

To the Editor of the True Witness.

A Paschal Retreat was given by the Rev. Mr. McAuley, in the Roman Catholic Church at Granby, on three days immediately preceding St. Patrick's Day. During this holy time the Rev. Pastor, assisted by two other priests, labored with untiring zeal preparing souls to approach worthily the Holy Table. About 800 penitents received the Holy Communion, which is certainly a great number comparatively speaking. An instruction in French was given twice a day, by the Rev. Mr. H. George, and in English by the Rev. Mr. McAuley. On Saint Patrick's Day the little Church, beautifully decorated with evergreens, and fitted up for the occasion, was crowded to the extremity, not alone by the parishioners, but by warm-hearted Irishmen from the neighboring missions, who notwithstanding the bad condition of the roads, assembled in crowds to assist at their National Feast. Mass was sung by the Rev. Mr. H. George; after which an eloquent and most suitable discourse was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Brown, from whose lips burst forth in burning language the sentiments of a true Irish heart. All returned peacefully to their respective homes, as become good Christians. Thus ended the retreat.

M. G.

Granby, March 24, 1864.

The collection taken up on Sunday last at St. Patrick's, St. Anne's and St. Bridget's Churches for the poor amounted to \$395.

THE LATE FATHER CONNOLLY.—We have to thank Messrs Bazinet & Co. for a very neat photographic likeness of this gentleman, whose memory is so dear to the Irish Catholics of Montreal, over whom he was long placed as pastor. Messrs. Bazinet & Co. have in their possession the negative of this portrait, and will be happy to furnish any one who may desire to have a memorial of the reverend deceased.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT ST. JOHN'S.—The Day was duly celebrated by a Procession, High Mass, and a Banquet in the evening. The St. Patrick's Society were presented with a very handsome Sun-Burst Banner, the work of Miss Howard, by that young lady who at the same time addressed the Society in a short, but most appropriate and patriotic speech. M. Rossiter replied, and assured the fair donor that the Banner which she had worked for them would ever be carefully and affectionately preserved by the Society. After this, the Procession attended High Mass which was sung by the Rev. Mr. Allard; the sermon was preached by the Rev. M. Larocque, who took occasion to warn his hearers against secret societies in general, and that of the condemned Fenian Brotherhood in particular. The music was under the able direction of Mrs. Jobson.

In the evening an oyster supper was spread in the Town Hall, at which the President of the St. Patrick's Society entertained the Mayor, and the principal citizens of St. John's. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed from the Chair, and warmly responded to by the guests; and after a pleasant evening the party broke up well content with themselves, and the manner in which they had done honor to Ireland's National Festival.

(To the Editor of the True Witness.)

Quebec, March 21, 1864.

DEAR SIR,—The festival of Ireland's Patron Saint was celebrated in the old Rock City, by a Grand Mass, at St. Patrick's, and a musical soiree. The Mass was chanted by the Rev. Mr. Doyle, of Prince Edward Island; the Rev. Messrs. Doherty and Neville, as Deacon, and Sub-Deacon. His Lordship, the Administrator of the Diocese, as well as many members of the clergy were present. The sermon, one of the best we have heard for some time, was preached by the Rev. Mr. Maher S. J. His text was "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church." The Kyrie, Gloria, Credo and Sanctus of Mozart, No. 12, and Agnus Dei, of his Mass in C, were sung by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Woolsey. The collection in aid of the St. Vincent of Paul Society, amounted to something like \$160.

THE SOIREE

at the Music Hall, given under the auspices of the St. Patrick's Institute, was very successful. The Hall was crowded, at an early hour, with the youth and beauty, with the bone and sinew of our city, and hundreds, who came after seven o'clock, were obliged to leave, without being able to secure a place, even in the passages, where they would be satisfied, if they could only catch an occasional glimpse of the stage.

Immediately in front of the stage, was a beautiful painting of a harp, surmounted by the Red Hand of O'Neill, and festooned with the national ensigns. About the centre of the stage, stood a harp, decorated with green and a piano. On the right hand side, were seated the lady singers, embracing the beauty, fashion, and talent of our city. At the left hand corner, were the President of the Institute, the Mayor of Quebec and several clergymen. Immediately in their rear, were the gentleman singers. As the curtain arose, the band of the 62nd Regiment appeared. The coup d'oeil at the moment, was really magnificent, resembling a fairy scene—the musical instruments, in the fore and back-ground,—the sombre dresses of the gentlemen,—the light ones of the ladies,—the white

and scarlet of the band—and the rich forest scenery, as true to nature as it is possible, for the artist's brush to paint it. With such a scene, and with such an audience,

"'Twas something then to be a bard."

An address, most appropriate to the occasion, was ably delivered by the President, and was frequently interrupted with bursts of applause.

The solo and chorus—"And doth not a meeting like this make amends?"—was nicely rendered, and deservedly applauded. "Kathleen Maureen" was sung by Mr. Dunlevie, of the Post Office—a gentleman whose vocal abilities are so well known, and thoroughly appreciated by all who have had the pleasure of hearing him. A Spanish song, sang by Mrs. Dickenson, was warmly received. This lady, as many of your readers are aware, possesses musical talents of the highest order, and is always ready to give her valuable assistance, upon occasions like the present. Her son also assisted, and though quite a child, is already master of the piano; and, judging by the past, he has a golden future before him. "Forget-me-not," with guitar accompaniment, was sweetly rendered by a well-known amateur, Mr. Philip Whitty. This is the first time we have had a guitar accompaniment on our stage; and the audience was delighted at the manner in which it was played, bearing witness to Mr. Whitty being a perfect master of that instrument. He was also accompanied on the piano by a young lady, Miss Gahan, (a pupil of that great musician the late Sabatier) in a very creditable style. The "A. B. C." duet was pleasingly rendered by Miss Tims and Mr. Wyse, and deservedly encored. The overture to the Barber of Seville was artistically played on the piano by three sisters, daughters of the Hon. John Sansfield McDonald. But the solo and chorus of the night was "The Sisters of the Sea"—Albion—Scotia—Erin:

"Far in the West, by nature blest,
Unknown in ancient story,
Three sisters dwell, whose deeds do swell,
The proudest rolls of glory."

This song was most spiritedly given by the solo and chorus singers, and elicited the warmest applause. The solo parts were taken by Mrs. Dickenson, Miss Mary Anne McCarthy, and Lieut. Col. Boomer. "Oh Native Music" was sung by Mr. Whitty, with feeling. We need not here praise this gentleman, for years ago he has won, and still maintains, a foremost place among the amateur singers of this city. The duet, "Sister Elies, it is the hour," by Mrs. Wyse and Miss Angele Murray, was very sweetly rendered, and won for them the repeated plaudits of the audience. The *potpourri* of Irish airs were well played on the Concertina by Mr. J. Sharpley. "The Ladies' Opportunity," or "Leap-Year," was humorously given by Mr. Courtney. "The Bashful Man" was sung by Mr. Wyse in his usual happy style, and was greeted with thunders of applause. The duet, "Who'll be a Shamrock?" was very prettily sung by two children, Miss Ardouin and Miss Finn, who reflected great credit, not only upon themselves, but on their teacher, Mrs. Dickenson. The chorus, "Oh for the swords of former times," "Remember the Glories of Brian the Brave," &c., &c., were all well given. Mrs. Pennie, the lady who conducted the choir, deserves the greatest praise for the trouble she took in the management of the soiree; and it must be pleasing, not only to her, but to those who kindly aided her, to see that their efforts gave general satisfaction; as also did the Band of the 62nd Regt., playing as they did many of the soul-stirring melodies of the "bold and dauntless Erin," under the guidance of their able leader, Mr. Carey. Not only was there harmony in music, but there was also a harmony of feeling shown by many of our separated brethren—ladies and gentlemen—who assisted in giving *celat* to the evening's amusement, several of them having attended after the service in the English Cathedral had ended. May this friendly feeling ever exist among us.

As I stated in the commencement of this letter, the Hall was crowded, in fact, overcrowded. Means should be taken next year to remedy this, as it was fearful to contemplate the immense loss of life there would be, in case of a panic.—Yours truly,

SHAMROCK.

PETERBORO.

St. Patrick's Day passed off quietly in this Town, thanks to the sensible course pursued by the St. Patrick's Society here in giving up what was unquestionably their right, for the sake of peace. A large number of Orangemen were in town, but no colors of any kind were displayed.—Review.

KINGSTON.

The Procession to St. Mary's Cathedral to-day was one of the largest and most respectable that ever graced the streets of a city. There were at the very least one thousand souls in line, accompanied by 3 Bands of Music. The Wolfe Island Society, the Portsmouth Society, all offshoots of the Part St. Patrick's Society of Kingston, the Boys of the Christian Brothers' School, all with flags, banners and other insignia, made the Procession look gay and handsome. The five Marshals mounted on well-carpeted horses, kept the line in good order, and the currying of their proud horses did credit to the riders. Mr. Quinn of the Portsmouth Society in particular, for he managed his horse remarkably well. In the whole Procession of so large a body, many of them in the lower ranks of society, it was impossible to find one badly dressed or shabby person, and all of them wore appropriate scarfs, collars, &c. What higher compliment can be paid to the innate industry of the Irish people, when in a free and happy country like Canada?

After Divine Service, the Procession, recruited by many country visitors, perambulated the principal streets of the city, and returned to the City Hall, where the multitude were regaled with some excellent speeches. Among the many Banners and Flags sported in the Procession was a beautiful silk flag borne by the boys of the Christian Brothers'. It was painted expressly by Mr. Thomas Robinson, who is perhaps the best Decorative Artist in Canada. "The flag is of green silk, fringed with gold bullion, and having in its centre an exact fac-simile of the original Tara Harp." "The Harp that once through Tara's Halls," &c., now in Trinity College, Dublin. The Harp, which is of gold and surrounded by a wreath of shamrocks, is 37 inches in length, with a corresponding number of strings, the curved side of the frame being surrounded with the O'Brien coat of arms, and

further decorated with the wolf dog, in one place passive, representing Peace, and another a fierce mood, indicative of War. All the work on the banner is done in gold; and it is no trifling addition to the many superior banners of the Society.—British Whig.

BROCKVILLE.

Thursday last, being St. Patrick's Day, the Irishmen of Brockville had a holiday. The members of the St. Patrick's Society of the town met at the Town Hall, about 9 in the morning, from whence, after being arranged in order, they walked to the Church under the charge of two mounted marshals, preceded by the Brockville Band, (which we are pleased to see re-auscitated,) and exhibiting in the procession "the harp that once through Tara's Halls," and other emblems of the "first flower of the earth and first gem of the sea."

After Church services were concluded, the members again formed in procession, and walked through the principal streets of the town. The "sons of St. Patrick" who took part in the procession were most respectable: Not one in the ranks but gave evidence of tidiness and comfort. Whatever may be said of suffering in Ireland, at all events there were no signs of suffering on Thursday among the Irishmen of Brockville. Every walk of life is open to them, there is no distinction of creed necessary to raise them to the highest honors. All are equal, and the race is open and can be won by sobriety, perseverance and ability. The St. Patrick's Society did itself credit by the manner in which they turned out, and from the orderly manner in which they conducted themselves throughout the day.

In the evening a lecture was delivered at the Metropolitan Hall, by Mr. Fothergill. The subject was "the faithfulness of the Irish to the faith of their fathers." Mr. Fothergill is a pleasing speaker, his language well chosen, and although thoroughly Roman Catholic in sentiment, yet free from any grossness in speaking of 'the heresies' of the present age. In a Catholic point of view, the lecture was most excellent. We would like much to hear Mr. Fothergill on some subject away altogether from the field of theology.

The Hall was crowded to excess, a large number not being able to find seats. The lecture was most attentively listened to, and a vote of thanks passed to the lecturer on motion of Mr. Thomas Braniff. The Rev. Mr. Burns, the very excellent pastor of the Church here, presided, introducing Mr. Fothergill at the commencement, and offering a few remarks appropriate at the conclusion.

All in all, the St. Patrick's day of 1864 passed off in a very happy manner in Brockville.—Recorder.

THE BISHOP OF TORONTO versus DISLOYALISTS.—Bishop Lynch, on Sunday evening, in St. Michael's Cathedral, made some severe remarks on a certain speech delivered on St. Patrick's day. His Lordship said "that he regretted exceedingly that some sentiments were expressed, on that occasion, notwithstanding his earnest recommendations, sentiments which he strongly reprobated and censured, and that his fellow citizens might rest assured that such language shall not be uttered, at least in the presence of any of our Reverend Clergy on any other occasion."

FEDERAL ENLISTMENT.—In the presentation of the Grand Jury of the Middlesex Spring Assizes, held at London, C.W., last week, the following passage occurs:—The jurors regret to find so many cases against parties, for inducing subjects of Her Majesty to enlist in the United States army, in which it seems that the parties so enlisting, combine with the agents or decoys, or share the bounty paid by the American government. And the jurors are sorry to find that no existing law appears to be sufficient to punish guilty parties as they deserve; their perjuries and frauds tending to increase public immorality, and to bring disgrace to her Majesty's Canadian subjects.—Evening Telegraph.

Harrison Smith and Tiberius Curtis have been committed for trial at Brockville for recruiting soldiers for the Federal service. A brother of the latter is out on bail at Kingston for a like offence. The prisoners were captured by the military look-out party.—Id.

John C. Neville and M. Cochran, Federal recruiting agents were arrested by the military look-out party on Sunday last, on Wolf Island, while taking John Berry a recruit from Kingston to Cape Vincent. They were examined before the magistrates, and committed for trial.—Id.

Samuel Anderson a Federal recruiting agent was tried at London, C. W., on Saturday last for enlisting men for the Federal army, found guilty, and sentenced to six months imprisonment.—Id.

RE-ENLISTMENTS.—During Friday and Saturday, we understand that no less than fifteen soldiers of the 17th Regiment, whose term of service had expired, re-enlisted in the Royal Canadian Rifles for eleven years' additional service; and a number of others belonging to the 17th, 62nd, and Royal Artillery, were re-enlisted in their respective corps. The men were sworn in before the Clerk of the Crown, P. A. Doucet, Esq., who holds a special commission for the purpose from the Secretary of War.—Quebec Mercury.

CANADIAN DEFENCES.—There is reason to believe and to hope that the War-office, enlightened by the labours of the Commission of which Colonel Gordon R. E. was the head, and of Col. Jervoise, recently detached for a special purpose, has under consideration a project for the defence of Canada which ought to secure the support of those who think the loss of Canada would be the commencement of a retrograde movement which would eventually reduce Great Britain to the condition of Holland as a State, and satisfy the heart of Mr. Goldwin Smith and his followers. More, we may say the means and loyalty of the Canadians will not be taxed too severely, perhaps, in adopting this plan of defence.—Army and Navy Gazette.

EXECUTION OF JOHN MEEHAN.—Quebec, March 22.—The unfortunate criminal John Meehan, suffered the extreme penalty of the law, this morning, in front of the common gall in the presence of about 5,000 persons. The appearance and demeanour of the unfortunate criminal was that of a man who fully realized the awfulness of the position which he occupied, but who had determined to meet his fate with unflinching fortitude. His step was firm and manner courageous. At 10 o'clock he left his cell, accompanied by his spiritual adviser, Rev. Mr. Maher. When the prisoner reached the prisoning room he submitted himself calmly to the hands of the executioner. He made his appearance on the gallows shortly after 10 o'clock. Meehan addressed the people in French and English—his speech occupying about 15 minutes—which he did in a deliberate manner. At 20 minutes after 10, the ominous clink which announced the falling of the drop was heard, and the unfortunate man was launched into eternity. Immediately after the fatal drop, the general panic took possession of the crowd. The gall guard used every effort to keep back the swaying multitude, and by their exertions succeeded in maintaining remarkable order, under the circumstances, until the body was removed about half an hour after, by which time the greater part of the crowd had dispersed. Meehan died very hard,—either from the clumsy manner in which the knot had been tied, or from the fact that his feet had not been pinioned as his arms. The unfortunate struggled in the agonies of death for fully 5 or 6 minutes.

SWINDLERS.—Look out for indigent gentlemen who were passengers on the steamship Bohemian, and lost their all, including a considerable sum of money—now "awaiting a remittance from father." This is a new dodge which takes well, and is being practised extensively through the country.

CANADIAN GOLD AND COPPER MINES.—The Richmond *Guardian* states that increased excitement prevails in the Gold and Copper regions of that and neighboring counties. Large quantities of land are being bonded, leased, or sold. It also hears of additional evidence that the gold-bearing region will exceed all former expectations of its richness in the precious metal. When the ground is uncovered in the Spring, thorough explorations and "prospections" will be entered upon, and undoubtedly new discoveries will be made.

CITY STATISTICS.—During the last year 6,247 persons were tried before the Recorder for drunkenness and breaches of the peace. Of these, 5,446 were convicted, 2,436 summarily; 1,537 persons were tried for offences against the city by-laws. There were also 4,504 civil prosecutions for non-payment of assessments, &c., the whole number of suits tried being 12,288. The amounts received for fines and costs during the week ending the year was \$10,704. The increase to the city revenue from fines has been very large since 1856. In that year it was \$3,304, and it increased, till last year it was \$3,304. A considerable increase is also shown in the first two months of the present year, as compared with the corresponding months of last year.—Montreal Transcript.

VACCINATION.—The Health Committee are causing to be circulated through the City by the agency of the Police a circular in French and English, setting forth that the father or mother of every child is bound by law to take it [unless already vaccinated] within three months of its birth to the Vaccinator of the Ward to have it vaccinated under a penalty of five dollars. The Poor will be vaccinated free, while others will be charged 25 cents. The circular gives full directions as to the time and place when children can be vaccinated, and as one will be left in every house in the city, it should be carefully perused, and its directions strictly followed. It should not be thrown aside as it may one day save five dollars, and avert a terrible scourge.

Birth.

In this city, on the 29th ult., the wife of Lieut. Colonel Charles O. Rulland, of a son.

In this city, on the 10th March, Mrs. Louis Lesage, of a son.

Died.

In this city, on Tuesday, the 29th ult., Mary Conry, wife of Mr. G. Ward, aged 45 years.

In this city, on the 16th March, Elizabeth Jane Harrington, the beloved wife of Louis Lesage, Esq., Supt. Water Works, aged twenty-seven. Requiescat in pace.

Kingston papers please copy.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS

Montreal, March 29, 1864.
Flour—Pollards, \$2.75 to \$2.90; Middlings, \$3.10 to \$3.25; Fine, \$3.50 to \$3.70; Super., No. 2, \$3.70 to \$3.90; Superfine \$4.15 to \$4.20; Fancy, \$4.50 to \$4.75; Extra, \$4.75 to \$4.85; Superior Extra \$5.25 to \$5.50; Bag Flour, \$2.27 to \$2.30.
Oatmeal per bbl of 200 lbs, \$5.00 to \$5.25.
Wheat—U Canada Spring, 82c to 94c.
Ashes per 100 lbs, Pots, latest sales were at \$6.00 to \$6.05; Inferior Pots, \$6.15 to \$6.20; Pearls, in demand, at \$6.15 to \$6.20.
Butter—There is a good demand, for New at 18c to 23c; fine to choice, suitable for home consumption, 12c to 14c.
Eggs per doz, 12c to 13.
Lard per lb, fair demand at 8c to 9c.
Tallow per lb, 8c to 8c.
Cut-Meats per lb, Hams, canvassed, 12c to 13c; Bacon, 5c to 6c.
Pork—Quiet; New Mess, \$16.00 to \$17.00; Prime Mess, \$15.50 to \$16; Prime, \$12.00 to \$13.50.—Montreal Witness.

MONTREAL RETAIL MARKET PRICES.

(From the Montreal Witness.)

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Flour, country, per qt. 13 0 to 13 6
Oatmeal, do 12 0 to 12 6
Indian Meal 00 0 to 00 0
Peas per min 3 4 to 3 6
Beans, small white per min, 5 0 to 5 6
Honey, per lb 0 7 to 0 8
Potatoes, per bag 3 0 to 3 3
Dressed Hogs, per 100 lbs. \$6.50 to \$7.25
Hay, per 100 bundles \$ 8.00 to \$12.50
Straw, \$3.00 to \$ 4.00
Eggs, fresh, per dozen 0 9 to 0 10
Butter, fresh per lb, 1 3 to 1 6
Do salt, do 1 0 to 1 1
Lard, do 0 7 to 0 8
Barley, do, for seed per 50 lbs. 2 6 to 3 0
Buckwheat 2 3 to 2 6
Flax Seed, do 8 9 to 9 0
Timothy, do 7 6 to 8 0
Oats, do 2 6 to 2 9
Turkeys, per couple, (old) 8 0 to 10 0

TORONTO MARKETS.—March 26.

Fall wheat 85c to 95c. per bushel. Spring wheat 75c to 82c per bushel. Barley, 75c to 78c per bushel. Peas, 50c to 58c per bushel. Oats 45c to 48c. Pork \$5 to \$6 per 100 lbs.—Globe.



THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above CORPORATION, for the ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS, and the transaction of other business, will be held in NORTHEIMER'S HALL, on MONDAY EVENING next, 4th instant, at EIGHT o'clock precisely. A full and punctual attendance is requested. N.B.—The Secretary will be in attendance at SEVEN o'clock on the above evening, for the purpose of enabling Members in arrears to QUALIFY themselves to VOTE at the Election. By Order, R. O'MEARA, Rec. Sec.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the above Corporation will take place in the Society's Hall, TOUPIN'S BUILDINGS, Place d'Armes, on SATURDAY EVENING next, the 2nd inst., to enable Members to qualify themselves to Vote at the approaching Annual Election. By Order, P. O'MEARA, Rec. Sec.

CAUTION.

I, the undersigned, Cultivator, of St. Denis, and County of Kamouraska, notify all persons in business, and the public generally, that I will be in no manner responsible for any debts that may be contracted in my name, without the production of a written order signed by myself, in the presence of two witnesses, and recognised as authentic by a Justice of the Peace.

HYACINTHE GAGNON.

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