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Mr. H. J. Kavanagh, B.O.L., was then called upon to deliver the second of the course of lectures under the auspices of the society. He announced as his subject, "Why Irish-Canadians belong to the National League." The lecturer said that he had been often asked why it was that Irishmen in Canada cannot be satisfied in attending to their own affairs, without constantly thinking about and talking about Irish affairs, and especially without becoming active members of such societies as this League.

That Irish-Canadians should take an interest in Irish affairs at home might seem, at first sight, strange, but on investigation the cause was natural. It was sympathy for their motherland. They never acted practically, and did something; they contributed their fair quota and sent money across the Atlantic to help Ireland in her present struggle. Not only, however, as Irishmen were interested in taking part in Irish affairs, but also as Canadians. The subject of Irish discontent was of imperial importance; it was not merely a hindrance to the machine of state but a danger and a menace to the empire, and in this light Canada, which was an important portion of the empire, should be deeply interested in it.

And it was because they were very much interested in this, and because they believed that Ireland, not only in times past, but in the actual present, was very badly governed, that they—Canadians—had become members of this society. The lecturer then proceeded to show that there were abundant proofs of Irish misery and Irish discontent and that the evidence also showed that the cause was misgovernment. As Canadians then and citizens of the Empire, they had a right to consider how these might be removed and to adopt all lawful and honorable means for their removal. And the means suggested themselves at once to Canadians, than whom none knew better how these means worked here and none more fully enjoyed and appreciated the blessings of Home Rule.

And even apart from the immediate consideration of what would be best for Ireland, but thinking only of what would be for the greater welfare of the Empire at large he failed to see why statesmen still refused to concede to Ireland what had been conceded to Canada. It was not that the remedy was unknown—only this—no English leader had yet had the courage to apply it. Would that some wise man would appear with nerve enough to do what he knew was right and just. Then Ireland, no longer a waiting enemy, no longer a dagger and constant menace, would be a strength and a power to the Empire of which Canada was also a part and there would be peace and union with England. This is what they hoped to see in spite of the past and in spite of the present ill-feeling, and this wish and hope had made them members of this society.

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Bradlaugh has been dined and feted by the French Republicans.

The Queen will open the Imperial Parliament by commission.

Heavy snow storms have taken place throughout western Ontario.

The Republican National Convention is to meet in Chicago on June 3rd.

Enrolling for the new infantry corps is said to be progressing favorably.

The opening of the Cantlover Bridge at Niagara, will take place on the 20th inst.

Lieut. Harber has arrived at Irkutsk with the bodies of De Long and his companions.

The river at Carillon and other points on the Ottawa is passable for pedestrians and teams.

Seven officers of the Military School were sworn in yesterday in Toronto by the Mayor.

The police have begun to make a descent on the fashionable gambling houses in London, Eng.

The Rectory case of Langtry vs DuMontin at Toronto has been postponed till the 23rd January.

Chicago has been selected as the place for holding the U. S. Republican National Convention.

The City Council of Toronto has been petitioned to abolish all gross licenses for the sale of liquor.

The nominations in South Huron will take place on the 27th instant and the election on the 3rd January.

Phosphate contracts are reported at from \$20 to \$22 per ton, delivered on the cars at East Tiptonport.

The agents of the steamer Plantyn, from New York to Antwerp, have abandoned all hope of her safety.

West (Liberal) has been elected to the British Parliament to succeed Cobbold (Conservative), deceased.

Eighteen persons, including four priests, have been executed for participating in the Servian insurrection.

William Richards, of Three Rivers, died in the cars on Saturday shortly after reaching Toronto from the West.

A cargo of 10,000 cwt. of American wheat has been brought by a steamer from Hamburg to Laube, in Bohemia.

The Glasgow dynamites were taken to Edinburgh yesterday for trial to be accompanied by a strong police escort.

Hon. Mr. Blanchet has forwarded for the Local Government two cartons of provisions for the destitute poor of Labrador.

The petition against the election of Mr. Tyrwhit (Conservative) to the Commons for South Simons has been dismissed.

The Hudson River is frozen over and navigation entirely suspended. Ice men have staked out their fields for the harvest.

"Ballor Jack," alias Parrott, was found frozen to death at Ingersoll, Ont., this morning with a bottle of whiskey by his side.

Attorney-General Miller, of Manitoba, has concluded his negotiations with the Ontario Government re the boundary question.

The bill permitting marriages between Jews and Christians will be re-introduced in the Lower House of the Hungarian Diet.

It has been decided in a New Jersey court that interest due on stolen bonds is to be paid to bona fide purchasers must be paid.

A commissary of police at Floridor, near Vienna, was shot dead on Saturday while returning home from a meeting of workmen.

Burns from all but one precinct in Boston give M. T. (Republicans and Outcasts) for Mayor 27,051. O'Brien (Democrat) 26,753.

Mr. A. H. Taylor, of Ottawa, intends inaugurating cheap trips to British Columbia, and will dispatch the first train in February next.

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