



THOUGHTS.

Life without thought, fair reason's power We scoundrels can't control...

JAMES REDPATH ON IRELAND.

A Plain Statement of what he Saw and what he Thought.

Last week, when in New York, we received an unexpected call at an hotel from our friend James Redpath...

"I think," he said, "the Tribune has behaved quite handsomely. Mr. Reid, when I was ready to start for Ireland, gave me very brief instructions..."

"Well, do you know, I was a little fellow then, about 12, and my father was a Scotch Presbyterian, and somehow that sentence stuck in my memory until it worked all the Scotch Presbyterianism out of me..."

"I remember one day I was dining in the Shelburne Hotel and met Mr. Hepworth. I was telling him of the scenes I had seen in County Mayo..."

"How is it," I asked the Orangeman, "that you follow, with your different race and different religion, don't get along any better, man for man, in America than the Irish Catholics as soon as both of you have a fair field and no favors?"

"Now, I want over to Ireland prejudiced against Mr. Parnell and his followers—not much, but just a little. If I had found the facts against him, I would have reported them without fear or favor..."

"The Irish in America can never be thoroughly understood until you have seen them at home. And they improve on acquaintance. They are truly a warm-hearted and

generous people, at least every American will find them so; although, possibly, their hereditary hatred of the rule of England may conceal their good qualities from British travellers...

This inherited trait gives to the leader of the Irish popular party, whoever for the time he may be, an influence over his followers to which we have no parallel in our American politics...

We informed Mr. Redpath that the New York Herald had reported by cable that Mr. Parnell had received a cold reception at Cork.

"Well," said Mr. Redpath, "I haven't seen the Herald's account. But one of their correspondents, when the American consul at Cork remarked on the heartiness of Mr. Parnell's reception, told him that he had telegraphed that only the rabble received him..."

"I went up with the delegations to Cork. At every station there were cheering crowds. At Cork there were thousands at the depot. As soon as Parnell stepped out of the train, he was wildly cheered..."

"Well," he answered, "I'm glad there are three Irish Relief Funds, notwithstanding Mr. Parnell's objections to the Castle and Mansion House Funds..."

tending to help, found out the way how not to do it, and adopted that policy. If you report anything of what I say about the relief funds, just write me down as one that despises the miserly soul of Queen Victoria...

"Well, now, there are two American Relief funds—the Herald's and a Philadelphia fund. All that I have to say about them is, that they are not necessary—that it would have been far better if both Funds had been handed over, in any fair proportion, to the Castle, the Mansion and the Land League Funds..."

We asked Mr. Redpath as to the probable duration of the distress.

From all I could gather, and I worked incessantly to get at the facts, there are 350,000 persons who are entirely dependent on charity. I presume that the funds now in hand will last till the end of May—at any rate there will be funds enough to last till that time...

Just a word more. I never met a sincerer nor more honest set of men anywhere than the Irish anti-landlord agitators. Davitt, Egan, Brennan, Ferguson, London and the rest of them are men who would do credit to any party or any country.—Boston Pilot.

BRADLAUGH'S ATHEISM.

LONDON, May 3.—In the House of Commons to-day, the question of Mr. Charles Bradlaugh's seat came up for discussion. In a well considered and temperate speech, Mr. Bradlaugh claimed that he should be admitted on making an affirmation instead of taking the oath...

—Dr. Richard Cronin, of Drogheda, has been elected by a large majority as medical officer of Slane Dispensary.

Scotch News.

The Greenock bakers have reduced the price of bread one halfpenny on the 4th inst. A similar reduction took place in Glasgow about a week ago.

A young man named Charles Hughes died at Newton-Stewart on 11th April from the effects of falling into a bonfire which was kindled to celebrate the return of Sir Herbert Maxwell as Conservative member for Wigtonshire.

MORTALITY ON BOARD A DUNDEE VESSEL.—Information has been received in Dundee by the owners of the barque Japan, Captain Stott, that the crew of the vessel had all died of yellow fever at Rio Janeiro.

An intimation having been given by the Coltness Iron Company to their miners that a reduction of wages would take place, none of them went to their work on Monday, but a meeting was held and a deputation sent to the Newmarket office to learn the amount of the reduction...

The returns of the births, deaths and marriages registered in the eight principal towns of Scotland during the month of March is as follows:—During the month of March, 1880, there were registered in the eight principal towns of Scotland the births of 3911 children...

The Tay Bridge Accident.—The bodies of James Beales, apprentice grocer, Newport, and Thomas Annan, mechanic, Prince's-street, Dundee—two of the victims of the Tay Bridge disaster—were recovered on Sunday morning, 11th April.

MR. BLAKE AND THE LEADERSHIP.—Mr. Mackenzie's resignation rendered the appointment of a new Reform leader necessary, and Mr. Blake was elected to the position by unanimous vote in caucus of the Liberal members of both Houses of Parliament.

CATHOLIC NEWS.

I am informed that the Countess of Strathmore has been received into the Catholic Church. Her ladyship, who is the daughter of Oswald Smith, Esq., of Blendon Hall, Kent, was married in 1853 to the Right Hon. Claude Bowes Lyon, thirteenth Earl of Strathmore, of Kinghorne, a representative peer for Scotland.—Dublin Freeman.

In a conversation between Cardinal Manning and the Pope, His Eminence is reported to have informed Leo XIII. that the result of the election in England would probably be beneficial to the Catholics in Ireland...

On Tuesday in the pretty little village Catholic church of Newtonforbes were married the second son of the Premier Duke, Marquis, and Earl of Ireland with the eldest daughter of the Earl of Granard, the head of the first Catholic family in Ireland.

Or Saturday afternoon an influential deputation, headed by Lord O'Hagan, and including Viscount Garmeston, Lord Enly, Archbishop of Dublin, Bishop of Galway, Bishop of Limerick, Bishop of Clogher, Chief Justice of the Irish Commission Pleas, Lord Chief Baron, and Justices Barry, Flanagan, &c., waited upon Cardinal Newman at the Oratory, Birmingham...

THE INSOLVENCY LAW.

A DEPUTATION FROM THE MONTREAL BOARD OF TRADE INTERVIEW THE MINISTER OF FINANCE.—PROVISIONS FOR EQUIABLE DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS URGED.

OTTAWA, May 1.—The deputation from Montreal, which waited on the Minister of Justice on Saturday, urged upon the Government the necessity of passing a Bill this session providing for the equitable distribution of Insolvent Assets in the Province of Quebec.

RENEWED RIOTS.

A REVOLT AMONG QUEBEC LABORERS—ONE MAN MISSING—THROWN INTO THE RIVER.

QUEBEC, May 3.—The anticipated trouble with the ship-laborers commenced this afternoon at 4 p.m. A skirmish took place on Dalhousie street, between the Union Canadienne and the Old Ship-laborers' societies, when revolvers were freely used...

A second fracas occurred in Aroher Leduc's flour store, between men of the two ship-laborers' societies. One man named Ratto, living in St. Sauveur, and an unknown Union Canadienne man, were most severely beaten about the head with sticks, and were also cut in the neck, and were conveyed to the Marine Hospital in a bleeding condition.

Another account says a disgraceful row took place this afternoon in Dalhousie street among the ship laborers, which may result fatally to some of the wounded. It would appear that a gang of men from the seceders, or Union Canadienne, were about embarking on board a small steamer, to be taken out to the S.S. Quebec, at anchor in the stream, for the purpose of discharging her Quebec cargo...

—Sometime ago the members of the Union Canadienne Ship Laborers' Association declared that they would work on ships on half and half principles; that is, the labor should be done by half Frenchmen and half old country people. This was the beginning of the storm, which culminated to-day. Little wrangling between the two nationalities continued until this afternoon, when upon revolt showed itself.

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TAXING CANADIAN CAPITAL.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 3.—The Governor this afternoon gave a hearing in opposition to the bill taxing foreign capital. The Merchants' Bank of Canada, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the Bank of Montreal, and the Bank of British North America were represented.

Owing to the failure of the herring fishery great destitution prevails at Bonne Bay, Nfld. The Bank of England has discovered a thoroughly effectual safeguard against forgery.