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ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN NEWCASTLE

Roman Catholic Societies Hold Magnificent Parade, Listen to Eloquent Speeches, and Present a First Class Drama.

Friday being St. Patrick's Day witnessed the largest Catholic parade ever seen in Newcastle or the North Shore. Under the auspices of Newcastle A. O. H. the Divisions of that order, and of the Knights of Columbus and C. M. B. A. of Newcastle, Chatham Nelson, Douglastown, Barnaby River, Loggieville, Blackville, St. Margarets, and other places in the county congregated here and paraded in the forenoon. Several hundreds, headed by St. Mary's Band, were in line and presented a fine appearance. Many strangers were in town and the best of order and good fellowship prevailed.

In the afternoon there was a mass meeting in the Opera House. On the platform were County Master C. J. Morrissey of the A. O. H., Ex-Mayor Hennessy, Hon. John Morrissey, Rev. P. W. Dixon, and Rev. Father Roche of St. Thomas College, Chatham.

The chairman said the work of the A. O. H. was especially educative. Eight boys were being educated in the colleges of the province, two of whom were in St. Thomas'. He urged all Catholic men to join the Catholic societies.

REV. FATHER ROCHE

Rev. Father Roche was the principal speaker. He regretted the fact that Irish young people were inclining more and more to old bachelorhood and old maidenhood. This was a mistake. They should marry early and raise large and sterling families as of yore.

The A. O. H. of America had last year expended \$8,000,000 in benevolent work. The Irish were a strange people, who never forsook an idea once cherished. No race so loved the old land. None has suffered so much. We in Canada had a freedom within the Empire second to no freedom on earth, and Australia, New Zealand and South Africa had the same. Let the future historian tell how much of that freedom is due to the gitation of Irishmen. Today in his own country the Irishman walks erect, for he sees liberty approaching. The speaker agreed with John Redmond that Ireland should be a nationality within, not outside of the Empire. Separation would be a mistake and was not desired. Ireland had forgiven and would never oppress the minority within her borders. Ulster had nothing to fear. She would probably receive better treatment than the rest of Ireland, for all Irishmen had vowed that never through them should any people suffer anything like what the Irish themselves had had to come through. The mission of the Celtic people was intellectual, moral, spiritual not military or domineering.

The Irish idea was not getting alone Home Rule for Ireland but Home Rule for Scotland and Wales and freedom for England herself. An English local parliament would have time to send men into English mines, factories and slums, and opportunity to grapple with the shocking industrial and social conditions known to exist there. Father Roche's speech made an excellent impression.

REV. P. W. DIXON

Rev. Father Dixon, the beloved pastor of St. Mary's church, followed. He lauded the patience of the Irish race, their magnanimity and intellectual and spiritual characteristics. Irishmen were loyal

to the injuries they had received. Their day of freedom about to dawn, would benefit the empire and the whole human race.

HON. JOHN MORRISSEY

The chief commissioner never felt so proud of being an Irishman. Times had changed in 30 years. Time when Irishmen must take second place, at least in old Northumberland, had gone for ever. They asked nothing but fair play and were now in a position to get it. A free Ireland will give justice to all.

JOHN RENAUD'S TRIUMPH

In the evening the choir of St. Mary's church assisted by friends played an excellent drama—John Renaud's triumph—in the Opera House.

Every seat in the hall—about 700—was filled, and the audience was well paid for their attendance. Among the star actors were little Miss E. McCarron, Misses Harriman, Lawlor, Hogan, Morris and McCabe, and Messrs Geo. M. McDade, C. P. McCabe, Bryan D. Hennessy, Donald S. Creaghan, Fred V. Dalton, J. Manderson, and H. Hachey. The plot was well conceived and every part was well played. As the witty Irish soldier Mr. McCabe delighted the audience as an unjustly condemned man patiently suffering as a convict Mr. Creaghan showed real dramatic talent, as did Miss Harriman in two difficult roles and Miss Hogan as preceptress who finally cornered the assassin and restored the convict to liberty and the arms of his faithful daughter, whose part full of emotion was successfully played by Miss Morris. As one who has to help to expose her supposed father Miss Lawlor had an exceedingly difficult part but maintained it well. As the villain of the play Mr. McDade played his part perfectly.

As specialties Miss Morrison sang "Believe Me If All Those Endeavouring Young Charms" and as an encore "The Last Rose of Summer." C. J. Morrissey sang "In Far Off Killarney" and "Norah Malone." McCurt Fitzpatrick, a born comedian, sang "You Can't Keep the Irish Down" and "Where's Kitty O'Brien?" Masters John and James Sullivan, Charles Morris, Edward McEvoy and Leo Keating sang very nicely and like the older singers were heartily encored.

Misses Sullivan and Lawlor played the piano very beautifully. The plot of the play was as follows:—

SYNOPSIS

PROLOGUE

Part I—Renaud's Cottage Before the Battle.
Part II—Camp of "Kings Own" After the Battle.

Act I—Scene in Wentworth Park.—The Recognition 12 years later.

Act II and III—Drawing Room in Castle Wentworth.

Act IV—Room in Castle Wentworth.—The Triumph.

The cast of characters was as follows:—
John Renaud D. S. Creaghan
Duke of Wentworth B. D. Hennessy
Denis O'Rourke C. P. McCabe
Lszare (villain)
Count de Morney G. M. McDade
Magistrate of Montange and Viscount Raoul de Langtry

F. V. Dalton
Joseph (messenger) H. Hachey
Sergt. of the Guard J. Manderson
Madeline Renaud and Dutchess of Wentworth Miss Harriman
Julie Miss McCabe
Sergeant Captains, Etc.

W. MAX AITKEN, M. P. HONORED BY NEWCASTLE

Given Freedom of the Town, Serenaded and Banquetted by Citizens of His Native Place.

Newcastle had a gala day Monday when its people turned out en masse to welcome its former citizen, W. Max Aitken, M. P. for Ashton-under-Lyne, England, who came home to spend a few hours in his birthplace. Pursuant to their previous resolutions the Mayor and Town Council, accompanied by members of the Board of Trade and many others with the Citizens' Band met the distinguished visitor at the station and with music escorted him to the Opera House. There the overflowing audience was called to order by Hon. Donald Morrison, chairman, who after a few well chosen remarks called upon Mayor McMurdo, who presented Mr. Aitken with the following address: W. Max Aitken, Esq., M. P., Sir,

It is with feelings of pride and pleasure, too great for adjectival superlatives to express, we welcome you today to your native town.

The Town Council on behalf of the people of Newcastle on hearing of your visit to the home of your childhood have unanimously decided to give you the freedom of the town during your sojourn here; and we now most heartily tender you the same.

Knowing you through childhood and early youth, your buoyant disposition, mischief and energy endeared you as a companion; but since you went out from among us your constant march up the ladder of success, with never a step backward, has been watched, rung by rung, with ever increasing pride and interest, until the great triumph of being chosen as one of the Legislators in the Empire's Central Parliament at Westminster fell to your lot.

The mother watches with joy and fear the struggles, successes, dangers and promotions of her soldier boy, and when he returns with his stripes and medals, especially without spot on his career, her love and pride and welcome have no language; and the same feelings toward you are the feelings of your native town today.

Your various financial ventures, and successes have been marked with honesty, and absence of anything that looked like wringing wealth at the expense of the people, and each enterprise was a boon to the people instead of what has marked those of many other great financiers, a squeeze out or other means dishonest. Your success, we have noted with pride, has been due principally to honesty, hard work and consideration for the public welfare.

We noted with amusement some of the comments of the English press during the election which placed you in the Imperial Parliament, such as "It was a whirlwind campaign." We, who knew you, knew it would be that or nothing; and again "He took off his coat and landed in 'Ashton-under-Lyne' with both feet." We, who had watched your career, did not need to be told that when you went there at all. But, what gives us the greatest satisfaction is, we feel assured we can tell them that "Ashton-under-Lyne," England, and the Empire will be the better for your presence in the British House of Commons.

We are pleased to note that you

are accompanied by one of England's eminent journalists, and as your friend and companion we welcome him also, and hope he will carry away pleasant recollections of his visit to Newcastle, as well as of Canada generally.

We regret your good wife is not here, also, to share the welcome we tender you; but we desire you to assure her for us, of our best wishes and highest regard, and trust you may both be long spared to enjoy continued and increasing happiness and triumphs.

In conclusion, on behalf of Newcastle, its men and women, its boys and girls, its children and babies, we bid you welcome! welcome! welcome!

Signed on behalf of the town of Newcastle,
L. B. McMurdo, Mayor,
Newcastle N. B., March 20th, 1911.

Mr. Aitken very feelingly replied, thanking his friends for their great consideration, declaring that he always remembered Newcastle with kindly feelings and could never forget her people.

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In the evening Mr. Aitken was serenaded by St. Mary's Band, and late in the evening a large number of the business men of the town sat down to a sumptuous banquet in his honor in the Miramichi Hotel.

About 45 sat down to dinner at ten o'clock and the banquet was over and the guests gone by twelve when Mr. Aitken left for Montreal. The toast of the Governor General was responded to by Wm. A. Park, Ex-M. P. P., Lieut.-Governor, by Sheriff O'Brien, the British Empire by Rev. S. J. Macarthur and H. A. Gwynne, the press by J. L. Stewart, T. W. Butler, E. A. McCurdy, W. J. Jardine, Mayor McMurdo and others spoke and the toast master was Chas. E. Fish, Ex-M. P. P.

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MIRAMICHI PRESBYTERY

In the Presbytery on the afternoon and evening of the 14th instant augmentation of \$250 was granted Harcourt and \$200 to Bass River.

Messrs. Kirk, of Dalhousie, and Patterson, of Harcourt, applied for certification to the home mission board as catechists. The presbytery agreed to grant certificates upon certain formalities being complied with.

Mr. Robt. Watson of Doaktown was recommended to the home mission board for further employment.

The Tide Head congregation was authorized to mortgage their manse for \$2,000.

Rev. R. P. MacKay, D. D., of Toronto, was nominated for moderator of the General Assembly.

The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly: Revs. Archibald, J. R. Miller, MacKay and McLean.

NEWCASTLE BAPTIST CHURCH REOPENED

Large and Attentive Audiences Listen to Eloquent and Inspiring Addresses in the Beautifully Remodeled Edifice.

Friday was a red letter day for the Baptists of Newcastle. Their church, which under the able and untiring superintendency of Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Cousins, and which has been beautifully remodeled and considerably enlarged at the cost of some \$5000, was re-opened on that day in the presence of a large audience. The first service was held at 3 p. m. Its chief feature was the unveiling of the five hand-some memorial windows—two donated by the children of the late Mrs. Jarel Tozer, one by the Lonsbury family, and the remaining two by the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elliott. At each unveiling the audience stood up and sang and an address was given by one or two of the visitors, in the following order:—Rev. Dr. David Hutchison of St. John; Rev. F. E. Bishop, Rev. J. H. MacDonald and W. G. Clark of the Lonsbury-Clark Company, Fredericton; Rev. G. W. Schurman of Campbellton and Rev. F. N. Atkinson of Blackville. Rev. S. J. Macarthur and W. J. Devere of Newcastle were present and assisted in the impressive ceremonies. There were also present Inspector G. W. Mersereau and Dr. Marven of Chatham, Councillor Swain of Doaktown and many others from outside. Rev. Drs. McInyre and Phillips of St. John, were to the great regret of all present, unavoidably absent. Miss Jennie Tozer presided very acceptably at the organ, and the music, both vocal and instrumental was of a very high order.

The Newcastle Baptist Church, which began 58 years ago with a membership of 6 has now one of the handsomest edifices in the Maritime provinces. The memorial windows are especially beautiful.

The evening exercises were also very impressive. Again the church was crowded. The pastor was assisted by the following speakers:—Rev. F. E. Bishop, G. W. Schurman, Dr. Hutchison, J. H. MacDonald, H. D. Worden of Whiteville and others, who made able addresses. Solos were rendered by H. Chubb McLean of Chatham, Miss F. N. Atkinson and a duet by Mr. and Miss Calder.

About \$100 was collected in the afternoon and a large sum at night. The re-dedication services continued on Sunday. In the morning Rev. J. H. MacDonald preached a powerful and effective sermon on "The Foundation and Function of the Church." Rev. Dr. Hutchison assisted in the devotional exercises. There was a choir of nearly twenty voices, and Mr. McLean ably rendered a solo.

In the afternoon Rev. Dr. Hutchison preached at Derby, and Rev. Mr. MacDonald addressed the young people of the church here.

In the evening Dr. Hutchison spoke from the Text "There Remaineth therefore a Rest for the People of God" and thrilled his large audience. Mrs. F. N. Atkinson sang a solo and there was a duet by Mr. and Miss Calder. These were as usual, ably supplemented by dancing in some cases was doing considerable harm.

alternatives, Rev. Messrs. Hardy and Simpson.

Rev. C. Simpson presented the report of the Social and Moral Reform committee. There was no conflict in this district between Capital and Labor. There were practically no labor organizations. Temperance sentiment was increasing. Vice was not pronounced. Sabbath was fairly well observed.

LADIES' AID SOCIAL

The Methodist Ladies' Aid Society will hold their weekly social tomorrow (Thursday) night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jeffrey.

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