

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.

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.

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.

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 appealed 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, save 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 trump 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 HIS PREY.

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.

THE BUDGET.

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We have no more respect for that lion 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.

The following letter was written to Mr. O'Brien by His Grace, Archbishop Cr. Ke. It explains itself. It was marked "private," but Mr. O'Brien yesterday called His Grace asking his permission to make it public.

THE PALACE TRIBUTES.

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.

My dear William, Your very faithful friend, William 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.

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.

Johnson—How are you, old man? Thompson—I'm sick. Indeed, I'm 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 Lord Lansdowne to destroy the effect of his visit forever. But they knew that his position was impregnable and that his case was founded on justice and on the reports of the friends of Lord Lansdowne himself (applause). It was claimed that because he was Governor-General that he had no right to meddle with the case.

The chairman, amidst applause, then announced that Mr. M. J. Murphy, the talented young Irish scholar and vocalist, of the "O'Donnell Club" 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 rapturous encore he gave "The Wearing of the Green" in the style.

Mr. Carroll Ryan's Speech. The chairman then introduced Mr. Carroll Ryan, who delivered an eloquent and touching speech, which was greeted with a great deal of enthusiasm.

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in profusion, suspended from the different residences of Irishmen en route. On the road to the Hotel McShane is credited with saying that "Quebec Irishmen are made of the right stuff"—that they were true Irishmen.

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Beef, Iron and Wine

As prepared by W. H. BRISSETTE, a New York "a moult" who is highly recommended for all ailments of the stomach and all ages. Do not fail to procure a bottle - see list of cases on other page.