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St. Patrick's Day.

THE feast of Ireland's Patron Saint was right royally celebrated in Charlottetown and in other parts of this Province, as Saturday last. The immortal shamrock was more in evidence than ever before. The city was most profusely decorated with bunting, flags flying from every available flagstaff. The procession of the two Irish Societies, the Benevolent Irish Society and the Ancient Order of Hibernians was possibly their largest ever seen here. Each society was headed by a band of music, and the men in their rich regalia of green and gold, presented a splendid appearance. In many instances the men wore the red white and blue colors beside the shamrock. The day was beautiful, and the procession marching to the lively Irish airs of the bands attracted great attention, the streets through which they passed being lined with spectators. Having formed a junction after leaving their respective halls the societies marched to St. Dunstan's Cathedral at ten o'clock, where solemn religious services were held. His Lordship the Bishop, preceded by the clergy and altar boys, marched in procession around the church, and having arrived at the high altar solemn high Mass was celebrated. The Bishop, vested in cope and mitre and bearing his crozier, occupied his throne, where he was assisted by Rev. A. P. McLellan, Rector of St. Dunstan's College, and Rev. J. F. Johnston. The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Dr. Monaghan, the deacon Rev. Dr. Morrison, and the sub-deacon Rev. Dr. Curran. After the first gospel, Rev. J. F. Johnston ascended the pulpit and preached a splendid and appropriate sermon. His text was from Genesis XII, 1: "Go forth out of thy country, and out of thy father's house, and come into the land which I shall show thee." The Rev. preacher pointed out the Catholic Church was the greatest training school of character the world has ever seen. Her saints and heroes stood out in shining relief against the barbarism of the age in which many of them lived. Foremost among these were the great saint whom the church honors to-day—St. Patrick. True religion seemed almost on the point of vanishing from the earth when St. Patrick received the God-given message: "Go forth out of thy country, and out of thy father's house, and come into the land which I shall show you." Ireland was the land which the Lord had chosen. "And that island green was as fair a scene As ever man's eye did see, With its chieftain's bold and its temples old. And its homes and its altars free. No foreign foe did that great isle know, No stranger bond it bore, Save the merchant train from sunny Spain. And from Africa's golden shore. And the young man's heart did fondly start, And the old man's eye would smile As their thoughts would roam o'er the ocean foam To that lone and holy isle." St. Celestine was Pope when St. Patrick went to Rome with letters of introduction from St. Germanus, in which was told how Patrick, once a captive in a western island, had, ever since his escape, a strong desire to go to bring the light of truth and knowledge to that distant land which sat in the shadow of paganism. The Pope commissioned him to preach the Gospel of Christ in Ireland, and Patrick at once set out for the scene of his future labors. The conversion of Ireland to Christianity was not a tedious or painful transformation. At the first sound of Patrick's voice proclaiming one living and true God, she turned away from her pagan idols and submitted to the law of Christ. Under the influence of Christianity Ireland soon became the nursery of science, the home of saints, sages and scholars. It was not a mere passing over, like a fire of stubble or straw, for in the seventh and the eighth centuries numbers of her sons left their home to carry the faith into other lands. The Rev. preacher next recounted the invasion made by the Danes and Norsemen, the varying fortunes of the struggle until at last on a Good Friday, Brian Boru, with a sword in one hand and a crucifix in the other, vanquished the invaders on the field of Clontarf. During this period learning suffered greatly, but in the century of peace which followed it received a new impetus from the founding in Ireland of the great monastic and teaching orders of the middle ages. Then came the Normans, but being co-religionists they were as Irish as the Irish themselves. He then pictured that night of dark and religious persecution followed up to the year 1829. To every solicitation of the temper to abandon her faith Ireland replied in the words of the Apostle, "Judge ye, whether we are to obey God or man." But the persecution and suffering at home that caused the awful exodus of our fathers, became, under God's Providence, the means of establishing in far-off lands the glorious standard of the cross. And today, from north to south, from east to west, the sons of Ireland

AT OTTAWA.

The gerrymander bill is now ready for the Senate. Mr. Ellis's vigorous protest against Mr. Blair's scheme to gerrymander St. John, New Brunswick, was successful and that part of the bill was withdrawn without even an apology. The rest of it stands as presented last year. It has now 100,000 people in a conservative district electing one member and 15,000 in liberal district electing one member. We have the general result that the Conservative counties which were under represented before have still less representation in proportion to population. Those parts where the representation is largest, being the places where the Government appear to have the best prospects, are not disturbed. The minister's claim that they desire an end of partisan arrangement of ridings, has been put to the test. Sir Charles Tupper proposed an amendment withdrawing the whole matter of the arrangement of constituencies from the control of parties and handing it over to a Commission of judges. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was a little confused at first with the proposition. When he rose to the occasion he called upon his supporters to vote it down.

A NON-PARTISAN AMENDMENT.

The following is the amendment which the Government rejected: "That in the opinion of this house, it is expedient to introduce, in place of the present bill, a measure based on the following provisions: First, That a commission, to consist of the chief justices of the highest courts of judicature in each of the provinces of Canada shall be appointed with the duty of fixing the boundaries of each constituency entitled to elect a member or members to the house of commons in each province of Canada, and to determine the number of members to be elected for each constituency in accordance with the B. N. A. Act. That such commission in so doing shall consider the distribution of population according to the three latest censuses of Canada, and the public interest and convenience; and shall particularly have regard to the principle of representation by population; and also have regard to the boundaries of counties, municipalities and cities. That such commission shall be appointed as soon as possible after the completion of the next census and shall complete their work with all convenient speed."

MR. TARTE'S HYSTERICS.

An interesting day's discussion was devoted to the Montreal disturbances on the day that Lady Smith was relieved. After the students of McGill had departed with those of Laval, the organ of Mr. Tarte published an article which the good Liberal Toronto Globe described as "hysterical and passionate nonsense." This is a mild description of it, as appears from the following extracts: "Truly if this should go on, if we should tolerate the invasion and destruction of our houses and property, this country would soon become uninhabitable. Is it not a painful spectacle to behold ourselves, so to speak, within two steps of civil war. We are not the aggressors but we are strong enough to be afraid of no one. We have reached a decisive moment. Confederation cannot be maintained if the two races cannot live in harmony side by side. Little need be added to what has already taken place to cause the treaty of federation to be torn up without much delay."

MR. McNEILL READS THIS EXTRACT

and more like it in the House declaring that it was a wicked and criminal appeal to the jealousy and passion of the French Canadian people. Mr. Tarte retorted in a characteristic speech after he had applauded every word quoted from La Patrie. He ridiculed the utterances of his own paper and charged that the English Conservatives were trying to drive the French Canadians out of power in this country. Mr. Foster and other members repudiated the charge. Even Mr. Monk, himself a professor in Laval, a French Canadian, and a representative of a French Canadian constituency, declared that Mr. Tarte was devoting himself to raising a war of mobs and crowds and was one of the chief instigators of trouble. It happened that after the La Patrie article, Laval students and others again prosopagnated the streets and some one in the crowd, believed to be not a Laval man but a Montreal admirer of La Patrie, tore down the British flag from the rear office, after which it was torn up and destroyed. The trouble in Montreal seems to be a new opportunity for Mr. Tarte and his organ to appeal to the French Canadians against their English brethren, and he has done it so far as to say that even the Government organ in Toronto has had to rebuke him.

PREFERENCE THAT DOES NOT PREFER.

In a few days we shall have the budget speech and Mr. Fielding will try to explain away Mr. Patterson's trade estimate. It will be a somewhat difficult task with these figures before him for the Finance Minister to show an increase of imports from Britain as a result of the preferential tariff. He could easily show an enormous increase in importations from the United States if that were necessary to his argument. For while the importations from Great Britain were \$27,000,000 those from the United States were \$28,000,000, or two and a half times as large. The increase in goods purchased from the United States was \$14,000,000 over that of the previous year. The increase of purchases from England were \$4,000,000, or less than one-third as much. Compared with last year of the Conservative regime there is an increase of purchases from the United States of thirty-five millions, while the increase in purchases from Great Britain was four millions only.

THE IMPORTS OF BRITISH GOODS FOR CANADIAN USE

were less than in any year from 1880 to 1895, and less than the average for the last five years before the change of Government. The imports of goods for Canadian use from the United States were greater by \$36,000,000 than the largest value imported in any year under the late Government, and \$39,000,000 more than the average for the last five years before the late election. This shows how the preference has worked in

BRITAIN AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

Table showing trade statistics for Britain and other countries, including South America, Switzerland, Holland, United States, Italy, Spain, Portugal, France, Germany, and Great Britain. It lists values for 1899 and 1900, and percentage changes.

A SHAM PREFERENCE.

The fact is that the preference is

THE TRANSVAAL VOTE.

In committee on the bill to pay for the South Africa contingent, many questions arose about the rate of pay to the men. There were also some queries about the purchase of horses for the mounted men at \$130 each, while it was reported, perhaps not correctly, that the farmers who sold them did not get nearly that much. There was also some complaint that the contracts for saddles were given out unfairly to friends of the ministers. For the past fortnight Strathcona's horse has been organizing here. They have now got their horses in good training and present a fine appearance on parade. The whole body was drawn up on Parliament square the other day where they received from the wife of the Minister of Militia a fine banner, and were addressed by the Governor General, the Premier, Sir Charles Tupper and the Minister of Militia. They will be on their way to Halifax on Monday.

STILL BLOCKED.

The prospect for the West Horn and Brockville enquiry grows no brighter. It seems to be possible for the Government to block the investigation for the whole season, and there is a will as well as a way. The suggestion now is that the Senate, which is not very busy, should take up the investigation. The Senate inquiry into the Erie des Chateaux scandal, was thorough and effective. Two years ago when the Drummond inquiry was going on in the Commons, the majority refused to carry the investigations into the purchase of La Patrie newspaper for Mr. Tarte by one of the vendors of the Drummond railroad. The Senate therefore proposed to take up the inquiry. As soon as this purpose became evident, Mr. Tarte and Mr. Greenhalgh concluded to come down and answer the questions. Should the Senate start an inquiry into the ballot-stuffing charges, it is thought that it would be better to allow the trial to go on before the privileges committee as Mr. Borden desires.

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Obituary.

Lot 11 mourns the loss of another of its aged and honored residents. After only a few days illness, Mr. James Moran passed away on the 18th inst. at the advanced age of 82 years. The deceased was born in Ireland and came to this country when quite young and was one of the rapidly disappearing race of early settlers who changed this country from a wilderness into fertile farms and busy villages. He was a kind husband and parent, an obliging neighbor, an obedient member of his church, and a staunch and active supporter of the Conservative party, and whilst he firmly adhered to his own principles, he respected the opinions of those who differed from him. The high esteem in which he was held was evidenced by the large number who attended his funeral ceremonies at St. Bridget's Church and cemetery. Besides his aged wife who assisted and encouraged him in his life's battle for many long years, he leaves one son and two daughters to mourn their loss. R. J. P.—Con.

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Souris Board of Trade.

Str.—According to previous notice issued to that effect a meeting of the merchants, shippers, dairymen, etc. of the eastern end of King's County, was held at Souris, on Saturday, the 10th inst., for the purpose of organizing a board of trade. J. C. Underhay, Esq. was appointed chairman, and the undersigned secretary, John McLean, Esq. gave some information as to what constituted a board of trade and stated some of the benefits accruing therefrom. After a discussion it was moved by Mr. Geo. B. McEwen, seconded by Mr. C. H. S. Sterns and carried unanimously: "That a board of trade be formed at Souris extending from East Point to and including Lots 40 and 54, to be known as the Souris 'Board of Trade.' An enrollment fee of two dollars was agreed upon, and also that the secretary of this meeting continue to act until after the next meeting, and keep the list open for the enrollment of new members, and also correspond with persons eligible for membership. Messrs T. Morrow, J. J. Hughes and John McLean were assigned the duty of forming by-laws. The meeting was adjourned to meet again on the 15th inst. at 8 o'clock p.m. in McDonald's Hall rooms. All in this section interested in the movement are invited to attend. ARCHER CURRIE, Secretary.

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NOTED WOMAN DEAD.

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