

John Macdonald without inventing anything or even adding a shade to the trailings of the pen of truth.

Somebody, however, must be responsible for the suspension of the men, and responsible in a political sense, or why were they told to see Mr. Curran before they could be reinstated? Mr. Pope, as head of the department under which these men were employed, is primarily responsible. But that he took the action without somebody prompting or using their influence with him, we do not believe. We, therefore, hope that an early member of the House will take an early opportunity of giving Mr. Pope an opportunity to explain the matter, should he not do, as Mr. Curran has done, make an opportunity for himself.

The Ottawa press reports, in addition to giving Mr. Curran's disclaimer, also say that he threatened to seek satisfaction in the courts from the papers who assailed him on account of his alleged connection with the suspensions. On second thought Mr. Curran will perceive that such a course is hardly prudent or in keeping with his own line of conduct. It is only the other day that he took advantage of his privileged position as a member of Parliament to libel most grossly the private character of a gentleman well known to the public and whose character is as dear to him and his family as any other man's can be. He did not do so where his evident malice would lay him open to an action for slander. On the other hand the newspapers simply dealt with his alleged public conduct, as they had a perfect right to do in the interests of the public. Considering these things, we have much pleasure in dropping an unpleasant subject, reserving our right to future comment as further light may be thrown upon it.

MR. WILLIAM O'BRIEN IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, the first city of Canada, gave Mr. William O'Brien a welcome Wednesday which may be taken as a fair indication of the manner of reception he will receive wherever he may appear during his tour in the Dominion. The example set by our citizens will, we have no doubt, be followed by those of Quebec, Ottawa and Toronto. As certain persons and papers are threatening in those places to do unutterable things when Mr. O'Brien appears, so did like persons and papers bluster and blow in Montreal. But Mr. O'Brien came, and, from the moment he set foot on our threshold till he went away, not one word availing of the offensive was uttered against him.

This is not only highly creditable to our city, but a severe rebuke to those who, like the morning exponent of Toryism and intolerance, endeavored to incite the rag-tag-and-bobtail of its party to crime, breach of the peace and violent attempts to suppress freedom of speech.

We have no desire to "rub it in," but we may, without breach of courtesy, point to the magnificent gathering last night of the most representative elements of our diverse population, as a proof that Mr. O'Brien has not appeared in vain to "the liberty-loving people of Canada."

For the matter of Mr. O'Brien's speech we refer to the pretty full report in this issue. Of the manner of its delivery it may be said that he captured the hearts of his hearers at the start and held them spellbound to the close, as we when, in response to his eloquent presentation of the poor tenants' cause, the assembly burst into applause and cheers, or groans and exclamations of condemnation at the recital of cruelties perpetrated by order of Lord Lansdowne.

But the best effect of Mr. O'Brien's address to the citizens of Montreal will be felt on the other side of the Atlantic to-day, and for many days hereafter the voices that sounded in Albert Hall will go ringing throughout the three kingdoms carrying a message of consolation and hope to Ireland, of sympathy and encouragement to the masses in England and Scotland who have made the cause of the Irish people their own, and of strength and power to the noble leaders who are fighting the monster of Tory tyranny inch by inch on the floor of the British Parliament. The same will be a message of dismay and consternation to those abandoned men who are engaged in the endeavor to force the tyrant's last treason against God and humanity into a law that the civilized world has condemned and execrated.

To the bankrupt generation of Irish landlords the voice of last night's meeting will sound as the tramp of doom, and the resolutions carried amid the enthusiasm of a free people will feel like the fangs of the Irish wolf dog, fast fixed at last in the throat of this new Acton.

"It's master and it's prey."

THE BUDGET.

Sir Charles Tupper's great abilities and invincible capacity for "figuring" were put to a new test yesterday on the occasion of his presentation of the budget. The main features of the speech, to the delivery of which many anxious minds were turned, are the increase of the iron duties and the removal of the duty on anthracite coal. Of course Sir Charles made out the best possible case for the Government and gave the House pretty plainly to understand that a thorough-going policy of protection has been deliberately adopted as the fixed policy of Canada. Although there is much in his speech which we cannot commend, we recognize the soundness of the fiscal system he advocated. That system is in reality a necessity, so long as the United States maintain their protective tariff. Free traders may say what they please, for we readily grant the truth of Lincoln's famous saying—"Free traders have all the arguments, protectionists all the facts,"—but experience has shown that so long as the national division of this continent remains as it is, our motto must be—Canada First.

Concerning revenue, Sir Charles estimates

for the current fiscal year ending June 30th next, it will be \$35,300,000; the expenditure for the same period he puts at \$35,000,000, admitting a deficit of \$30,000. There is a roundness and sweet simplicity about these figures which will strike the observer as rather too smooth and nice to be perfectly correct. Last year's admitted deficit of \$6,000,000 is thus swept away by a wave of the new Finance Minister's magic wand. For the year 1887-8 the revenue is estimated at \$36,400,000, or an increase of about one million over the revenue of the present year. In this way Sir Charles calculates on having a surplus in another year of \$1,358,145. This showing is certainly satisfactory, and is proof of the wonderful recuperative powers of the Dominion in spite of wholesale squandering and reckless mismanagement.

Sir Charles' reference to the difficulty with our neighbors concerning the fisheries was firm and temperate. His words, however, would have greater weight were the people on both sides of the line not aware that the Canadian case has been completely given away to all practical intents and purposes by the British Government. Our Finance Minister may make a dignified oratorical flourish in Parliament. Such was to be expected as a matter of course, but it will have no more effect than a sermon against fishing on Sunday usually has on the average darkey boy.

Every Canadian who opposed to the Government or not, will admit that the stand taken by Sir Charles for the maintenance of Canadian commercial independence is both wise and patriotic. We would prefer to be on something more than mere speaking terms with our American friends, but till such time as we can come to a better understanding the line fence must be kept in repair; although they and ourselves may have breachy cattle, we cannot afford to fight or go to law. We tried both and suffered. And while Canada has no need to be grateful for English protection, she owes even less thanks to American bounties. A day will doubtless come when all this quarrelling will cease between the States and Canada, as ages long of far more bitter quarrels ceased of necessity between England and Scotland. An imaginary line drawn across the continent cannot be an everlasting barrier between kindred people.

We have no more respect for that line than the inescapable person who scandalized Sidney Smith by speaking contemptuously of the equator. But seeing it is a fact, we accept it with the hope that some day not far distant it may become only a memory.

But the most important thing in the Budget speech was the announcement that the British Government had conceded to Canada full plenipotentiary powers to negotiate a commercial treaty with Spain. This is a distinct step forward in the path of national independence. It is not all that Mr. Blake laid down in his platform, but it is a clear admission of the right of Canada to make her own bargains with foreign nations, unhampered, while assisted by British diplomacy and prestige. Altogether Sir Charles is fairly entitled to credit for making a very cheerful budget speech. It will flatter the *amore proprio* of our people, give other countries a favorable impression of our unlimited resources in fact and expectation, show the mother country that we are a plucky, self-reliant people, and assure our American neighbors that we are neither poor nor weak. Much remains, however, in what fell from Sir Charles, for serious reflection and candid criticism.

The following letter was written to Mr. O'Brien by his Grace Archbishop Croft. It explains itself. It was marked "private," but Mr. O'Brien yesterday called his Grace asking his permission to make it public. The reply he received, "with a heart and a half, if it can do any good," was characteristic of this great and patriotic prelate.

[Private.]

THE PALACE THURSDAY.

Saturday Night, April 30.

MR. DEAR WILLIAM.—I cannot tell you how disappointed I feel at not seeing you before you left for Canada. But I suppose it must be so. I can imagine easily how many things you will have to attend to and set in order before starting on your trip. Being under the impression that the American mail was to arrive here at 10 o'clock I had made up my mind to go to the railway station house at that hour and give you a true friend's greeting on your way and a bishop's blessing, a your undertaking. But I have just learned that the train goes here about 9.10, and as I always say the first Mass is at 8 o'clock, it will now be impossible for me to see you and shake your hand and wish you God-speed.

But I'll pray for you—that the God of our fathers may watch over you on the deep, crown your patriotic mission with success, and bring you back to us soon in health and triumph. Father Arthur Ryan will have a word with you and hand you the from.

My dear William,

Your very faithful friend,

Wm. O'Brien, Esq.

THE MERCIER BANQUET.

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REFUSE TO DRINK THE HEALTH OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

QUEBEC, May 16.—The watch and chain presented to the Hon. Mr. Mercier before the banquet on Saturday is said to be worth \$750. Gossip says to-day that the banquet was one of the best ever attended in this city; 350 chairs were occupied, and representatives in the persons of Mr. J. Lawton, Mr. J. Macdonald, Mr. O. Murphy, Mr. J. Brown, Mr. J. Blood, Attorney-General of Nova Scotia, Mr. Davies, M.P., and several other members, were present. The speeches were eloquent but not pointed.

It was observed that some of the local members, on the proposal of the health of the Governor-General, Lord Lansdowne,

REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE TOAST,

and occupied their seats during the interval. This has given much rise to general conversation here to-day amongst the Irish population, following as it did so shortly after Wm. O'Brien's visit.

CORK'S ANSWER.

DUBLIN, May 15.—The Mayor of Cork, replying to an invitation from the Lord Chamberlain to assist in the Jubilee festivities, says that in view of the Crimes Bill the invitation is little short of an outrage upon the self-respect of the Irish people.

"Do raw eggs clear the voice?" asks a correspondent. No, but they clear the stage, which is a great deal better.

The interstate commerce law does not prohibit the passing of cold waves all over the country.

Johnson—"How are you, old man?" Thompson—"I'm sick." Indeed! Well, if it wasn't for that you would feel just as any one. Why, you haven't so much to complain of, after all.

O'BRIEN.

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were simply airing their prejudices. We had the right to listen to such men as Mr. O'Brien, and if what he (Mr. O'Brien) had said was not true, it put a terrible weapon in the hands of those in such a position placed him in a cowardly one, for, if his conduct has been unjust, it was cowardly on his part and on the part of those who supported him, that he should be allowed to shield himself behind the fact, but he is the Governor-General, and that was his right to question his conduct on the other side of the water. After referring to the way in which the Irishmen in this country had done it in Canada during the Fenian raids, he said we held a direct interest in seeing the burning question put at an end to, and concluded by proposing the following resolution, which was received with great applause:

"Resolved that this meeting of the citizens of Montreal, in view of the fact that the Governor-General has refused to receive the young Irish scholar and vocalist, of the very name and country who volunteered to sing 'O'Donnell Auld' in the Irish language, Mr. Murphy on coming forward was warmly received, and sang with much spirit and feeling the martial song of the clans. In response to a suggestion made he gave 'The Wearing of the Green' in the same style.

MR. CARROLL RYAN'S SPEECH.

The chairman then introduced Mr. Carroll Ryan, who delivered an eloquent and touching speech in praise of the Revolution. He said that it was with great deal of trepidation that he attempted to say a few words after the eloquent address of Mr. O'Brien. Their hearts were full of more than their words could express. There was no need for him to say anything in praise of Mr. O'Brien, they had all heard his eloquence, and his harrowing tale of the sorrows and afflictions of their fellow-countrymen had pointed them to great deeds, and we were now counting down the days of the great struggle. He said that he was not here to tell us of the past, but to tell us of the future. He said that he was not here to tell us of the past, but to tell us of the future. He said that he was not here to tell us of the past, but to tell us of the future.

When the chairman presented the motion for the meeting's endorsement, a scene which beggars description followed. Ladies and gentlemen rose to their feet, and amid the wildest enthusiasm, the waving of hats and handkerchiefs and deafening cheers, the motion was declared passed. Mr. O'Brien rose and displayed the effect of the demonstration, which greeted him. When he could secure a hearing he said, in a voice trembling with emotion, that he was at a loss for words to express the feeling which he experienced at being enabled to send such a message of joy and hope to his suffering fellow-countrymen. Their reception, he said, had been a grand one, and he was sure that the hearts of our enemies were sick with despair (cheers). They are talking about sending many of us to prison, but better men than we have gone to jail (hear, hear). Even the clergy have not escaped, but I am certain that if they were asked for there would be thousands laid low of Father Kellor into Kilmainham. (Cheers.) Believe me, that before many revolutions of the sun Mr. Gladstone (applause) will come back to power, and that long-delayed justice will be done our suffering people by crowding our land with that brightest of gladiators which she has long been robbed of. (Prolonged cheers and waving of hats.)

Previous to the adjournment of the meeting the chairman read a letter from Mr. J. J. Curran, expressing his inability to attend the meeting owing to business in Ottawa.

Mr. Cloran then called for three cheers for "O'Brien and Ireland," and three for "William O'Brien," which were given with a will. Three hollow cheers for "Lansdowne, the evictor," quickly followed. The chairman asked the audience to assist in the singing of "God Save Ireland" (Mr. Murphy singing the verse), which they did roustily, the greatest harmony and time being kept, making the effect simply grand. The meeting concluded.

ARRIVAL OF MR. KILBRIDE.

Mr. O'Brien on leaving the hall found himself surrounded by about 500 sturdy young men, who, marching four deep, escorted him to the Bonaventure Depot, where he desired to go in order to meet Mr. Kilbride. Arriving at that station it was found that the brave evictor Luggacurran was in company with Mr. Ryan of the *Dublin Freeman's Journal*, had just given the crowd a rousing cheer, and was in the greatest difficulty that the gentlemen could be got into a carriage so immense was the throng. Surrounding the carriage several attempts were made by the crowd to take the horses out of it so that they could ride themselves to the hotel. Being discomfited from this, over two thousand young men formed

a guard of honor and marched down St. James street with the carriages in the midst, singing "God Save Ireland" and cheering between the verses for Gladstone, Parnell, Davitt, O'Brien, Kilbride and Home Rule.

On reaching St. Lawrence Hall another crowd was found in waiting for the arrival, and as the party in the carriages alighted, cheer after cheer rent the air.

In the response to repeated calls, Mr. Cloran appeared at one of the hotel windows and announced that Mr. O'Brien would introduce Mr. Kilbride.

Mr. O'Brien's appearance was the signal for another cheer on the part of the crowd, and he would briefly introduce his friend Mr. Kilbride, of Luggacurran (cheers). This was the man, he said, who, refusing to desert his poorer fellow tenants, and scouting the offer of landlordism all he possessed in the world to stand up for a great principle (cheers). Mr. O'Brien further eulogized Mr. Kilbride, by stating that it was to such determined, self-sacrificing and upright men was due the success now attending the plan of campaign.

Mr. Kilbride, who is a fine specimen of Irish manhood, was greeted with ringing cheers. He returned thanks to the crowd, and concluded the enthusiasm with a cheer for his country. Mr. Hamill then sang "Let Erin Remember," and was loudly applauded. Mr. Barry was then called upon for a speech and said a few words in praise of the society, remarking that the sacred fire of patriotism never burned brighter than it did among the young members of that noble and patriotic association.

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AT BROTHER ARNOLD'S.

The party then resumed their seats in the carriages and were driven to Brother Arnold's house, where they were received heartily by that whole-hearted Irishman. After some time in pleasant conversation, Brother Arnold, accompanied by Mr. O'Brien, led off the party to the hall of the St. Ann's Young Men's Society, where they were received with hearty cheers by the large gathering already assembled there.

Brother Arnold lost no time in introducing Mr. O'Brien to the members of the society, and great pleasure was expressed in being allowed to do so, and said that he was so excited over meeting Mr. O'Brien that he was at a loss for words to express his gratitude for the honor conferred by the visit. He could not refrain from thinking how signally his house had been honored of late years. Witness the visit of the great patriot, Charles Stewart Parnell, and he was followed in time by Justus McCarthy, Michael Davitt, and now by Wm. O'Brien. (Cheers.)

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Mr. Kilbride was then called upon for a speech, and said that the success of the Irish cause was in a great part due to the societies of young men. Many of those present, he remarked, could not realize the atrocities which had been done in Ireland, and he pointed out to him (Mr. Kilbride) that the men who had been driven from their homes to the shores of America, they committed an action that will yet crush them in Ireland. (Applause.) He then went on to describe briefly the particulars of Lord Lansdowne's oppression of him, and concluded by returning thanks to the crowd for the enthusiasm with which they displayed.

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MR. KILBRIDE, THE EVICTED TENANT, and Mr. Charles Fitzpatrick visited the House in Session. He was escorted by Mr. Owen Murphy, M.P.P., for Quebec West, to the floor of the House and took a seat on the Ministerial side. As Mr. O'Brien entered the Premier had just moved to reply to the motion of non-confidence recently moved by Hon. Mr. Blanchet. He listened with attention, as he understood and speaks French excellently. He was introduced to the Hon. James McShane and Mr. P