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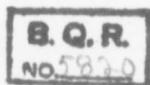
## FOREWORD

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The sixtieth annual banquet of the St. Patricks Society of Montreal in celebration of Ireland's national festival which was held at the Windsor Hotel on the evening of Wednesday, March 17th, 1920, was a notable event. Hon. Justice Purcell, President of St. Patricks Society occupied the chair and there was a large and distinguished gathering which taxed the capacity of the commodious dining hall. Among those seated to the right and left of the Chairman at the table of honor were Prof. A. V. Pope, formerly of the University of California, now of New York city, Rev. Father Handly of Chicago, the eminent Paulist Father who had been conducting the Lenten services at St. Patricks Church, Mgr. Donnelly, Right Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice in the Dominion Government, Ald. W. J. Hushion representing the Mayor of Montreal, Henri Bourassa, John Boyd, President of the Canadian National League, A. McA. Murphy, Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, Victor Morin, L'Association Saint-Jean-Baptiste, A. T. Chapman, St. Georges Society, John A. Greig, Caledonian Society, William Drysdale, St. Andrews Society, Col. Clarence F. Smith, Knights of Columbus, Charles Adams, Newfoundland Society, Lyon Cohen, Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, Hon. Dr. J. J. Guerin, former Mayor of Montreal, the Recorder of Montreal, G. H. Semple, Dr. Conroy, M.L.A., Frank Curran, K.C., W. E. Walsh and Major Thomas Guerin, Vice-Presidents St. Patricks Society, Walter Kennedy, M. A. Phelan, K.C., and W. R. Borbridge.

The toasts were "The King", "Ireland", "Canada" and "Our Guests". After the toast of "The King" had been honored with the singing of the National Anthem the chairman called upon Mgr. Donnelly, who in most eloquent terms proposed the toast of "Ireland" which was responded to by Prof. Pope who dealt exhaustively with Ireland's long struggle for self-government. The toast of "Canada" was proposed by Mr. John Boyd, President of the Canadian National League, and, after some eloquent and felicitous remarks by Rev. Father Handly, was responded to by High Hon. C. J. Doherty. The toast of "Our Guests" which was proposed by Major Thomas Guerin was responded to by Mr. Henri Bourassa and Mr. McA. Murphy, President of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society.

The accompanying speech is issued by request in pamphlet form by the Canadian National League for distribution as an appeal for racial concord and national unity.



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