

Hayes being among the guests: In Boston, St. Patrick's day was celebrated with splendid military exercises in memory of the evacuation of the city by the British in 1776. The principal visitor was General Miles, U. S. A. In New York, 15,000 men walked in the parade. The Cathedral was packed for a special military mass, attended by the Sixty-Fifth Regiment. A great dinner was given at the Iri-h' college in Rome at which several English bishops were present. In London seven hundred persons sat down to a banquet in the Hotel Cecil presided over by Mr. John Redmond and at which sat also the Irish members of parliament whom the Government's change of heart had but recently released from prison. The sentiment which inspires Irishmen to honor annually the memory of their great apostle has been growing for years and now bids fair to gain over the entire English-speaking world. The fact must exert a great moral influence on the men who direct the affairs of Ireland and induce them to do some justice, as it is at present hoped they will, to a sadly oppressed but unconquerable people.

### Parliament.

The Dominion House resumed work on March 12th. There was the usual brilliant scene at the opening. The speech from the throne foreshadowed measures dealing with the creation of a railway commission, the reorganization of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, the settlement of railway labour disputes, Chinese immigration, amendment of patent laws, and last but not least, a redistribution of constituencies.

The concluding words of the speech of His Excellency, the Governor General, were:

"I pray that in the consideration of these matters and in the performance of all the labours which will devolve on you your deliberations, under Divine guidance, will tend still to increase the prosperity and happiness of our people."