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News W Not Unexpected in This City, Though No Notification Has Reached the Resident Arch-bishop—Sketch of His Career.

ROME, May 16.—The diocese of Vancouver is taken from the jurisdiction of the archdiocese of Oregon. Vancouver is being raised to an archdiocese, forming a new Canadian ecclesiastical province having two Canadian Western bishops.

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Official confirmation of the foregoing dispatch has not been received in Portland. The diocese of Vancouver has been a part of the archdiocese of Oregon since this last was created years ago. While embracing a vast territory it contains but a small population. The reasons for the change are not as yet known, but probably the diocese of Vancouver was made a Canadian ecclesiastical province in order to conform with the geographical lines of the secular province of Canada.

Right Rev. Bertram Orth, bishop of Vancouver, who has been raised to archbishop of the new archdiocese, is well known in Portland. He came to the United States from Belgium as a missionary among the Indians of the Pacific Northwest, and labored among the savages for years. For more than 20 years he was pastor of St. Lawrence Church, Third and Sherman streets, while there he was created a bishop about five years ago.

By the new order from Rome the archdiocese of Oregon is not materially affected, although its extent is considerably decreased. The remaining bishops in the archdiocese of Oregon are Bishop O'Dea, of Seattle; Bishop Glorieux, of Boise, and Bishop Brondel, of Helena.

Local clergymen state that for some time there has been a rumor that the diocese of Vancouver would be withdrawn, as it has been the policy to conform ecclesiastical provinces as near as possible to the geographical lines, and the Victoria diocese being Canadian territory it was but a question of time when it should be confined to that district.

Archbishop Christie has received no notification from Rome of the creation of the new archdiocese, and the foregoing dispatch contains the only information at hand in reference to it. The diocese of Vancouver, B. C., at present constitutes a portion of the archdiocese of Oregon City, and has done so since the establishment of the latter in the pioneer days. It comprises a vast but sparsely settled territory lying within the British possessions. The disposition on the part of the church seems to be to conform the boundaries of its ecclesiastical provinces to those of the secular governments, and this action from Rome is probably in pursuance of that policy.

There has been a persistent rumor in church circles for months to the effect that Vancouver would be separated from the archdiocese, and the news that such action has been taken will not come as a complete surprise to the bishop's clerical friends.

When Vancouver is withdrawn the area of the archdiocese over which Archbishop Christie presides will be greatly lessened, but the British territory is so little settled that from the standpoint of population there will be little change and the work of the church can be prosecuted to better advantage. With Vancouver out, this archdiocese will comprise the dioceses of Seattle, Boise and Helena, presided over by Bishops O'Dea, Glorieux and Brondel, respectively, and will be confined strictly to the territorial limits of the United States.

Bishop Orth is one of the foremost prelates in the Northwest, and is well known in Portland. When created bishop of Vancouver, about five years ago, he was pastor of St. Lawrence Church, in this city, which post he held more than 20 years. During his pastorate here he was held in the highest esteem for his scholarly attainments and good works. He is a native of Belgium, and came to the Northwest many years ago as a missionary among the Indians. His experience among the various tribes admirably fits him for the missionary work which the new province will have to do.

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President Maier will be chairman of the executive committee, which will be appointed later, the members of which will arrange for excursions from interior points and the general entertainment of the day.

MORE CONTESTS DISMISSED.

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