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SITUATION OF THE "UNIONIST"
GOVERNMENT.

A week ago to-day Mr. Balfour was squarely and fairly defeated on the floor of the House of Commons upon a vote for the reduction of the grant to the Irish Land Commission. No motion could have been framed as a more direct censure of the Government, and coming from Mr. John Redmond as leader of the Irish Party, and being his avowed reply to Mr. Balfour's proposal to cut down Ireland's representation in the House by 22 seats, the issue so raised was regarded by both parties as involving the life or death of the administration. It was somewhat of a general surprise that the Government was defeated upon the division; but when we come to consider the recent exposures of defects in the Land Purchase Act, made by Mr. Redmond by Lord Dunraven and others, it is little wonder that the sense of the House of Commons declined to support the work of the commissioners or to vote supplies at the Government's behest.

After the division the House adjourned without transacting further business, and on Monday last Mr. Balfour delivered his official statement regarding the situation. He announced that the Government did not propose either to resign or dissolve parliament as a result of the defeat; but he sat down without referring to any further business of the session. And it is hardly conceivable that he can have the insolence of attempting to carry on the affairs of the country as if nothing had occurred. It is not the defeat in the House alone that humiliates and paralyzes Mr. Balfour. Government candidates, wherever they have been put up in bye-elections within the past year or two, have been uniformly beaten; and it is apparent to all observers that the so-called Unionist Party no longer retains the confidence of the majority of the electors of Great Britain.

Perhaps the most significant point of all in connection with the defeat of the Government in the House of Commons was its immediate association with the new constitutional question raised by Mr. Balfour himself, when he proposed the destruction of the Act of Union, or at least of the representation solemnly pledged to Ireland under that Treaty. The Treaty of Union was entered into in the year 1800 by the Parliament of Great Britain and the Irish Parliament. The preamble of the English Act which embodies the Act of Union describes it as a "Treaty" of Union; and the chief article of the Treaty declares that "one hundred Commoners shall sit and vote on the part of Ireland in the Imperial Parliament." And a following article of the Treaty is in these terms: "The aforesaid articles are hereby declared to be the Articles of Union of Great Britain and Ireland, and the same shall be in force and effect forever." Forever! According to Mr. Balfour's code, of "after me the deluge," the Treaty shall be torn when ever he is tempted to destroy it through partisan expediency; and it is indeed the irony of fate that the Irish Parliamentary Party, long abused as the "disloyal" and "separatist" party, should in a time of crisis, rise up as the defenders of the Act of Union, notwithstanding the long night of misgovernment and tyranny it brought upon Ireland and the Irish people. That Mr. Balfour and his so-called "Unionist" party, who have traded for years upon popular cries of loyalty and unity should be the ones to treacherously and recklessly

blushing incident in the entire history of the Union.

Humiliated beyond measure as the Government must feel itself by Mr. Redmond's victory, there is no Tory hope in prospect. Mr. Redmond and Mr. Campbell-Bannerman have both pledged themselves to make short work of the Government's retention of office. This means that no business will be done by the consent of the Opposition until Mr. Balfour has appealed to the country and accepted the logic of the situation in which he finds himself to-day.

MR. REDMOND AND MR. WM.
O'BRIEN.

It is a strange and regrettable fact at a moment when the energies of the Irish Parliamentary Party should be united and strained in the utmost resistance to the Government that has threatened to cripple its power by infamous legislation, that any member or members of that party should appear responsible for a single sign of weakness or disunion on Ireland's side. For weeks, however, the newspapers have been making the most of Mr. William O'Brien's differences with his colleagues; and we observe from the recent speeches of Mr. O'Brien and of Mr. John Redmond that the situation which has recently arisen would quickly become serious enough had Mr. O'Brien the personal influence to draw any section of the party to his side. Mr. O'Brien, who stands with Lord Dunraven, Mr. Wyndham and the believers in devolution, professes to believe that the operation of the Land Purchase Act has been interfered with by the Irish Party; and his idea is to create an independent group with different ideas of what is good for the farmers and laborers of Ireland. For the advancement of his aims he has seen fit to attack the Irish Party. To him Mr. Redmond makes reply in substance: Mr. O'Brien retired from Parliament without consulting me. He has remained outside the Party ever since. He prevented Mr. Roche from taking the party pledge in Cork. He has accused his colleagues of cowardice and hypocrisy. Let him, like every other man, big or little, come in and take the party pledge and his share in the responsibility of our actions. He is now attempting to dictate to the Party from outside. Mr. Redmond continues:

"Now this is a time of great peril in one sense to the National cause, but for my part I have no fear at all of the result. Our people have learned the lesson of disunion, and to-day, thank God, they are united. We have a great and powerful organization behind us. We have the active support of Irishmen in every part of the world. We have the sympathy and goodwill of all the nations of the earth. We are well equipped, therefore, to fight the battle that is before us, and to win the battle that is before us, if only the leaders of the people are not distracted by divided counsels. I appeal, therefore, for unity amongst the leaders of the Irish people. Let every man be heard, every man be entitled to his views, entitled to put them forward, entitled to have them fully and fairly discussed. Let great services and great ability carry their proper weight in the counsels of the nation, but no man—and I say it with all respect—no man is great enough to be entitled from outside of the Party and without taking part in its counsels to dictate to it what its policy ought to be. Full and free discussion inside the Party, but once a decision is come to, then let it be obeyed, just as well by the distinguished leaders of a quarter of a century of service as by the humble workers or newest novices in our ranks. Believe me, the maintenance of an independent Nationalist Party in the House of Commons depends absolutely upon the pledge. Believe me, with that pledge, with a really pledge-bound Party, there is nothing we cannot achieve. These efforts to diminish our numbers are as funny as they are malicious. They cannot touch what is the real secret of our power. I am not sure that if they disfranchised Ireland altogether, and drive every Irishman out of the House of Commons, that Ireland's power to distract the counsels of this nation, that Ireland's power to win freedom for herself, would not be even greater. In fighting against us, our enemies are fighting against a thing that is as the air—invulnerable; which is, as the spirit of man, no wealth can destroy the essential element for our Movement, which is this—by the decree of the Almighty we are a distinct nation, and by the service and the bravery and the courage and sacrifice of our forefathers we have a distinct history—a history full of suffering perhaps, but full of glory and full of inspiration."

two. So the local license commissioners have decided. The hotel to be annihilated is the Oakville House, of which Mr. McDermott is proprietor. In the time during which Mr. McDermott has had the hotel no charge has been laid against it. The license inspector gives the house and its proprietor an excellent report and a large signed petition has been drawn up in favor of having the license retained. Mr. McDermott is willing to spend any amount deemed necessary to put the house on an up-to-date footing regarding its equipment. There is therefore nothing against him as a most desirable landlord. As his hotel stands it is the best and most carefully managed in the town. Why is Mr. McDermott chosen as a victim? The answer is not hard to find. This is no isolated case. The County of Peel has had its licenses decreased considerably. The property of Catholics was almost exclusively chosen for destruction there. Glengarry, too, has been revised. In the great majority of cases there also Catholic landlords were made to suffer. On general grounds we have no objection to a reduction of licenses which is a matter within the judgment of local commissioners. But what we do object to is a one-sided slaughter. The case of Mr. McDermott and the Oakville House is only one more instance added to the largely growing number who have been dealt with abruptly and without a particle of consideration because the commissioners of the new Government understand that they can have a free hand in the ruin of Catholic hotelkeepers.

A DISTINGUISHED PRIEST.

Irish Catholics throughout the world, and especially the Catholic clergy of Irish birth, will learn with regret of the death at Rome, in the first week of July, of Very Rev. Monsignor William H. Murphy, rector of the Irish College. Heart failure, hastened by the terrible heat from which Rome suffers at this time of the year, was the cause. Among the many eminent and representative ecclesiastics who have expressed their condolence on the occasion of the rector's death was the head of the Canadian College.

It is said that every Irishman who came to Rome within the last four years, whether from the United States, Canada, Australia, Africa or the British Islands, found in Monsignor Murphy a helpful friend. Mr. P. L. Connellan, the well known Rome correspondent, says of him: "You felt how noble a character an Irish priest is. His high abilities, and his piety and devotion, united with the qualities of the Christian gentleman, contributed to make him highly esteemed and respected. The Pontiff, Pius X., had a warm affection for him which was witnessed in many delicate ways."

On the occasion of Monsignor Murphy's silver jubilee on the 22nd February last His Eminence Cardinal Merry del Val wrote a letter to the rector in which he said: "It has pleased the Holy Father to take a special interest in your joy. Wherefore, wishing to testify benevolence and affection towards you, His Holiness has deigned to confer upon you the high dignity of Protonotary Apostolic ad instar Participantium."

Monsignor Murphy was formerly secretary to the Archbishop of Dublin. He was subsequently appointed to a curacy in the University College, Stephen's Green, Dublin. He was a native of Athy, and was 49 years of age.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF BUFFALO
CATHEDRAL.

St. Joseph's Cathedral, Buffalo, has just celebrated the golden jubilee of its existence by a four days' festival. The Catholic Union and Times gives a finely graphic and exhaustive account of the proceedings, devoting the greater part of its issue and a supplement to the occasion. The work of the past fifty years is reviewed and the gradual development from small beginnings to the present satisfactory and substantial condition of the Cathedral and its auxiliaries are all drawn with an able pen. The ceremonies were most imposing, the presence of the Delegate and the large number of prelates and other ecclesiastical dignitaries giving grace and brilliancy to the setting. The decorations of both interior and exterior of the Cathedral were lavish and artistic, the entire environment being altogether in keeping with the epoch-making event in the history of a great city. A pleasing feature of the account is the gratitude of remembrance. Seemingly none are forgotten. The labors of its bishops—Tymon, Ryan, Quigley and Colton, the present head of the diocese—are all revived, the long line of faithful and hard-working members in the rank and file of the

numerous and different parish societies are all touched upon, the whole forming a most interesting story, and here and there at intervals the name of Father Biden, the present rector of St. Joseph's, appears as the one to whom much of the success of the celebration is due. The Catholic Register congratulates St. Joseph's on its fine record, and The Catholic Union and Times on its very fine and interesting summary.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mgr. O'Hagan of St. Albans, Ireland, is dead.

Mgr. Grouard, of St. Albert, anticipates that the settlement coming into Athabasca and the Peace River country will compare favorably with Manitoba.

The Osservatore Romano contradicts the report that Pope Pius X. recently expressed a wish to leave the Vatican had he the power to do so.

Hon. S. N. Parent, ex-Prime Minister of Quebec, has been offered and has accepted the chairmanship of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission.

Another Irishman takes his place in the front rank of Canadian railway men. Mr. B. B. Kelliher has been appointed chief engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific with headquarters in Montreal. He is an Irishman born whose railway training has been received in the United States.

The 25th anniversary of the priesthood of Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, has been made the occasion of a happy celebration in Letterkenny. A message of "deep love" was received from the Pope, through Cardinal Merry del Val, imparting the Apostolic Benediction.

Enough of the old spirit seems to have survived in Ireland and Scotland to create a general jubilation upon the occasion of the marriage of the Marquis of Bute and Miss Augusta Bellingham. The ancient blood was quickened by the music of the pipes and the Gaelic League hailed "the Stuart Lord of the Isles." The newly wedded pair are the offspring of converts to the Catholic Church; and the young Marquis and Marchioness of Bute have the affectionate congratulations of the Catholic population of the United Kingdom.

Rev. Father Devine Dead

Rev. Father F. M. Devine, the widely known parish priest of Osceola, in North Renfrew County, died at the Hotel Dieu, Montreal, on the 13th inst. He was visiting in the city when attacked by illness, which ere long it was seen would prove fatal, and members of his family were hastily summoned and had the good fortune to reach the dying priest in time for a last farewell. The zeal and administrative ability of Father Devine were so great as to be conspicuous and two handsome churches, besides schools and other institutions, speak of his active work amongst his people, by whom his memory is everywhere loved and revered. Father Devine is survived by his aged mother and two of his sisters are members of the Community of St. Joseph, one, Sister Crescentius of the House of Providence, Toronto, and the other Sister Victoria of Thorold. Mr. T. W. McGarry, M.P.P., of Renfrew, is a brother-in-law. The funeral took place from his old church on Tuesday of last week, many attending from a distance. R.I.P.

Judge MacMahon's Memoirs

It is said that Judge MacMahon purposes writing his memoirs of the politics of the early days of Confederation. The work is eagerly looked for, as it is expected to contain much of high interest along this particular line. Judge MacMahon was personally acquainted with many of the men who made history in the first days of our Dominion, and his writings will, therefore, be filled with that peculiar interest which personal experience alone can give.

St. Vincent de Paul Quarterly Meeting

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul held their regular quarterly general meeting on Sunday last in St. Vincent's Hall. Most of the conferences throughout the city were well represented. Rev. Father Minehan, Mr. H. T. Kelly and others spoke at some length on the general work of the Society. It was pointed out that the chief duties of members were spiritual; that the distribution of temporary relief was not the primary object for which the Society was founded. The teaching of Catechism was considered one of their most important works, and it is intended to put some scheme along these lines into practical shape as soon as the holiday season is over. The President stated that Mr. Wm. O'Connor, of the Children's Aid Society, had been appointed to the office of assistant

FAITH AND RACE SUICIDE

It is curious how in this world as well as the next races or peoples are undone by unfaith, says the New World.

Look back into the past. Once there was the great Hittite or Akkadian Empire. It antedated that of Babylon by many centuries. At first its people had faith. They lost it and the great empire went to pieces. Now only scholars are able to perceive it flitting like a wraith on the horizon of history.

Babylon rose and perished from the same cause. Egypt came next and next vanished. Greece came later, and later lost faith in her gods and went down. Rome followed and likewise fell, and the light of Christianity was upon the world.

The history of the Jews shows that whenever that race was true to God it flourished. Whenever it went astray punishment came upon it.

Are there no modern examples of God's direction of human affairs? Our government has just published a report of one of our consuls in France which is well nigh startling. As everyone knows, nowadays, France has sadly departed from Christian faith. Freethought and anti-Christian radicalism abound. In no country, if we may judge from a Paris daily exchange, are there so many atheistic congresses held.

Now mark the effect—an inevitable effect as any careful reading of history will show. The consular report mentioned lays bare, in cold, unsympathetic figures, the awful fact that France is dying. Year after year the number of births is decreasing at an alarming rate. Race suicide is so prevalent that national disaster already is in sight. Having lost faith in God, evidently millions of French people have also lost love of home and country, and it has remained for the government of another republic to publish fullest details of their dishonor.

Thus it turns out invariably. Freethought is a barren mistress. She boasts her disbelief of revealed religion and professes a belief in a creed which she calls the religion of Humanity; yet she seldom loves humanity well enough to reproduce the human species. For her there is no posterity; neither can she expect any future. It is well. As a people make choice so shall they be.

Death of Mr. John P. Organ

Mr. John P. Organ, an old-time pressman, died at his home, 112 Elm street, on Tuesday, the 25th inst. Mr. Organ was foreman of The Globe pressmen for many years during the time of the late Hon. Geo. Brown, and for the past thirty years was employed in the Methodist Book Room. The deceased leaves a widow and five sons. The funeral will take place this morning (Thursday) from St. Patrick's church to St. Michael's Cemetery. R.I.P.

Kelliher is Chief Engineer

Montreal, July 24.—The appointment of B. B. Kelliher as chief engineer for the Grand Trunk Pacific was this morning confirmed at the head offices.

Mr. Kelliher has been with the G.T.P. since 1904 as division engineer at Winnipeg, which office he held until his recent appointment to the chief engineership. He is an Irishman, but from 1886 to 1901 had wide railway experience in the States. He, however, never took out naturalization papers or dropped his British allegiance.

Retreat at the Abbey

Rev. Father Wm. Clarke, S.J., of New York, is giving the Annual Retreat to the Sisters of Loretto at the Abbey. One hundred and twenty are in attendance.

Judge Hugh O'Leary

Mr. Hugh O'Leary of Lindsay, one of the most prominent Catholics of the town, and one of the ablest lawyers of the province, has been appointed to a vacancy on the Bench at Port Arthur. The appointment gives general satisfaction.

Know Them by Their Fruits

A circular letter inviting the editor to take stock in a co-operative, so called, whiskey house, says, "This is not a wild scheme, but a thoroughly legitimate, honest and respectable business enterprise, backed up by honest, upright, conservative and reputable business men who would not lend their names to anything that was not legitimate and straight-forward." This seems really funny to us! There is nothing like having a good opinion of yourself and your business, but we have a faint recollection of reading in an old book something like the following: "By their fruits ye shall know them," and therefore we concluded not to invest. No money in it! On your life, there is money in it! Too many other things in it though. Too many heart pangs, too much misery, too much poverty, too much ruin and desolation; things for which money offers no compensation. No, gentlemen, you will have to excuse us this time.—Catholic Home Companion.

Successful "Entrance" Candidate

The following pupils of the Sisters of Loretto have been successful at the examination for entrance to the collegiates: Teresa Higgins, Irene Foley, May Coster, May Kennedy, Annie O'Neill, Fred. Kelly, Edgar Kennedy, Percy Conway, John Shaw, John Napoleana.

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OBITUARY

REV. FR. GRAYNEILLE DIES
AT AN ADVANCED AGE.

Rev. Father P. L. Grayneille, S.J., died last week at the Novitiate at Sault au Recollet, aged eighty.

DEATH OF THOMAS FARRELL.

Thomas Farrell of Kingston died on Saturday at the Hotel Dieu. He had been ailing for some time. Deceased was born at Longford, Ireland, about 55 years ago.

AN OLD G.T.R. EMPLOYEE DEAD.

Mr. Patrick Connors of Hamilton, and an old employee of the G.T.R., died at his home last week in his 83rd year. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. Phoenix of Hamilton.

REV. FATHER CUSACK
DROWNED.

Rev. Father Cusack of the Diocese of Sherbourne and four young men, were drowned in Lake Aylmer, Quebec. The fatality was due to the capsizing of the boat. The accident has shocked the entire community.

DEATH OF MRS. JOSEPH O'BRIEN,
OTTAWA.

Mrs. O'Brien, wife of Mr. Joseph O'Brien, of the Government Printing Bureau, Ottawa, and sister of Mr. A. E. Bonner, organist of St. Patrick's church, died at her home after an illness of four months. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place on Friday last from St. Joseph's church to Notre Dame cemetery.

KILLED WHILE AT MASS.

Fermo, Italy, July 16.—The roof of the chapel of the Women's Hospital fell in to-day during the celebration of Mass, killing sixteen women and fifty children and injuring thirty-two. The injured have been taken from the ruins. Many of them will die. The cause of the catastrophe is as yet unknown. Workmen are still engaged upon the ruins and the nearby hospitals are filled.

SAD DEATH OF MRS. D. MALONEY.

Mrs. D. Maloney, wife of Mr. Denis Maloney of Douro, and sister of the late Dr. Murphy of Brockville Asylum, died a few days ago from the results of Paris Green taken while in ill-health and while brooding over the loss of her son, a young man of twenty-one, who lost his life in a fire in which the house was also destroyed. Mr. Maloney has the sympathy of the entire district in the troubles that have come upon him. The funeral took place on Thursday last to Douro Cemetery.

Educational Ideals

Among many good things said by W. W. Stetson, State Superintendent of Schools, at the meeting of the American Institute of Instruction, held at Portland, Maine, during the past week, was the following: "When a better day has dawned it will be settled that a school which does not develop a reverence for the Divine, devotion to duty, love of humanity and desire to live righteously, is as ghastly in its failure as it is unjustifiable in its existence."

The Canadian Annual Review of Public Affairs for 1904, by J. Cas-teie Hopkins, F.S.S., has just been published. In this volume the author shows his usual and now well established ability to take a comprehensive and correct view of public affairs. Each department of the work gives evidence of fine attention to detail, and no important item in the history of the events of the year chronicled has been overlooked. The compilation is a voluminous book of nearly seven hundred pages, containing a fund of knowledge presented in most lucid and readable form.

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