitiate in 1902 and some years later began to lose her sight. Doctors said she was doomed to blindness and held no hope for her recovery. Members of the Ottawa community made two novenas on behalf of Sister St. Jean Marie. On the last day of the second novena, Feb. 8, 1927, Sister St. Jean Marie recovered her sight and was able to resume her duties as a member of the staff of the Ottawa General Hospital. Members of the community and attending physicians attested to her cure.

WINNIPEG’S CATHOLIC CENTRE CATERS TO INDIANS, METIS

WINNIPEG — The religious instruction and spiritual welfare services afforded to Winnipeg’s Catholic Indian and Metis population since the appointment of Fr. J. Lambert, O.M.I., has been most welcome.

Every month a High Mass is celebrated for them in Sacred Heart church, preceded by one full hour of Sunday school and one more hour of confessions and baptisms. The Assiniboia Indian school choir supplies the choir; Miss Lorraine Bellegarde is organist.

On Easter Sunday the Oblate Fathers’ novices from St. Norbert will sing the Mass; fifteen baptisms are to be made that afternoon.

After Mass a group of ladies serves lunch cafeteria-style. Thirty-three ladies, from various city parishes interested in Indian and Metis work, who devote time and effort to Indian and Metis welfare. Entertainment usually follows the luncheon; Easter Sunday’s performers are talent singer Miss Genevieve Lalouette and Indian pianist Thomas Stevenson.

An all-star hockey team of Indian students from Manitoba Technical Institute played through the winter season, coached by Fr. Lambert. There are sixteen players on the team.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine lessons are given every Sunday to about one hundred Indian and Metis while another three to four hundred study catechism by mail.

Attendance at church by Indians and Metis has notably increased at St. Mary’s, Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart, and Holy Rosary.

Marriage preparation courses are given every Wednesday and Thursday evenings; seven marriages were performed in the

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(Courtesy La Liberté)
Mother d’Youville Had Close Ties With Red River Colony
by Gwain Hamilton

The imminent beatification of a prospective Canadian saint, Ven. Mother Marguerite d’Youville, has aroused widespread interest throughout Canada. Last month in Rome the Supreme Pontiff approved a decree certifying miracles through her intercession. And beatification ceremonies are being held May 3, in St. Peter’s Basilica.

Apart from the fact that Ven. Mother d’Youville may become the first Canadian-born North American to be raised to sainthood, the news has a particular significance for the west and particularly to the archdiocese of St. Boniface.

She was a niece of de la Verendrye, the famous Canadian-born French explorer and fur trader who brought the first word of the Cross and its message to the western Prairies Indians.

There is there is a still a more personal link with the west. Some­where in the area near the meeting of the Bow and Assiniboine Rivers, within the boundaries of the Crowsnest Pass, there are several Indians who flocked to the west where he died in 1770, unknown in death. His death in the fall of the year was 170, grades 8 to 12 inclusive.

Dufresne, Boulet and LeBrun, all Oblates, she prepares for eventual missionary life at the service of God.

Meanwhile nearly 100 high school students are preparing for their first year’s stage at the Assiniboia Indian high school and the expected enrollment for the fall of the year is 170, grades 8 to 12 inclusive.

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The Manitoba government has been called upon to assume increased responsibility in solving the problems of Indians and Metis in the province.

Recommendations that the provincial government promote employment and undertake community development for Indians and Metis, made in a report released Wednesday by Hon. Erick F. Willis, minister of agriculture, should be adopted by the provincial government.

The report, which is the result of a 2% year study made for the provincial government by the social and economic research office under the direction of Jean H. Lagasse.

The central theme of the report is that Indians and Metis have a lower standard of living than that enjoyed by other Canadians and that a fresh approach must be used to solve their problem.

Here, in brief, are the recommendations made to the Manitoba government:

• A community development program to help people of Indian ancestry solve their own problems should be established.

• Vocational training facilities should be provided for those who do not have sufficient education to qualify for apprenticeship training or acceptance at the Manitoba Technical Institute.

• The department of industry and commerce should promote the development of light industries in or near Indian and Metis settlements and help to create new markets for local resources.

• An employment service and training program should be provided for Indians and Metis.

• The provincial government should appoint an inter-departmental committee on Indian and Metis affairs headed by a full-time chairman.

• The committee should arrange for a meeting of urban and rural municipalities with the Indian and Metis councils to clarify their respective responsibilities for Indian Welfare.

• Provincial welfare services should be extended to all Indians residing in Manitoba.

• The services of the department of agriculture should be extended to Indians living on reserves.

• The list of official trustee schools should be reviewed annually with a view to re-establishing local school boards wherever possible.

• The government should make a concerted attempt to help residents of school districts under an official trustee to master the skills required for operating their own schools.

The Manitoba government should confer with the Manitoba School of Social Work with a view to having sociology taught to students.

• An up-to-date record of the isolation grants in Indian and Metis communities and of agricultural labor requirements should be kept to help school districts with low assessments.

• The department of education should develop speech exercises to help overcome verbal retardation in Indians and Metis.

• Kindergartens should be established in predominantly Metis and Indian communities.

• Isolation grants should be offered to schools located in remote areas in addition to regular grants for urban communities.

• A seminar course in applied social anthropology should be given as part of the summer program of the department of education.

• Residents of underprivileged areas should be relocated to more productive centres.

• Rates of social assistance should be graded according to the actual cost of living in the area where recipients of welfare are residing.

• The department of health and public welfare should undertake an extensive program of health education in underprivileged areas.

• The Manitoba government should adopt a special grant for the development of light industry.

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• Information about non-farm industries and skilled occupations should be directed to residents of low income farms.

• The agricultural extension division should make a special effort to reach low income areas especially those inhabited by Metis farmers.

• Advertisements placed in newspapers and magazines of the Manitoba government on Alcohol Education should be printed in suitable form for posting in Metis and Indian communities.

• Alcoholic Anonymous should be urged to direct some information to the Indian and Metis public.

• The provincial government should establish a Ministerial Committee to promote fair accommodation practices in Manitoba.

• A full-time person, responsible for undertaking basic research projects and for preparing, studying and protecting archaeological sites in Manitoba, should be employed.

NATIVE BY MARRIAGE

White Woman Elected Chief of Indian Band

(Vancouver Province)

Mrs. Genevieve Mussell of Chilliwack has won an honor unique in Canadian history—she's the first white woman to be elected chief of an Indian school.

She was named chief of the Skwah band at Chilliwack Landing by acclamation and March 23 the 38-year-old mother of six admitted she faced many problems as leader of her husband's people.

"I hope I can give them some incentive to help themselves," she said.

"Perhaps there is some way we can develop our land to give us more income. If I can only do something to help them lose their feeling of inferiority, so they can get ahead."

Native by Marriage

Together with her two counsellors, Mr. Francis Williams and the past chief, 25-year-old Harry Stewart, Mrs. Mussell hopes to find some way to raise the band's welfare fund.

"I'm a native by marriage," says Mrs. Mussell. When she married William Mussell in 1937, her life was to be governed by the Indian act.

"But I've always understood the old people of the band. Maybe they were primitive, but they were kind — my mother-in-law couldn't have done more for me if she had been my own mother."

As a teen-ager, Mrs. Mussell lived in Prince Rupert with her Ukrainian-born parents who moved to B.C. after farming for some years at Canora, Sask.

Good Friend

When she and her husband separated in 1952, Mrs. Mussell still lives at Chilliwack Landing and as "a good friend" Mrs. Mussell and the children returned to live for a while in Prince Rupert.

That resulted in a problem for the former when they thought about returning to Chilliwack Landing. Did they want to live on the reserve?

"They decided they did, and they're happy," says Mrs. Mussell, "but I'm glad they had the opportunity to mix, and to get to know other children."

Huron Indian Village

No one knows how long the Hurons lived within their palisaded villages in the fertile, picturesque district of Huronia in the geographic center of Ontario, but archaeologists have found clay pots buried in North 79/2, which prove the existence of a form of civilization back to 2500 B.C.

Truly this page of history has been flipped over too hastily; but the Kiwanis Club of the area have done something about it.

At Little Park, on the outskirts of Midland, visitors can now see how the Hurons lived. Guides from Ontario universities take groups through the replica of a small Huron Indian Village. Here in the village square one tries to visualize the shrinking, painted figures dancing around the fire, or the room burning so peacefully. From the top of the tall tree at one's elbow a long line faded across the horizon. A signal of approaching marauders and little figures, bows and arrows ready, sprang up the ramp to burn the village along the walls. At the far end, above the firing platform, is a lookout window to warn the people was kept to hurl at the enemy if they came too close. Sometimes, scenting hot water was poured down on them.

Visitors are surprised to find a bowling alley—round stones and an alley smoothed ground. But most amazing is the sweat-bath, a kind round hut made of poles, sod and bark, with a hole hanging over a small doorway. Leading to this entrance is a sloping pathway, down which stones, heated in a fire at the top of the hope were rolled under the hide into the hut. Water poured on these stones resulted in a real steam bath.

One can easily imagine the way of life of these people as they passed through the longhouses and Medicine Man's lodge and when you see how food was cured, dried and ground.

Whether you sun-bathe, go boating or swimming in this delightful holiday ground by the sparkling waters of Georgian Bay, the squaws will find the Huron Indian Village fascinatingly entertaining.

—(Happy Motoring)

SECELLT... Ships that pass in the night along the Peninsular coastline can now spot the Grotto from miles on the shores of the mission here. The Grotto has been equipped with powerful floodlights which light up the whole cliff during special feast day celebrations. Brain-child of Father Fred Wade, it was built by the Indian people of the Sechelt reservation as a Centennial Year project.
Four Indian Boys Enjoy City Visit

by Wouter De Wet

In the Montreal Star

Four shy, giggling Indian boys arrived in Montreal one night in March looking a bit overwhelmed with the wonders of a civilization they had never seen before.

The boys, who hail from Landsdowne House, halfway between Lake Superior and Hudson Bay, received the trip as a gift from their teacher Brian Guiver for being top pupils in their school.

For five years they had read and marvelled about the strange things which can be seen in the land of the white man. They had never seen a brick building or a train and things like TV and neon lights existed only in books, Mr. Guiver said.

After their arrival at Central Station they looked a little lost but eagerly accepted an invitation to have their photos taken at the photomatic machine. The subdued giggles while the shot was being taken turned into broad smiles when a real picture of themselves dropped out of the slot a few minutes later.

After that paper cups and soft drinks coming out of a machine weren’t even worth raising an eyebrow about.

Visit to Ottawa

The youngsters were a little more used to trains, buildings and people than the day before, because they had a full social round in Ottawa day before visiting the House of Parliament and the Governor-General’s residence.

Mr. Massay, who was introduced to them as the big chief of all Canadians, showed them around the state rooms in Government House.

The great kick on Parliament Hill, according to Mr. Guiver, was the elevator in the Peace Tower. “Going up was all right, but on coming down they thought for one moment of terror that they were falling down the shaft.”

Asked whether the boys were frightened of traffic, Mr. Guiver said: “No, I am afraid that they were not terrified enough of it at the beginning, but after they had seen an accident on TV they were a little more careful.”

Last night at the station they couldn’t resist testing their skill on the road test machine.

Learn Quickly

The youngsters who range from 12 to 14 years have risen to Grades 4 and 6 in the five years there has been a school in their native town. The group consists of the two Sackanee cousins, Walter, 14, and Donald Sackanee, cousins. Tony, 14, and Etienne, 12. Their teacher who hails from England has picked up a little of the Indian dialect during his two years at Landsdowne House.

To each other, the Indians speak Obijway but they answer questions from strangers in a slow, deliberate English. Most of the time, however, they were very shy and had to be prompted diplomatically by the teacher.

But when Walter was asked what he liked most of all the things he had seen so far, he answered without hesitation: “Television.”

The boys visited St. Joseph’s Oratory, and later a chocolate factory.

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

OTTAWA (CCC) — Roman Catholics remain the largest single group among the 265 members of the Commons. But their numbers are shrinking and no longer reflect the dominance they represent in Canada’s population.

There are 91 Roman Catholics in the chamber, 60 of them in the Conservative party and 31 among the Liberals. None is in the CCF splinter group.

Catholics make up 65 per cent of the Liberal group, but are outnumbered sharply in the Conservative ranks.

Population figures show that 43.3 per cent of Canadians are Roman Catholic. But the Commons is only 35 per cent Roman Catholic.

Owning farm land and renting it out to someone else to farm may be all right when the owner has something else to do with his time. But if he would be otherwise idle, then he ought to farm it himself. If a tenant could make money farming it, so could the owner.

The catch is that it takes a little capital to operate a farm, apart from owning it.

The Blackfoot Indians at Glenchen own large stretches of good farm land, but it is stated that their band funds have been so depleted they can’t afford to farm their own land. And so they are considering renting it out to white men. They themselves would have nothing to do.

If that situations is allowed to develop it would be one of the worst in a long series of brutal and callous acts passing for a federal Indian policy. The previous Liberal government made many horrible mistakes, but none worse than that.

The Indians need not only the revenue from owning the land but the additional revenue from farming it. And more than the revenue, they need constructive, useful and productive work. It has been demonstrated that they have difficulty getting or keeping employment in competition with white labor, partly because of prejudice against them. But in tilling their own land they would be working only for themselves. They would have all the dignity that goes with being a self-employed farmer, an independent business man. Even more important than extra money, they would acquire self-respect. That is what they need above all else.

The Indian Affairs department must see that they farm their own land.

We know that some other bands have rented their land to white farmers but there ought to be less of it, not more.

MISSION . . . Gabriel Jack, Grade 10 student at St. Mary’s Indian Residential School here, was one of 18 boys who sampled seminary life during Holy Week when a special retreat was organized for vocation-minded high school students at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission. “Enjoyed it very much,” comments Gabriel.
**Community Development For Metis**

A 500-page report prepared by sociologist Jean H. Lagasse on "the people of Indian Ancestry in Manitoba" has just been released by the provincial department of Agriculture and Immigration. The report is in three parts: the main report, populations of Indian descent in Greater Winnipeg, and those living in rural Manitoba.

Some twenty-nine recommendations are made in the socio-economic study; these can be summed up in a few words: Indians and Metis have a lower standard of living than that which is acceptable to other Canadians and a fresh approach must be used to solve their problems.

The urgent need for community development is emphasized, together with the promotion of employment by the provincial government. It is notable that the majority of the recommendations included in the report apply not only to Indians and Metis but to a large number of under-developed communities in the province. Leaving aside the general recommendations urging that provincial education, health, welfare and agricultural services be expanded to include all Indian communities, we note that the provincial government is urged to appoint an inter-departmental committee on Indian and Metis affairs and that a meeting of urban and rural municipalities should be arranged with the federal Indian Affairs Branch to clarify their respective responsibilities.

Further recommendations in implementing a long range policy ask for a course to be given in applied social anthropology as part of the department of education program and that the Manitoba School of Social Work include sociology in its courses.

In the field of education the major recommendations are directed at more vocational training facilities, the adoption of special grants to poorer districts, the creation of kindergartens, education on alcoholic liquor, better financial inducements to teachers; in the field of economics much stress is placed on the development of light industry, the creation of new markets, an employment service and training program special for Indians and Metis, and the relocation of underprivileged communities to more productive areas.

Rounding off the 29 major recommendations is a suggestion that special grants be made to poor districts, special grants to Metis, and that a meeting of urban and rural municipalities should be arranged with the federal Indian Affairs Branch to clarify their respective responsibilities.

**National Indian Day Planned**

**SASKATOON—**The Saskatchewan Federation of Indians has been invited to hold its annual conference on the grounds of the Pion-Era, June 29 - July 4, this year. Mrs. Bernice Norman, executive secretary, said today. A large tent would be provided for the sessions and necessary gate fees and camping grounds at Pion-Era arranged if the invitation is accepted, she added.

Mrs. Norman also stated that Pion-Era had been in touch with Senator Gladstone, while looking into the possibility of making a National Indian Day at this year's show. The Senator, who suggested the idea thought the National Indian Day should be an annual event which could move from province to province. He proposed that in the future it would be fitting to have the event at Saskatoon during the week of Pion-Era.

Indian participation at the annual one-week show was in for serious study recently, Mrs. Norman pointed out. "We feel," she said, "that the province's first residents are deserving of a permanent place in our shows," they have been invited to make in lending the atmosphere of the early West as well as with tangible demonstrations and souvenirs."

**AT RED CLOUD'S GRAVE**

Bishop Francis D. Gleeson, S.J., of the Vicariate of Alaska visited Holy Rosary Mission of Pine Ridge, S. D. He is shown with Father L. Edwards, S.J., Superior of the Mission, at the tomb of Chief Red Cloud, the great Oglala Sioux warrior and statesman, who invited the Black Robes (Jesuits) to found a school among the Oglala people. In the course of 71 years, this school has become the largest mission boarding school in the nation with more than 500 young Indians enrolled. (NC Photos)

**Ex-Missionary to Sioux Notes Custer's Blunder**

**PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Wis. — Jesuit mission schools among the Sioux are considered by the Indians "the best that the White man has done for the Red man," according to the Rev. John M. Scott, S.J., of Campion High School here, formerly of the Holy Rosary Mission, Pine Ridge, S. Dak.

With public interest in Custer's Last Stand stimulated by the movie Tonka, Father Scott notes that General George Armstrong Custer "pied his own room" by leading a strong military expedition into the Black Hills in 1874 "in complete violation of all Indian treaties."

Miners who had accompanied Custer discovered gold, leading thousands of White men to invade the area, which had been guaranteed to the Indians by treaty in 1868.

"When the Sioux decided to make their own last stand against the White man," Father Scott says, "a major offensive was mounted against them, of which the Seventh Cavalry, under Custer, was a part. To Custer, recently disciplined by President Grant for linking the Administration with graft in Army posts, the campaign represented a chance to retrieve lost glory."

Custer, however, ignored the warnings of his officers and scouts that a huge Indian force would face his small regiment, and "inexplicably Custer divided his small force into three groups," the Jesuit notes. Thus on June 25, 1876, the biggest force of Indians ever mobilized had no difficulty in wiping out Custer and his band.

The campaign of the Sioux was short-lived. "The government starved the Sioux into submission by encouraging the White hunters to slaughter the buffalo," Father Scott says. "The Sioux leader, Crazy Horse, met death, sudden and sharp — the cold steel of a soldier's bayonet in his ribs, betrayed by White men while under a flag of truce."

The Jesuits brought Christianity to the Sioux in 1888, when they opened their mission at Pine Ridge among the Dakota Indians (Oglala Sioux). The mission, which now has 500 Sioux boarders, is the largest mission boarding school in the U.S.

Among the Jesuits' converts was the last surviving Indian of the horde that attacked Custer. He was Chief Dewey Beard, whose Father Scott described as "a most exemplary convert and a pillar of the Church." Chief Dewey Beard died Nov. 2, 1955, at the age of 98.
Amber Moon
by Woonkapi-sni
Tunkemila onamisile
Oyate wauni kte...!
(Grandfather, shown thy mercy,
Grant that my notion live!)
Edited by Gontran Laviolette

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The two Crows had reached the first bed of dead juniper and commenced to pick kindling when a wild burst of yelling sent them leaping for cover. Like sure-footed deer they sped over sage and rock covering ground at an unbelievable pace. The far cry of the Lakotas had reached far and even now mounted Crow warriors were coming down the road. But the Wars were coming to the rescue. The calm evening was now trembling with wild cries.

The Winker was now second on the lead. He saw his warrior Growing Day, ahead of him, yet no sign of his one man who, his pride refused to accept a cue. The calm evening was now sure to end with the Winker, as two elderly women came, carrying a blanket. When the Winker had now be­ come a chief called one of three men who stood nearby and gave an order. The man called by the Winker and spoke to him in broken Lakota: "Na­Ca", he said pointing to himself and again: "Niyi cire (Yo­my son); then again he spoke "Kope-sni" (Fear not); then the man shed tears over him.

How strange, thought the Winker, as two elderly women, carrying a blanket, went past when the fist of Eagle Bird then wept over him. Not till then did the chief ask for Eagle Bird's weapon; when they were sur­ rendered the man pointed to him the two women and said "Ina" (Mother).

Eagle Bird was freed from his painful position by the man and his two companions, whom he was unable to rise to his feet. Both his legs were paralyzed. The unwounded one, who was uncle of the other, for the ankle was severely in­ jured. As he was raised in the blanket, he looked about, and his right eye was случа the other, as the arrow had struck him in the eye and mind and he looked no more.

The twisted, scalpless form of his cousin Fire Cloud lay there.

CHAPTER 4

Lovers Reunited

Perhaps no woman had ever experienced what Hanwi-San had suffered this day. She had known that every man had been to witness the fierce battle in which the man she loved had fought and had been killed. She neither uttered a sound, but stood void of all feeling, closely marking every move of the horse, for she knew every man fought like an im­ mortal to reach his fallen leader.

She hoped the one man who had had an arrow in him. She saw six Crows fall before them and moved with speed.

The pony, Sunk-Nuni, went mad when it heard the wild war cries, the thundering of ponies feet and the excited whinnings of the frightened herds below. It did not see the wild melee because it was held firmly down a fissure in the rock.

The noise in the camp still con­ tinued. Horsemen kept racing off in the direction where the battle disappeared. The yells and singing did not abate until a narrow streak of the day rested on the horizon as the sun went down.

Hanwi-San stood, her arm around the neck of the stallion. She was the slick, glowing horse, as she spoke to it: "My horse, my faithful friend, I like you very much, and I want to part with you. Oh, I know you can carry me through fire, protect me from harm anywhere. But, life means nothing to me now, I care not to live from this moment on. I am going to free you, so that you can go where your heart longs to be."

The outlaw horse seemed to know and understand what was spoken to it. It stood quietly all the while it was spoken to. Han­ wi-San pulled off the saddle pad and the jaw rein. Then she gave the horse a stink stroke on the rump and whistled a sharp "Shoo."

The horse took one mighty leap forward and as it threw its mas­ sive body on the earth, a long time. Then she beheld Eagle-Bird was freed from his painful position by the man and his two companions, whom he was unable to rise to his feet. Both his legs were paralyzed. The unwounded one, who was uncle of the other, for the ankle was severely in­ jured. As he was raised in the blanket, he looked about, and his right eye was closed by blunted stone warclubs. The helpless defense­ less man was plain to see.

His two companions appeared anxious to kill the Winker and were pushing away the man, whom the Winker had now be­ come. They were the two who stood nearby and gave an order. The man called by the Winker and spoke to him in broken Lakota: "Na­Ca", he said pointing to himself and again: "Niyi cire (Yo­my son); then again he spoke "Kope-sni" (Fear not); then the man shed tears over him.

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One of the men who stood nearby and gave an order. The man called by the Winker and spoke to him in broken Lakota: "Na­Ca", he said pointing to himself and again: "Niyi cire (Yo­my son); then again he spoke "Kope-sni" (Fear not); then the man shed tears over him.

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Eagle Bird was freed from his painful position by the man and his two companions, whom he was unable to rise to his feet. Both his legs were paralyzed. The unwounded one, who was uncle of the other, for the ankle was severely in­ jured. As he was raised in the blanket, he looked about, and his right eye was closed by blunted stone warclubs. The helpless defense­ less man was plain to see.
More Constructive Indian Policy Needed

The decision of the Ontario government to dismiss the charges against 23 Indians arising out of the "revolt" on the Six Nations reservation south of Brantford was the right one.

The attempt to send the hereditary chiefs of the confederacy to replace the elected council on the reservation, and the application of undemocratic procedures against opponents of this move on the reservation, weren't justified, of course.

Action had to be taken to end this abortive and rather naive coup. The trial of those who accepted the challenge of the powers of government and law was the logical outcome. Dismissal of the charges was tacitly acknowledged by the government that the "offenders" seriously almost as revolutionaries would not be in keeping with the facts.

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An important milestone was passed the other day in the integration of the Indians in our modern society. Two treaty Indians have been appointed as assistant Indian agents on reserves in this province.

Mr. Dave Grey Eyes, who served interest for six years with the Saskatchewan Light Infantry and Mr. Campbell Brass, who was born on the File Hills reserve and educated in Manitoba, have taken over posts on reserves in the File Hills-Qu'Appelle Indian Agency.

The new appointees did not receive special consideration. They had to fulfill the normal requirements of the civil service commission. Both had completed their high school studies and both passed the stiff oral examinations.

In explaining the appointments, Mr. N. J. McLeod, regional commissioner of Indian Affairs branch, said his department has embarked upon a policy of hiring Indians because they have advanced to the point where they can meet these civil service qualifications.

Mr. McLeod indicated that the department has every confidence in the ability of the treaty Indians to carry out their work efficiently. In fact, he suggested that they will enjoy the advantages of the treaty Indians which have been demonstrated by their success in other occupations. Their assured success cannot be otherwise than an inspiration to Indian youths to fit themselves educationally for the diversified opportunities for work which lie before non-Indian young people.

News of the history-making appointments was heart-warming to the legion of "pale faces" who have been convinced that the Indians possess brains and other qualifications for any of the manifold occupations in modern society and that the lapse of time would produce more and more proof that this is so.
Indians Highlight Montana Rites

HELENA, Mont. — Flathead and Blackfoot Indians in colorful regalia lined the steps as Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles and 34 Archbishops and Bishops entered St. Helena Cathedral for a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of the 75th anniversary of the diocese. Marked also was the golden jubilee of the laying of the cathedral cornerstone.

The diocese, which was erected by Leo XIII in 1894, traces its beginnings from the Jesuit missions among the Indians and its growth to the discovery of gold in the 1860’s. It includes today some 82,500 Catholics in a total population of about 333,000 spread over more than 51,900 square miles.

Cardinal McIntyre presided at the Pontifical Mass offered by the present and fifth Bishop of the diocese, Bishop James M. Gilmore. In the congregation were Governor of Montana and Mrs. Hugo Aronson. Bishop Ralph L. Hayes, Denver, was the immediate past Bishop of Helena and greeted the sermon. He traced the history of the area from 1840, when the Jesuit Belgian missionary, Father Pierre Jean de Smet, came to work among the Indians.

Early churches were built shortly after gold was discovered and mushrooming communities were formed by hopeful gold miners. (NCWC)

Needs Sympathy, Guidance

The Indian needs the leadership and understanding of white people if he is ever to release himself from the “apron strings” of the Indian Affairs Department, a Victoria Indian artist said recently.

George Clutesi, 55, of 556 Raynor, former of Alberni, was speaking at a Vancouver Island Citizenship Conference here.

“We desperately need the guidance and understanding of those good and honest people who plucked us from the very brink of total extinction,” he went on.

Influence of the white man’s diseases (tuberculosis) and “firewater” led the Indian to “serape the bottom of his or her degradation,” Mr. Clutesi said, but in 1945 the better white men stepped in to help.

“Finally the forces of good overcame the forces of evil,” he said, mentioning the building of TB hospitals, stepping up education programs and the bringing of B.C. Indians under the provincial health insurance scheme.

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AT 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF U.S. DIOCESE

Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Helena (Montana) Diocese and the 50th anniversary of its Cathedral, some 33 bishops, 200 priests and more than 200 nuns attended the Pontifical Mass in St. Helena Cathedral, Helena. Among the distinguished participants were, front row, left to right: a Blackfoot chief (in the white buckskin regalia); Chief Charlo (hereditary chief of the Flathead Indian tribe which was Christianized by Father De Smet); Federal Judge W. D. Murray; Archbishop Edward Howard of Portland; James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, of Los Angeles, who presided; Governor Hugo Aronson of Montana; Bishop Joseph M. Gilmore of Helena, and Mayor Brackman of Helena.

Kamloops Indian Res. School

Dancers Good Enough For Tour Of Canada

The group dancers from the Kamloops Indian Residential School are good enough to make a tour of Canada.

This is the opinion of Mrs. Alice M. Adams, dance adjudicator of the Yale Cariboo Musical Festival in which these young girls appeared.

“They are just tremendous and would be a big hit on a tour,” she said.

“I have never seen anything like their precision, the only group I have ever seen better are the Rockettes at the Radio Music Hall in New York,” she said.

Mrs. Adams, who has studied dancing in several of the big centres of the world, and taught for 19 years, has had wide experience in this work.

She gave one group of dancers 94 points, which are the highest marks she has ever given in any type of festival.

Mrs. Adams was enthused at the infectious happiness of the Indian girls as they went through their routines. She asked one group of KPR dancers to repeat their performance, “not because I wanted to mark them again, but because I just wanted to see them dance again,” she said.

The girls seem to work with each other, rather than those of an average group. No girl appeared to want to be the star performer or noticed above any other, she remarked.

“The teacher of these dancers must be exceptionally good,” said Mrs. Adams, “the hours of work and detail that has gone into the training shows in the results.”

In one dance number, where the girls used the castanets, their clicking of these was right on the beat of the music, and they never missed a beat,” she said.

Sister Adams, who comes from Calgary, said she had never before seen any Indian girls taking part in dance festivals. She thought it was good to see them doing so.

The costumes of the dancers also came in for mention from Mrs. Adams.

“I understand the girls made their own costumes, they were not of expensive materials, but certainly were well made. There was so much detail, sewing on the sequins and trimming,” she said.

“They are just tremendous,” she repeated.

Choral Class Winners

Top points in the Tuesday session of the Yale-Cariboo Musical Festival went to the Kamloops Indian Residential School for a choral speaking entry.

The school entry, a junior high school class of Grade 7 and 8, received 90 points for its presentation of “Father William”.

The adjudicator, Mrs. Lomen Paterson, said of this group that they had beautiful bright voices, lovely inflections and changes of pitch, and the phrasing was well planned and executed, the pace was well chosen and held throughout the presentation.

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