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ECCLIASTICAL CALENDAR.

DECEMBER, 1875.

Friday, 17—Ember Day. Fast. Of the Feria.
Saturday, 18—Ember Day. Fast. Expectation
of the B. V. M.
Sunday, 19—FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT.
Monday, 20—Vigil of St. Thomas.
Tuesday, 21—St. THOMAS, APOSTLE.
Wednesday, 22—Fast. Of the Feria.
Thursday, 23—Of the Feria.

AUTHENTIC ACCOUNT

OF THE

FIRE at SAULT-au-RECOLLET,

On December 4th, 1875.

DEATH OF REV. FATHERS MURPHY
AND LYNCH.

Knowing how desirous our readers are to obtain a full and reliable account of all the circumstances of the sad end of the Rev. Fathers Murphy and Lynch, we have taken every possible pain to procure the very best information; we therefore can vouch for whatever we shall state. Concerning the respectability and kindness of the Lajeunesse family there is but one voice among those who are acquainted with them, and we may add that in our numerous interviews with them, during the past week, our esteem for them has increased every time.

Their house was the ordinary resting place of respectable travellers, and on the very evening of the accident two priests from Ste. Therese stopped there for supper, a circumstance which has misled some reporters to believe that our lamented friends were there on their way to Ste. Therese.

Most of our readers from Montreal are no doubt acquainted with the locality; situated at about 6 miles from the centre of the city, in sight of the Vinet bridge, it is one of the pleasantest spots for excursions in this neighborhood; summer and winter the road is excellent and for these reasons and the attraction of the river itself and its rapids, on Sunday afternoons numerous vehicles may be seen in that direction and sometimes gatherings of a somewhat boisterous nature have been observed not only around the little group of hotels of which Mr. Lajeunesse's was the best in every respect, but also and perhaps more so in those scattered along the road to Montreal, and the village itself which lies fully a mile further down along the Back-River, a branch of the Ottawa. The omnibus for Terrebonne and other places North stopped there. When Father Murphy, a twelve-month ago was a teacher at Mason College, Terrebonne, he had among his pupils in the English class the youngest son of Mr. Lajeunesse, a boy of a very amiable and grateful nature, and on that account whenever he (Father Murphy) on his way to or from Montreal had to stop at the house, he visited the family, and they on their side showed him gratitude and respect.

His recent wonderful success and fast growing fame had still increased their esteem for him and prompted them in this last interview to bestow upon him their kindest attentions.

Last Saturday week when Father Murphy had just finished writing out his lecture on Curran which he was to deliver on the Monday following; he had considerably overworked himself of late, and indeed one cannot but feel amazed at the amount of labor he must have gone through these few last weeks, both for his lectures and our paper of which he had become the editor. Father Lynch had preached a mission in St. Bridget's Church and had just begun preparing a lecture for Kingston, besides having written for the *True Witness*. Some relaxation was therefore not only lawful but quite indispensable to both, and Father Murphy, before setting to commit his lecture to memory thought he would procure his friend a pleasant sleighride and to himself an afternoon of rest for the mind and invigorating exercise for the body. So they took a horse and sleigh and after a few calls in the town directed their course towards the Sault au Recollet; they were met near Notre Dame Church at about four o'clock, they arrived at the Sault not far from five and were at once brought to the private parlor, which occupied the East corner on the second flat.

Mr. Lajeunesse was in town that afternoon and only returned home after six; but both his sons Hormidas and Napoleon were there and gave Father Murphy and his friend a warm reception. Hormidas however retired to bed shortly after six, as it was to be his turn to watch after midnight.

The reverend gentlemen meanwhile were at work in the parlor, Father Murphy perusing the manuscript of his lecture, and Father Lynch reading in a book, which appears to have been a volume of Bishop Dupanloup's works, which he had borrowed that very afternoon from Father Loneragan to help him to prepare his lecture. At about half-past six they took their supper (or rather their dinner, for it seems they had not eaten since morning), and then returned to the parlor on the second flat, where they chatted a long while, then resumed their work.

Shortly before nine o'clock Mr. Lajeunesse, who had, so far, scarcely been able to keep company to his guests, went to visit them, and found them both busy with manuscript and book. He took up with him on a tray three wine glasses filled with sherry for his guests and himself, and, sitting down with them, smoked and chatted with them a full hour without their noticing that time was flying. When they perceived that it was past ten they insisted upon leaving at once, and he bidding them good night, left them to order the sleigh.

They prepared to leave, and had, it seems, already put on their overcoats, when, finding no doubt "it was rather late to travel, and evidently also feeling the want of sleep (they had kept writing and chatting together the previous night in Father Loneragan's house until three a.m.) they changed their mind and resolved to stay. This, we conclude, from the fact that Father Lynch went down stairs, and finding the sleigh ready, asked the man to give him just a short drive, and then to put the sleigh by. They dashed off with lightning speed, and were back in a few minutes; the man took the robes to the bar-room and the horse to the stable.

Just then Napoleon was alone in attendance, and to him the two gentlemen applied for a room with two beds. He therefore at once took them to the room situated on the same flat, but diagonally opposed to the parlor, namely, in the west corner. When Mr. Lajeunesse went to her room at about half-past ten she saw the two priests reading their breviary in the passage before their sleeping room (none of the sleeping-rooms were provided with any means of heating). She heard them a few minutes later enter into their room and shut the door behind them.

Napoleon states that it was about half-past ten when he left them in their room. He says he staid with them five or six minutes and assisted them in taking off their overcoats; he then went down to the bar-room. After some time, perceiving that the



REV. JAMES J. MURPHY,

Born December 26th, 1841—Died December 4th, 1875.

gas lights were dull, he went to examine whether the oil was wanting in the tank, which he found to be really the case.

The tank containing the gasoline was in a small room on the second flat in the south corner. The young man at once went down to the cellar and brought up four buckets of gasoline, which he poured into the tank; he was just coming up with a fifth one when, to his dismay, he found the door beneath the tank on fire. This was, according to all testimonies, shortly before eleven o'clock.

He at once ran down shouting fire, fire; at the very same moment his two sisters who were still in the kitchen just below, came also running out of the kitchen and rushing into a small room close by crying fire, fire. Their father was there with a Mr. Tessier and a Mr. Dagenais engaged in playing checkers.

All immediately ran up stairs, but were unable to reach the second flat; the smoke and flames had invaded it entirely. They rushed out of the house and tried the other staircase, leading up from the bar-room; vain efforts. Their only hope now was to reach the upper flat from outside, they therefore hastened to get ladders to break in through the windows. The flames spread with terrific rapidity. Meanwhile however a ray of hope had come from within the house. On the same floor with the priests' room but nearer the spot where the fire began were the rooms of Mrs. Lajeunesse and that of Hormidas.

The two priests had scarcely been ten minutes in bed and were therefore in their first slumber. Mrs. Lajeunesse on the contrary had scarcely gone to rest and Hormidas had already slept his full.

As soon as Mrs. Lajeunesse heard the cry of fire, she rushed out of bed and her room and ran with difficulty and half suffocated by the smoke to her son's room. Hormidas at once seized his mother and hurrying her to the other end of the passage, slammed open the door of the priests' room and hurrying through it, broke with a brick the window leading to the gallery, dashed through with his burden, then taking hold of the post of the gallery let his mother slide down along it and he caught up in the arms of Mr. Tessier and the others that had just arrived there with poles and ladders. Hormidas knew there were some strangers sleeping in the room he had just passed through, for he had heard them conducted thither, he therefore had chosen that issue, and in passing through it had about: *save yourselves, follow me.* He now even learned from the men below that they were the priests. As soon therefore as he had dropped his mother, he returned to the window, but alas, the smoke and flames were already issuing through it, as it was the only opening the fire had found so far to gush through. When passing through the room Hormidas thought he heard the two priests sigh heavily as if half-suffocated by the smoke which had already penetrated by the fissures of the door; but his shout and the breaking through the window are likely to have brought them for an instant to full consciousness; he thinks when he returned to the window he heard them as if crawling on their hands and knees, trying to avoid the smoke and seeking an issue.

The men from below had meanwhile put the ladder against the other window which was on the rear and where there was no gallery, and climbing up they smashed that window, but only to see the flames and smoke issue from it with fearful force. Hormidas at the same time had rushed up by the gallery to the attic where his grandmother was known to be. There was no fire there yet, as the door of the room was shut; but when he had penetrated into the room through the small window he found the old lady out of bed, leaning against the window as if seeking for breath, for the room was half-filled with smoke; he tried to raise her up, but she was already a corpse; he tried at least to lift her out of the room to prevent her from being burned, but his strength failed him and he barely escaped being himself suffocated. All the efforts made after this to stay the fire were of course perfectly fruitless. The building, all of wood, was soon in ashes and of the three bodies themselves very little could be found the next morning.

THE IRISH SOCIETIES.

Gratitude and generosity are characteristics of the Irish nature all the world over, and late events incontestably proved that they have lost none of their traditional attributes on this soil of Canada. On the advent of the lamented late Father Murphy to this City, the first to recognize his great talent as racy of the old land, and as calculated to elevate the name and fame of Irishmen amongst strangers—were the members, individually and collectively, of the Irish organizations. Temperance, Literary, Benevolent and Religious Societies, vied each with the other in giving the Rev. gentleman assurances of welcome; and these assurances were practically endorsed by such an attendance at his lectures, respectively, as never before greeted any essayist on the platform. In his pulpit ministrations he was equally attractive and successful, and that he lost nothing of his public fame in his personal relations was amply testified through

all the last sad week—for personal love for the man was as intimately mixed up in the honors paid to his memory as were feelings of respect for his priesthood, or of admiration for his genius as an orator.

The Irish Societies—whose proceedings we this week record—seemed to feel as if, in the death of the Rev. Fathers Murphy and Lynch, not only a national bereavement, but a household loss, had come upon them, and they mourned the event with all the intensity of a family sorrow. Neither increased labor nor loss of time interposed objection when a work of mercy and love was to be performed; and amongst the many demonstrative tributes paid to the memory of the dead priests, we regard none as more significant and successful than that of the combined Irish societies of Montreal. Often and often we have heard Father Murphy declare that the mind and manhood of Ireland, as exhibited in the Irish organizations on this continent, afforded the most hopeful signs for the destinies of the land and race; and it is, perhaps, a sad and coincident event that his own fate too soon furnished an opportunity for display of these qualities in their oneness and effectiveness. Never was the Irish element here more of a unit in its feelings and sympathies than in the late funeral obsequies—never did the mind and manhood of the race exhibit themselves with such manifest force as in that gratitude and generosity of which we have spoken acting together in recognition of a solemn duty.

We append reports of the proceedings of the several societies:—

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

At the regular monthly meeting of the St. Patrick's Society, held in the St. Patrick's Hall, on Monday evening, 6th inst., the following resolutions were carried unanimously:—

Whereas, "This Society has learned with feelings of the most profound regret of the demise of the Rev. James J. Murphy in the sad catastrophe that occurred at Sault au Recollet on last Saturday night; be it

Resolved,—That the St. Patrick's Society feels that the Church has lost one of her brightest ornaments and Ireland one of her most gifted sons;

Resolved,—That the members of this Society do wear mourning for three months; and that the Society's banner be draped in mourning;

Be it further Resolved,—That the Society mourn the loss of another gifted son of Ireland, the Rev. D. J. Lynch, who met his death by the same catastrophe.

Be it also Resolved,—That this Society attend in a body the funeral of the said deceased Rev. Gentlemen, and that the Officers do wear their regalia.

JAMES KEROX, 2nd Vice President,

SAMUEL CROSS, Recording Secretary.

IRISH PROTESTANT BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

MONTREAL, 7th Dec., 1875.

S. CROSS, Esq., Sec'y St. Patrick's Society, Montreal.

DEAR SIR,—I have the melancholy pleasure to convey through you to the St. Patrick's Society the following resolution passed at the Quarterly Meeting held Monday evening, Dec. 6, 1875.

I am, sir, your obedt. servt.,

J. W. FEATHERSTONE,

Sec'y Irish P. B. Society.

"That the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, at this their Quarterly Meeting, desire to express their most sincere sympathy with their fellow-countrymen on the very sad loss which has befallen them by the death, under such painful circumstances, of two of their most distinguished and much loved clergymen, the Reverend Fathers Murphy and Lynch."

ST. BRIDGET'S T. A. & B. SOCIETY.

A special general meeting of the above Society was held Tuesday evening, 7th inst., in the Society's rooms, Dorchester street, for the purpose of giving expression to the feeling of the Society in regard to the sad catastrophe which occurred at Sault au Recollet on Saturday evening, 4th inst. The manner in which the members responded to the call was proof positive of the high esteem and veneration in which the late lamented Fathers Murphy and Lynch were held by the members of that organization, the hall being crowded to overflowing. Mr. T. J. Donovan occupied the chair, and in a few feeling and appropriate remarks explained that they were called together in order to adopt the necessary means of demonstrating the love and respect which the members of the Society, and the parishioners of St. Bridget's generally, entertained for the two Rev. gentlemen who had thus been unexpectedly taken from their midst. A committee was then appointed

to draft resolutions bearing on the matter. They retired, and after a short time returned and presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:—

Whereas,—This Society has learned, with feelings of the most intense grief, of the melancholy accident which occurred on the evening of the 4th of December instant, at Sault-au-Recollet, whereby two distinguished clergymen, lately connected with St. Bridget's Parish, the Revs. James J. Murphy and Daniel J. Lynch, ornaments of the Church, and two of Erin's most gifted sons, have been removed from our midst and hurried into eternity;

Resolved,—That this Society desires to place on record, in common with their fellow-citizens, the deep feeling of sadness and regret which this unexpected event has caused;

Resolved,—That the members of this Society wear mourning for three months;

And be it further resolved,—That the Society attend, in a body, the funeral of the deceased Rev. Gentlemen, with their banners draped and the officers in mourning regalia;

And be it further resolved,—That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the relatives of the deceased Rev. Gentlemen.

CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Society held Tuesday evening, 7th inst., R. Warren, Esq., presiding, the following resolutions were submitted and unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, In the mysterious designs of Divine Providence, it has pleased Almighty God to summon suddenly out of life, by one of the saddest of sad accidents, the Rev. J. J. Murphy—one of the Society's benefactors, be it

Resolved,—That the Catholic Young Men's Society place publicly upon record their deep sense of sorrow at the inestimable loss they have sustained in the deplorable death of the aforesaid clergyman.

Resolved,—That this society feels that in the death of the Rev. J. J. Murphy the Church has lost one of her ablest defenders, society one of its brightest ornaments, and Ireland one of her most gifted sons.

Resolved,—That the members of this Society wear mourning for three months, and that they attend in a body at the funeral of the said deceased—the officers wearing their regalia.

And be it Resolved further,—That this Society express their sincere regret at the untimely death of the Rev. D. J. Lynch, another young Irish priest, who perished on the same sad occasion.

YOUNG IRISHMEN'S LITERARY SOCIETY.

The above Society held their usual monthly meeting Tuesday night, 7th inst., at their hall, in St. Joseph street, P. H. Shea, their President, in the chair.

The following resolution was put and carried unanimously:—

Whereas, this Association having learned with deep regret of the sudden death of the Rev. James J. Murphy on Saturday night last, feel that they have lost one of their greatest friends and an advocate of the common cause, who was ever willing to assist this and other Irish societies; be it therefore

Resolved,—That the Young Irishmen's Literary and Benefit Association feel that the Church has lost one of its ablest defenders, and Ireland one of its brightest orators; be it further

Resolved,—That this Association also mourn the loss of another gifted Irish priest, the Rev. D. J. Lynch.

Be it also Resolved,—That this Association attend their funeral in a body in full regalia, with flag and regalia draped in mourning.

HOME RULE LEAGUE.

A meeting of the Montreal Branch of the Home Rule League was held on Tuesday night, 7th inst., in St. Patrick's Hall, Edward Murphy, Esq., President, in the chair.

The following resolution was moved and carried in silent assent:—

Resolved,—That the Montreal branch of the Home Rule League has learned with the deepest pain of the death of the Reverend James J. Murphy, and they take this opportunity of expressing their profound sorrow at the irreparable loss the Irish race has sustained in the death of that eloquent and gifted clergyman. They also express their regret at the untimely end of his companion, the Rev. D. J. Lynch, whose talents and zeal gave assurance of future usefulness.

ST. PATRICK'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

At a special meeting of the St. Patrick's Benevolent Society Society, held on Wednesday night, to make arrangements to attend the Requiem Mass and funeral of the late Rev. Fathers Murphy and Lynch, and to give expression to the sorrow entertained for them by the members of the Society, the following resolutions were passed:—

Resolved,—That the members of this Society have heard with sincere and heartfelt sorrow of the fearful catastrophe by which the Rev. Fathers Murphy and Lynch were suddenly ushered into eternity, and desire to record their vividly painful sense of the loss which they in common with the whole Catholic and Irish community of this city and of the entire Dominion of Canada, have thereby sustained. In Father Murphy they have been deprived of a true friend of the cause of Irish progress, of a man who, by his exalted talents and the noble use to which he applied them, conferred signal honor on the lands both of his birth and of his adoption; who, by his eloquence, at once graceful and vigorous, touched the sympathies and won the hearts of all who heard him; who, by his whole career, served the interests of the land and of the faith which were so dear to him. Of Father Lynch it is sufficient praise to say that he was worthy of Father Murphy's friendship. The members of the Society offer to the relatives and friends of the deceased gentlemen their warmest sympathies in this their terrible bereavement, and hope they may enjoy the only true solace for all earthly miseries—that heavenly consolation, which, in the exercise of their sacred calling, Fathers Murphy and Lynch have so often pointed out to others.

Be it further Resolved,—That this Society attend, in a body, the funeral of the deceased reverend gentlemen, with the Society's flag draped and the officers and members in mourning regalia.

And be it further Resolved,—That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the relatives of the deceased reverend gentlemen.

W. J. KEAR,

1st Vice-President.

JAS. CONNOLLY,

Secretary.

ST. ANN'S TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.

At a special meeting of the St. Ann's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society, held Wednesday evening, 8th inst., the following resolutions were adopted:—

Whereas,—It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst, by the sad catastrophe at Sault-au-Recollet on the 4th inst., the Rev. James J. Murphy, be it

Resolved,—That, while we bow with submission to the decrees of an All-wise Providence, this Society deem it their duty to express their sincere regret at the sorrowful event.

Resolved,—That, by his death, the Church loses one of its ablest and most gifted defenders, Ireland a noble and patriotic son; all who knew him, a warm-hearted friend; and this, his adopted country, a distinguished citizen.

Resolved,—That the regalia of this Society be draped in mourning for three months, and that the members attend the funeral in a body; the officers wearing the regalia.

Resolved further,—That this Society also mourns the untimely death under the same circumstances of his companion, the Rev. D. J. Lynch, in whom the Church loses another bright ornament, and Ireland a devoted son.

Resolved,—That we tender our heartfelt sympathies to the relatives of the deceased in their great affliction.

JAMES DUGGAN,

1st Vice-President.

T. J. QUINNAN,

Secretary.

ST. PATRICK'S TOTAL ABSTINENCE AND BENEFIT SOCIETY.

A special meeting of the above Society was held Wednesday evening, 8th inst., in the Sacristy of St. Patrick's Church, Mr. J. Connaughton in the Chair. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Whereas,—It is with feelings of the most profound sorrow and regret that this Society has learned of the death of the Rev. James J. Murphy, and they take this opportunity of expressing their grief at the irreparable loss sustained by the Irish people in the death of the illustrious Orator and Theologian; they also desire to express their regret at the untimely end of his companion the Rev. D. J. Lynch, who was a young priest of great promise, be it

Resolved,—That the Society tender to the relatives of the deceased rev. gentlemen their heartfelt sympathy in the sad bereavement.

Resolved,—That the Society attend in a body the funeral of the deceased rev. gentlemen, with their banners draped and the officers in mourning regalia.

Resolved,—That the members of this Society wear mourning for three months.

JAMES CONNAUGHTON,

1st Vice-President.

SAMUEL CROSS,

Secretary.

IRISH CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY.

At a meeting of this society, held Wednesday evening, 8th inst., at which Thomas Jones, Esq., First Vice-President, was Chairman, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, This Society has learned with profound regret that by the sad accident at Sault-au-Recollet, on Saturday night last, two of our revered priests lost their lives—the Revs. James J. Murphy and Daniel J. Lynch.

Resolved,—That the Irish Catholic Benefit Society desires to show its sense of sorrow which this terrible accident has caused.

Resolved,—That the members of this Society wear mourning for three months; that they attend the funeral in a body; that their banners be draped, and their officers wear their regalia.

THOS. JONES, 1st V. P.

J. JONES, Secretary.

HIBERNIAN INDEPENDENT BRASS BAND.

At a special meeting of the Hibernian Independent Brass Band, held on Wednesday evening, the 8th inst., the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Whereas,—This organization, as an Irish Roman Catholic body, having learned with profound regret of the melancholy and sudden demise, on the 4th inst., at Sault-au-Recollet, whereby the Church has been deprived of two of her ablest defenders, and Ireland two of her gifted sons, in the persons of the late Reverend Fathers James J. Murphy and Daniel J. Lynch;

Be it therefore resolved,—That the members of this organization do wear mourning for the period of one month; and appoint a deputation to attend the Requiem Mass and funeral of the aforesaid deceased clergymen;

Be it also resolved,—That a copy of the above resolution be forwarded to the relatives of the deceased reverend gentlemen.

YOUNG MEN'S CATHOLIC SOCIETY, OTTAWA.

A mass meeting under the auspices of the Young Men's Catholic Society of Ottawa was held in the Rink Music Hall on Wednesday evening, 8th inst., for the purpose of passing resolutions of condolence and regret at the untimely and awful death of the Rev. Fathers Murphy and Lynch, at the disastrous fire at Sault-au-Recollet, near Montreal. The Chair was occupied by Mr. C. O'Keefe, President of the Society, and on the platform were the following gentlemen:—Rev. Father St. Laurence, Hon. R. W. Scott, Aldermen Heney and McDougall, and Messrs. J. G. Moylan, A. Robertson, McIntosh, J. Rowan, M. Battle, W. McDougall, and J. Goulden.

The Chairman briefly announced the object of the meeting; and called upon Mr. J. Goulden, who, with an appropriate speech, read the following resolution:—

Whereas,—It has pleased Almighty God to summon from the sphere of his earthly labors and usefulness the profound theologian, the eloquent speaker, the polished scholar, the refined gentleman, and gifted priest,

Resolved,—That this meeting, convened under the auspices of the citizens of Ottawa, irrespective of creed or country, has heard with sentiments of the deepest sorrow the tidings of the disastrous calamity by which the Rev. James J. Murphy lost his life, in a manner so premature and so melancholy.

The resolution was ably seconded by Mr. Joseph Rowan.

Rev. Father St. Laurence in moving the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved,—That as a pulpit orator who held the highest rank; as a controversialist, whose courtesy towards those who differed from him in belief surpassed only by his strength of argument, his grasp of mind, and his mastery over the subject with which he treated; as a lecturer who possessed the highest attainments, and the happy faculty of captivating his audience by the literary charms which he knew so well how to scatter around them in rich profusion, and by the inimitable grace and witchery of his manner, that religion, literature and science in Canada have lost one of their ablest champions and advocates by the death which we have assembled to deplore—said he felt it both a privilege and a duty. He felt it a privilege in being allowed, in a few and feeble words, to show the character of him who had been taken away from their midst,—and a duty, because they were under an obligation to him for having devoted his admirable gifts to their greatest interests, and he might say, their pleasures. The late Rev. Father Murphy was a man whose like could not easily be found in Canada. No matter in what sphere he moved he excited the admiration of those amongst whom he dwelt, in the pulpit as well as in the editorial chair, which he had but lately assumed. The rev. speaker concluded a most eloquent and impressive address, thanking the Y. M. C. A. for affording the citizens of Ottawa an opportunity of expressing their regret at the loss of the late Rev. Father Murphy.

The resolution was seconded by Ald. Heney.

Mr. McIntosh, in the course of an able and interesting speech, referred to the literary sentiments and views of Father Murphy, and concluded by moving the following resolution:—

Be it resolved that, "In the death of the Rev. Mr. Murphy the press of Canada has lost one of its ablest, most logical, and trenchant writers."

Mr. Alex. Robertson, in seconding the resolution, said that the intensity of the hour and the exhaustive remarks of previous speakers rendered it unnecessary