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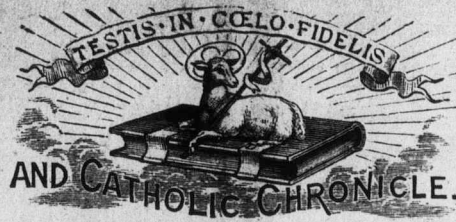
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Irish Party's Policy.

An immediate and vigorous agitation for full national autonomy. A series of public demonstrations in support of that demand; A demand for the breaking up and distribution of the grazing ranches, and support for effecting that object; A demand for the compulsory reinstatement of evicted tenants; A protest against over-taxation; A call on the Irish people to give a preference for Irish goods where possible; Support of a movement to limit the veto of the House of Lords; approval of the policy of starting an Irish candidate in Jarrow.

PARTY POLICY.

These are among the resolutions adopted at the last meeting of the National Directory of the United Irish League held at Dublin. Amendments recalling the party from Parliament for work in Ireland, and inviting Mr. Wm. O'Brien and Mr. T. M. Healey to return to the ranks of the Irish party found few supporters. Writing of the present conditions, Mr. John E. Redmond says: The wave of disappointment and depression which spread over Ireland on the breakdown of Mr. Birrell's bill on Irish government has spent its force and is subsiding rapidly. On the whole I believe what has occurred is good for home rule. If the Council's bill had passed the House of Commons most unquestionably it would have been rejected by the House of Lords, and it would then have passed into the programme of the Liberal Party as its Irish policy. That and that alone would have been the Irish policy submitted to the electors at the next general election and home rule would have been still further from the purview of the near future.

WANT NO HALF MEASURES.

Now no such misfortune can occur. No policy of evolution or half measures can or will be part of the Liberal programme or be submitted to the electors at the next elections. That policy is dead and buried. The Irish policy of the Liberal party must be Home Rule or coercion, and inasmuch as the overwhelming majority of the present Liberal party and the entire Cabinet except five men, is made up of those who believe in Mr. Gladstone's policy, I have little doubt that the next time the electors are appealed to, Home Rule for Ireland will be a foremost and an openly avowed portion of the Liberal programme.

ABOLITION OF THE LORDS.

Let it be remembered that the time for that appeal is not far distant.

Mr. Blake's Retirement.

Chas. R. Devlin M. P. Pays Tribute to His Sterling Worth.

Mr. Blake's departure will constitute an immeasurable loss to the Irish party. No man in it was more respected or more earnestly desired. Sometimes we are told in Canada that Mr. Blake was not as big a figure in the Imperial House as his admirers had expected he would become. This is nonsense, and those who speak thus do not understand the situation, for since his entry into the Imperial parliament Mr. Blake was one of the most prominent figures in that assembly.

His able speeches there created a lasting impression on the minds of the British people, and he displayed unlimited knowledge. It must not be forgotten for a moment that Mr. Blake was an Irish member always. An Irish member discusses Imperial questions simply in regard to their bearing upon Ireland. It happens that no matter how eloquent a speech it may be, it will not get half the attention that is given to some nonsensical dissertation by a very ordinary English member. It is not necessary to tell Canadians that Mr. Blake is a patriot; he was that before he left Canada; he is that to-day, if we understand, by his unselfish devotion to the interests and service of one's country.

Is it necessary to tell Canadians that Mr. Blake is an orator? From 1870 to 1890, who filled the public mind more than he? Whose oratory was more admired in the Imperial House? I have heard him over and over again make great speeches but I never heard him make a weak one. He was listened to because of his knowledge, his experience, his sincerity, his exalted reputation which he enjoyed. His position there was a high one. He was chairman of the investigating committee, one of the most important committees of the House, and everybody knows the great role which he played in the investigation of South African matters, his marvellous cross-examina-

tion. The resolution adopted by the House of Commons by a majority of 285 calling for the practical abolition of the House of Lords will be followed next year by a bill to carry it into effect. That bill will be passed by the lower house by enormous majorities and will be rejected sans phrase by the House of Lords.

In an autumn session next year in all probability it will be again passed by the House of Commons and again rejected by the peers. That will be the beginning of the end, and it is not taking much risk to prophesy that January, 1909, will witness a general election on the question of the House of Lords.

Should the Liberals return with a substantial, even though largely reduced majority (for it must be remembered that their present majority is in the nature of a freak), then most undoubtedly we will be on the eve of such a modification of the constitution as will make the will of the representative assembly supreme and enable Home Rule for Ireland and a score of other great measures to be enacted.

PEOPLE EAGER FOR THE FRAY.

Meanwhile, in Ireland the people are girding up their loins for a period of renewed and vigorous agitation. This winter will see a Home Rule propaganda carried in both Ireland and Great Britain on as great a scale as that which marked the intervals between the two Home Rule bills of 1886 and 1893.

Here and there we hear the voice of discontent and of dissension. When has Ireland, or, for the matter of that, any country, been free from it? William O'Brien still remains at arm's length from his old colleagues and friends, and refuses to re-enter the ranks of a pledge-bound party. A few young men, most of them quite sincere, are calling for the withdrawal of the national party from the House of Commons because of the impatience of youth they chafe at the delays and disappointments and entirely overlook the enormous and steady advances and concessions of the past twenty-five years.

But speaking of Ireland as a whole the people, lay and clerical, are united and hopeful and determined. They believe in the old policy of Parnell—a strong agitation at home, a pledge-bound and independent party in Parliament—and they have learned in bitter experience that the one calamity greater than any other conceivable is serious disunion in the national ranks. Every one concerned may take it from me that there is and there will be no such calamity.

The collapse of the recent bill was but a passing cloud, and all goes well with Ireland.

American Pilgrimages to St. Anne.

This Season Will be Record Breaker.

Three long trains passed through the city Monday morning, filled with pilgrims to St. Anne's shrine. They came mostly from New York and Connecticut. This monster pilgrimage was organized by Rev. Father Robillard, of Albany, N.Y. Fully eighteen hundred people were on the three long trains which reached the city at 6.45 a.m., 7.25 a.m. and 9.15 a.m., over the Delaware and Hudson, coming to Bonaventure station and going out from Windsor station over the C.P.R. about an hour later in each case. The pilgrimage originated at Albany, Troy and Cohoes, but among those taking part were many New Yorkers and quite a number from various parts in New York and Connecticut, who joined the pilgrimage along the line. Among those who came on, are many former residents of various portions of the province, who besides visiting the shrine at St. Anne's will visit relatives and friends at their former homes.

Benziger Brothers have issued the third volume of the valuable work "Patron Saints for Catholic Youth," by Mary E. Mannix. It contains graphic pen-pictures of St. Patrick, St. Francis Xavier, St. Louis, St. Charles, St. Catherine, St. Elizabeth, St. Margaret and St. Clare. The price is 85 cents.

Some Irish News.

By a unanimous resolution Downpatrick Commissioners adopted a petition to the local government board to have the town urbanized. Its population in 1901 was 2993, and the total rateable hereditaments within the township amount to £5,683, exclusive of other revenues.

The Derry United Trades and Labor Council has decided, on the proposition of Mr. J. McCarron, to ask Messrs. Millar and Beatty, Dublin, to receive a deputation with a view to settling a dispute with their employees at their Derry branch.

The Sacred Silver Jubilee of Rev. Philip M. Murphy, C.C., Queensdown, was availed of by the parishioners for the purpose of presenting him with a mark of their grateful appreciation of his services during his ministry at Queensdown.

The death at the Presentation Convent, Kilmaree, of Sister Ignatius McVeigh is very much regretted. Sister Ignatius, who was a native of Dublin, was in the thirty-fourth year of her religious life.

Mr. John McCormick, the young Irish tenor, whose rapid success has been a feature of the musical season, has been booked by Messrs. Boosey for their Albert Hall ballad concerts for three years. He has also entered into an important engagement for a series of concerts organized by the National Sunday League.

At the recent examination for learners in the postoffice, Master John Murray, Ballina, secured first place in the United Kingdom, out of 500 candidates. Master Murray was a pupil of the National School, Ballina, conducted by Mr. J. F. McMahon.

At the Drogheda Board of Guardians, Relieving Officer Dunne reported that a man named Patrick Short, a laborer, who a few weeks ago married an inmate of the workhouse, applied for relief and wished to be put on the books. The application was refused.

Mr. Patrick Hayes, carpenter, Youghal, aged about 60 years, became ill at work on Thursday of last week, and died almost immediately. A brother of his is a priest in the United States, and another occupies a prominent position in Southampton.

The death has occurred at the Mercy Convent, Callan, County Kilkenny, of Sister Mary Raphael Connors, who was niece of Cardinal Moran, and was one of the first members of the order that came to Callan, where she greatly interested herself in educational work.

On hearing of the death of his brother in the Infirmary, Armagh, a man named Thomas Townmeyer, residing at Danleely, County Armagh, suddenly expired. Deceased was a strong, healthy man, and it is surmised that the shock of hearing the sad intelligence caused his own death.

Mr. James Birmingham, an old Fenian, and widely known as the treasurer of the Amnesty Association which for years kept up a demand for release of the political prisoners convicted in the early eighties, died at his residence in Cuffee street, Dublin, on June 4. He was very active in the old Fenian movement, turned out in the rising of March 5, 1867, and took part in the skirmish at Tallaght in the southern suburbs of Dublin.

The release from Sligo jail took place on June 8 of Mr. James Fagan, Elphin, who was imprisoned with others in connection with the agitation on the grazing question. Mr. Fagan's sentence would not expire until later, but his release was ordered owing to the serious illness of his wife, who, however, died on the day he was released. A resolution of sympathy with Mr. Fagan was passed by the Boyle Board of Guardians on June 8, on the proposition of Mr. Beirne, J.P., who said it was sad that Mr. Fagan was met at the prison door with the news of the death.

KILDARE.

The death took place on July 4 of the Rev. Father John Doyle, P.P., Mountmellick, at the residence of his cousin, Mrs. Doyle, Tipperary House, Neas. He was 65 years of age and had been ailing for the past five months. He contracted a cold while attending the obsequies of the late Rev. P. Bolger, P.P., Caragh, and up to the time of his death was never able to return to his duties in Mountmellick. He belonged to County Carlow, received his education at Carlow and Maynooth Colleges, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1860. On his ordination he was appointed to the Carlow parish,

and in 1873 was transferred to the Curragh, where he was Chaplain to the Forces for close on nine years. In 1882 he was appointed parish priest of Mountmellick. It was owing to his efforts in this respect that the Mountmellick parish church is considered one of the most beautifully decorated of its kind in Ireland. The remains were removed to Mountmellick, where the interment took place.

DERRY.

At Derry on July 2 a disgraceful attack was made on a procession of members of St. Columba's Total Abstinence Society when returning from their annual excursion to Moville. Passing into John street on the way to their assembly hall, four men of the Orange connection rushed upon the processionists, shouting "No Pope," and succeeded in disorganizing for a time the march past. Considerable excitement was occasioned, and the processionists were taken completely by surprise as there is nothing of a party nature in the society, or parade or banners carried which are purely symbolic of the temperance movement. The occurrence is generally condemned by respectable citizens. The police were present, but effected no arrests.

LOUTH.

A meeting of ex-pupils of the Christian Brothers' Schools, Dundalk, was held in the Town Hall on July 2, with the object of taking steps to erect a monument to perpetuate the memory of the late Rev. Brother Yorke, founder of the schools.

MAYO.

A great demonstration to honor the memory of Michael Davitt was held at his birthplace and burial place, Straide, on Sunday, June 30. The weather was fine, and between 6000 and 7000 people attended from all parts of the county. The principal speakers were Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., and Father O'Hara, Kiltimagh. There were admiration and gratitude in the words of the speakers, and the applause of the people. But the dominant feeling of the meeting was a deep personal affection and grief. Assuredly the character and services of Michael Davitt deserve the highest tribute that Ireland can bestow. His name will ever be held by his fellow-countrymen in honored, grateful but above all, loving remembrance. Ireland has had many patriots who suffered in her cause; none truer, none braver, than Michael Davitt.

The Very Rev. Canon Lyons, P.P., Castlebar, has received an intimation from Mr. P. F. Collier, New York, that he is sending a specially selected consignment of standard literary works for the use of the Castlebar Public Library. Mr. Collier has already presented the public libraries at Blackrock, Carlow and Leighlin-bridge with similar consignments. It is understood to be Mr. Collier's intention to return to Meath in the autumn for the hunting season.

The deaths took place recently at the age of 112 and 105 years respectively of Mrs. Mary Mangin, Kildedy, Co. Limerick, and Mrs. Ryder, Ballina, Co. Mayo.

The people of the parishes of Nail and Jamestown have decided to present an address to the Very Rev. Francis O'Neill, P.P., on the attainment of his golden jubilee.

At a sitting of the Royal Commission on Congestion, held in Kenmare on Thursday, Archdeacon O'Leary, P.P., V.G., produced figures showing that emigration from Kerry is very considerable and a great drain on the county.

Mr. Richard Croker, of Glencairn, has generously given a donation of £500 to St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, the slender resources of which are strained to the utmost in relieving the suffering poor who throng its wards at all times.

Thos. Kelly, of Lurganboy, Co. Tyrone, celebrated his 106th birthday on Friday last. During the winter he has dwelt several houses, and in the spring was to be seen ploughing. He says he feels as young as ever. The centenarian enjoys a smoke, and can read and write without the aid of glasses.

Rev. Father Doogan, P.P., Philadelphia, addressing the congregation in St. Mary's Church, Stewartstown, Co. Tyrone, on Sunday, said American cities were overcrowded, and he advised the youths who contemplated going out to the States to remain at home, unless they had some friends there who would guarantee employment.

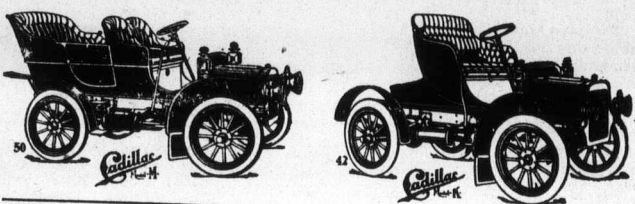
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Glorious Victory for Shamrocks.

The Toronto opinion, as well as the opinion of all lacrosse experts, is that our own Shamrocks are invincible. They beat the Tecumseh's last Saturday to the tune of 4 to 3 in a game that awakened the most intense enthusiasm. This game leaves the standing of the clubs to-day as follows:

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Cornwall	8	4	4	4	
Toronto	7	3	4	5	
National	8	3	5	4	
Capital	6	2	4	6	
Montreal	6	1	5	6	

Of the invincible Irish boys, the Toronto press has the following to say: Toronto World:—"The object of the double referee system is for each official to look after the play in one end of the field only, but in Saturday's game there were many times when the two men were together at either end, and the ball at the opposite end."

"Now the Shamrocks are far more foxy than the Tecumseh's, and took advantage of the absence of an official to hand out a jolt, or a jab, and they usually got away with it. However, it is doubtful if the Tecumseh's could have beaten the Irishmen under more favorable conditions, as the wearers of the green certainly played great lacrosse and are entitled to all credit or winning. From Tierney in goals, to Hogan at inside home, there was not a weak spot on the team, and every man played as if his life depended on the result of the game."

The Mail and Empire says:—"The Shamrocks are it. They are the biggest thing in the N.L.U., for on Saturday afternoon they defeated the Tecumseh's on the Island oval before an immense crowd by a score of 4 to 3. Never was there a greater match at the Island."

"Of course the Shamrocks defeated the Tecumseh's in Montreal last week, but few in Toronto expected to see defeat perch on the Indians' banners on their own grounds. Even the hundred or so of enthusiastic Shamrock supporters, who occupied the south end of the grand stand, did not expect their team to win. The knowing ones now pick the Shamrocks to provide a covering for the cup from next winter's snows. Both teams started playing hard and finished playing harder. It was good lacrosse, even for an N.L.U. game, for the two best teams in the league were playing at their best. It would be hard to pick stars from either. Both defences were perhaps more noticeably efficient than the home. For the Indians, Davidson, Ficker and Rountree made particularly brilliant plays, and kept the home def well, while for the Irish,

Kavanagh and Tierney were special favorites. "The game was as clean as such a strenuous game could be. Both teams hurled imprecations at Lally, but it would be hard to truthfully say that either side was favored."

THE INTERCOLONIAL SEASIDE EXCURSIONS.

I. C. R. Announces Low Rates to Favorite Watering Places in Maritime Provinces.

The Intercolonial Railway's announcement of low rates from Montreal to various watering places in the East will be read with special interest by many who long to get away from the heat and dust of the city for a short time. The excursions advertised are from Montreal to the various points along the lower St. Lawrence, to the shores of Northumberland Straits, the Bay of Fundy, Prince Edward Island, the Atlantic Coast, and Newfoundland via the splendid through vestibuled trains "Maritime Express," and the "Ocean Limited," train de luxe, which leave Montreal at 12 o'clock noon and 7.30 p.m., daily except Saturday. A midsummer vacation trip by either of the above celebrated trains will prove a revelation as regards comfort and convenience to the traveller. Rapid travelling, elegant coaches, standard parlor and sleeping cars, and superior dining car service all help to make the trip enjoyable, and there is in addition a continual panorama in daylight hours taking in the scenic and picturesque Matapedia and Westworth valleys, en route to Charlottetown, the Garden City of Prince Edward Island, St. John, N.B., the Loyalist City, and Halifax, the Citadel City by the sea.

A Touching Ceremony.

The closing exercises this year at Loreto Convent, Niagara Falls, Ont., were rendered more than usually interesting by a ceremony at the end of the day's proceedings. The programme proper completed, the pupils repaired to the chapel, where, at the close of a hymn, Miss Jane Hefferman read the act of consecration to the Blessed Virgin, asking in a special manner for the protection of those who were about to enter life's arena. This touching little ceremony was terminated by the five graduates bringing their newly won, well-merited crowns to the foot of Our Lady's statue, while the devotional hymn to the Sacred Heart, "O Sacred Heart of Jesus we Thee implore, that we may ever love Thee more and more," was sung by the rest of the pupils.