

Monteagle, Author of The Dominion of Ireland Bill

London, July 23—As you look around the House of Lords, Thomas Spring Rice, the second Baron Monteagle of Brandon, the peer who introduced the Dominion of Ireland Bill, is the last man you would have picked out in that assembly of hereditary aristocrats to produce a document which contains "more statesmanship, more democracy, more self-determination, and more horse-sense than any home rule bill which has ever been presented to the British parliament," as Sir Horace Plunkett put it.

Lord Monteagle, "a quiet, unassuming peer" with gentle eyes and long white beard, is an Irishman from the banks of the Shannon, where at the age of sixteen, fifty-four years ago, he succeeded to his grandfather's title. He was then a school-boy at Harrow. He distinguished himself in mathematics at Cambridge. On attaining his majority he went to live at Foynes, the family estate of about 7,000 acres in the county of Limerick.

To a young man brought up in the aristocratic atmosphere of a great English school, the responsibility of governing the lives and fortunes of hundreds of ignorant peasants was almost staggering. But, boy as he was, he immediately took his position seriously and proceeded to make good his obligations. This meant that almost immediately he was called upon to choose between his own family fortune and the future and welfare of his tenants.

A Gladstone Supporter. Those were the days of the land troubles in Ireland, and it is significant that the young peer was the first to support Mr. Gladstone's Land Acts of 1886. He put them into immediate practice, with the result that he gave up 4,000 acres to his tenants at once; this was presently followed by the sale of all his farm lands in small holdings to peasant farmers on terms exceedingly advantageous to them.

But Lord Monteagle did not, as did many other Irish landlords, turn his property into cash in order to come and live in England, leaving the ignorant peasants to their fate. He retained possession of his villages only and settled down in his family home at Foynes to devote his life to his country and his people.

Lord Monteagle was not a "Home Ruler" in those days; he believed that Irish farmers would want nothing more if they were given the land. He was the first and the most enthusiastic supporter of the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society, which introduced the co-operative system of farming into Ireland.

It was in the dining room, at Mount Trenchard, Foynes, that his old friend and schoolmate, Horace Plunkett, the only one among all the companions of his youth who had sympathy with his schemes, put the idea of a co-operative creamery before a small group of the more intelligent farmers of the neighborhood. These peasants were already their own masters; but, while they enjoyed all the benefits of independence, they exacted from their one-time overlords all the service and help which centuries of serfdom had taught them to expect. A little incident which occurred after the meeting illustrates their attitude.

What An Old Farmer Wanted. An old farmer bobbed up to Lord Monteagle and, taking him to one side, croaked slyly in his ear, "It's a fine scheme, your lordship, but couldn't you be getting some rich English man to run it for us?"

In 1875 Lord Monteagle married the sister of another school friend, a daughter of the Bishop of Meath. His wife was an ardent Home Ruler, and gradually, as the years went by, she succeeded in converting her husband to the realization that mere material prosperity would never solve the Irish question. This was further strengthened by the hold the Gaelic League took upon Ireland and the growing determination throughout all the country to emphasize the national aspect of Ireland's claims.

To Lord Monteagle, along with other far-seeing Irishmen, gradually came the conviction that in a federal alliance, rather than union, lay the only hope of peace.

But political controversy scarcely found an echo in Foynes. At present this remote Atlantic port, but it is one of the most magnificent natural harbors in the world, providing safe anchorage for fleets of ships of 10,000 tonnage and with the minimum of artificial construction, for any number of any size. "It has for years been dream of mine," said Foynes, "that eventually become a great port."

MRS. LEWIS OF BROOKLYN Tells How She Was Made Well by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Brooklyn, N. Y.,—"For one year I was miserable from a displacement, which caused a general run-down condition with headaches and pains in my side. My sister induced me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I found it helped me very much and such a splendid tonic that I am recommending it to any woman who has similar troubles."—Mrs. Elizabeth G. Lewis, 30 Vernon Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Such conditions as Mrs. Lewis suffered from may be caused by a fall or a general weakened run-down condition of the system, and the most successful remedy to restore strength to muscles and tissue and bring about a normal healthy condition—has proved to be this famous pink and herb medicine, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. If you have disturbing symptoms you do not understand write Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass. The result of their 40 years experience is at your service.

RETIREES FROM E. S. S. SERVICE

Captain Charles Mitchell, well known here for many years as pilot and later as captain of the Eastern Steamship Lines' steamers Calvin Austin and North Star, has decided to retire from the service. Captain Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell are making a tour of the down-east country and will remain in Newton (Mass.) Captain Mitchell is a native of Eastport. He ran on the steamers State

COAL MEN DENY THERE IS COMBINE

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 16—Emphatic denial that a coal combine existed in Victoria and that the local coal dealers had endeavored to put the United Co-operative Society out of the coal business, was voiced at a private session of the Board of Commerce on Saturday, called to discuss the charges brought before the board by people interested in the co-operative society.

ELECTROCUTED FOR MURDER

Boston, Aug. 16—Francisco Peeli was electrocuted at the state prison early yesterday for the murder of Louis Fred Soulia, at Billerica, on October 28, 1918.

GRAIN IN ELEVATORS THROUGHOUT CANADA

Ottawa, Aug. 16—(Canadian Press)—Returns by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics show that for the week ended August 16, the quantity of grain in store at the public elevators throughout Canada has increased by 791,3 bushels in wheat and oats, as compared with the previous week.

Cuticura Soap AND OINTMENT Clear the Skin

FARMER'S WIFE GAINS 15 POUNDS

Looks so Well Since Taking Tanlac Her Best Friends Hardly Know Her.

"Tanlac has been such a wonderful blessing to my wife, that I shall praise it as long as I live," recently declared Atherton Titus, a well-known and prosperous farmer, living at Perry's Point (N. B.). "She certainly was in a terrible condition before taking Tanlac. Why, for ten years her stomach was so bad she didn't dare eat anything like pork or pancakes, and even oatmeal soup and cause gas to form that bloated her up till she was in perfect agony. She fell off in weight until she was a mere shadow of what she used to be and became so weak she could hardly do a thing about the house. To make matters worse rheumatism set in and the pain in her arms and legs was so awful it kept her awake for hours at night. She tried nearly everything in the way of medicines and treatment but never got anything more than temporary relief until she tried Tanlac. "In all my life I've never seen anything to equal the way Tanlac got rid of all her troubles, and it has built her up to where she is like an entirely different woman. She can now eat anything at all and is never troubled in the least with sourness or gas. She has gained all of fifteen pounds in weight and her looks have so improved that her best friends hardly know her. The rheumatism has practically disappeared and she sleeps like a child the whole night through. She can now work all day without getting tired and feels as well and strong as ever she did in her life. We both firmly believe in Tanlac and want everyone to know what a grand medicine it is."

Tanlac is sold in St. John by the Ross Drug Company and F. W. Munro; by G. W. McKay, Beaver Harbor; W. J. Colwell, Evans; C. V. Parsons, Highland; John F. Meagher, Debec; O. D. Hanson, Lepreau; E. L. Conley, Lewisville; N. H. Johnson, Clarendon Station, and by the leading druggists in every town.—(A. D. V.)

one of the great world ports," said Lord Monteagle in talking of his home. "It has unlimited trading possibilities and is the natural terminus of Irish-American ocean traffic."

"But our people have still to be made ready for it when it comes, and that has always been my chief concern. To understand my neighbors, to live with them year in and year out in harmony and friendship, to understand their needs and in so far as in me lay to help them to achieve them, to identify my life with theirs—that is what I have always striven for."

Lady Monteagle's Work. In this aim Lord Monteagle had the complete sympathy of his wife, who spent her entire married life working to establish better conditions among the peasants of Limerick. Free nursing, free schools, peasant industries, farm institutes, and cooperation developed to its utmost were all parts of the scheme, and in its service Lady Monteagle died in 1908 of consumption, contracted during her village work.

Lord Monteagle was elected to the first County Council set up in Ireland in 1888, and since that time has held county office continuously. He is, and always has been, a staunch friend of Sir Horace Plunkett, and when the Irish Dominion League was formed Lord Monteagle at once gave it his complete support.

But no one realized that it would fall to this gentle old man, now in his seventy-first year, who proudly, yet deprecatingly, refers to himself as a "backwoodsman," to actually put into legislative form the claims of the best men in Ireland.

The Bill His Own Measure. "As the day approached on which I had to make my introductory speech I had an almost sickening dread," Lord Monteagle told me, referring to the presentation of his bill in the House of Lords. "It is so many years since I have taken any part in politics, and I have grown unaccustomed to the ways and habits of the political world at Westminster that I feel I had scarcely a leg with men and women who are of my children's generation rather than mine. And when I stood up before the lords I felt like one returned from another world driven to my task by one thought only—the need for peace in Ireland. I could not leave the question of Ireland alone, as so many of my Irish friends are doing. I feel that it is the duty of every Irishman at this moment to proclaim the faith that is in him, and this is my faith. My bill is my own, brought forward with no party object. I leave recrimination to one side and I do not attack the government. I am good friends with many Sinn Feiners—my daughter is a Sinn Feiner—and my position has alienated me from my friends and relatives, men who under other circumstances would have been my intimates through life. These things are nothing to me. The dearest wish in my heart is for peace in Ireland and to keep Ireland a willing member of the British Commonwealth of Free Nations. I believe this is possible on a Dominion basis, but nothing short of it, and to this end I have dared to take my stand alone, an old man, but firm in my faith."

Pontius Pilate's Tomb. Pontius Pilate, it was declared, returning from Galilee, fled to the mountain in the wilderness of remorse and drowned himself in a tiny lake on the summit. All the storms and calamities on Lake Lacarne were ascribed to the workings of his restless spirit, wrought to wrath by the disturbances of his watery domain. Severe punishment awaited those who dared approach his supposed tomb. That tomb was fearfully and wonderfully described, but in reality it is only a pond, melted snow collected in a hollow. It frequently dries up in summer with never a vestige of a Pilate to show.—London Chronicle.



August Fur Sale and why

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Natural Lynx Cat, \$25, \$35 and \$60, less 10 p.c.
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CAPE

- Mink, \$110 and \$125, less 10 p.c.
N. B. Raccoon, \$85 and \$110, less 10 p.c.
Skunk, \$90, \$150 up to \$300, less 10 p.c.
Hudson Seal, \$45, \$90, \$100 up to \$200, less 10 p.c.
Mole, \$85, \$100 up to \$250, less 10 p.c.
Natural Squirrel, \$65 to \$225, less 10 p.c.
Toupe Squirrel, \$100 to \$215, less 10 p.c.
Beaver, \$55 to \$125, less 10 p.c.

STRAIGHT SCARVES

- Mole, 12x72, \$150, less 10 p.c.
Hudson Seal, 10x72, \$150, less 10 p.c.
Natural Squirrel, 10x72, \$140, less 10 p.c.
Skunk, 14x55, \$225, less 10 p.c.

COATS

- Hudson Seal, 35 long, skunk shawl collar, bell cuffs and 12in. border. Regular \$710 for \$697.50
Hudson Seal, 30 long, skunk shawl collar, bell cuffs and self border 6in. deep. Regular \$850 for \$835
All of these Hudson Seal Coats are beautifully lined with Pussywillow fancy silk lining.
Black Pony, length 34 to 36, black lynx cat shawl collar, deep cuffs, border and belts; fancy silk lined. Regular \$275 for \$247.50
Black Pony, length 31 to 34, natural opossum large crush shawl collar and cuffs, fancy silk lining. Regular \$275 for \$252.50
These last two listed have large rummy pockets.
Muskrat Coat, 32 to 36 long, large shawl and cape collar, deep cuffs, border and belts; fancy silk lined. Regular \$400 for \$360
Same coat as above but with the New Brunswick raccoon shawl collar and cuffs. Regular \$525 for \$472.50
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Mink, single skin length, \$20 to \$35, less 10 p.c.
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Kolinsky, single skin length, \$15, less 10 p.c.
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Ermine, \$18 to \$40, less 10 p.c.
Mole, \$25 to \$30, less 10 p.c.
Gray Squirrel, \$15 to \$30, less 10 p.c.
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