

A. O. H. HONOR THEIR NATIONAL CHIEF Grand Pollies of Irishmen in Campbellton, Chatham, Fredericton, St. John and Moncton.--Bro. Regan's Speech.

For the first time in the history of the Ancient Order of Hibernians a national president of the organization has visited New Brunswick and his official visit will be inscribed in letters of gold on the records of the A. O. H. of this province.

In most befitting manner, the distinguished official was received by the different branches and entertained during his stay with each. James J. Regan, Esq., National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, arrived in Campbellton on Saturday morning.

He was met at the station by a delegation of the Hibernians of Campbellton, and Mr. John R. McCloskey, Provincial Secretary A. O. H. He was escorted to Hotel St. Louis, where rooms had been reserved for him.

In the afternoon the visitors were given a drive through the town and places of interest were pointed out to them.

They were also driven across the Restigouche River and shown the ancient Indian village of St. Anne de Restigouche. Division No. 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians gave a banquet in the convent school building, on the 5th inst., in honor of National President James J. Regan, of St. Paul, Minn., and Provincial Secretary John R. McCloskey of St. John, N. B.

The meeting was called to order at 8.45 p. m. County President Wm. J. S. Welsh in the chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Chaplain.

Chairman Welsh in a few well chosen remarks thanked the National President and Provincial Secretary for the generous assistance extended to the members of the A. O. H. and the church at the disastrous fire of July 11th, 1910, and concluded his remarks by reading the following address to the guest of the evening. Mr. James J. Regan, National President Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Dear Sir and Brother:--

The members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Restigouche County, bid you a hearty welcome on this, the occasion of your first official visit among us. We have noted with pleasure, that neither distance nor fatigue can lessen your activity in the interest of our Order, hence, your visit to Divisions throughout the States of the American Union--your adopted home--and throughout this Dominion--your former home.

Our meeting to-night is one of special interest to us all. It gives us an opportunity to express to you, the Chief Executive of our Order, in person, our appreciation and heartfelt thanks and to the Brothers of the Portland Convention for their generous attitude towards us after the devastating fire here, a year ago, in empowering your National Board to act. Our appeal was presented, the heart of the Convention was touched; the National Board acted; we felt the strong arm of support, and the tender clasp of Brother to Brother; you voted us a princely sum, and while meriting our gratitude, upheld the sacred traditions of the race, and taught us to walk in Friendship, Unity and true Christian Charity.

Your labors for church extension we heartily concurred in; and to the same generous spirit for the welfare of our holy religion, we are indebted by the generous vote of the Sydney Convention in our behalf.

How good and pleasant for

brothers to dwell together in unity and concord! We trust that your visit and that of our devoted Provincial Secretary may be productive of lasting results for the welfare of our Order, and that you may bear away pleasant recollections of your visit among us.

On behalf of the Divisions of Restigouche County, we greet you, W. J. S. WELSH, County President

Campbellton, N. B., Nov. 5th, 1911.

President Regan thanked the audience and members of the order for the kindness and good wishes extended to him on this occasion.

Twenty-eight years ago, he continued, I left my old Irish home and set sail for North America and the first place I set my foot on Canadian soil was Point L'avis, on the shore of that noble river the St. Lawrence. From there to Montreal where I made my home for 3 or 4 years and then moved to St. Paul, Minn. where I have been living ever since. He always had a strong feeling for Canada, and spoke at some length on the kindness shown him by the Canadian people on every occasion he had of coming to this beautiful Dominion of ours.

Brother Regan praised the spirit that animated the people of Campbellton after that dreadful calamity of a little over a year ago, and stated that the National Board of the A. O. H. had responded readily to the urgent appeal of Provincial Secretary McCloskey for assistance to the Division of the stricken town, and unanimously voted the sum of \$1,500 in aid of the members.

At the annual convention which was held in Portland, Oregon, a little more than a year ago, when the condition of the church was brought up, the convention without a dissenting voice appropriated the sum of \$50,000 for the Catholic church extension fund for the churches throughout America.

It was with pardonable pride that he referred to the great sacrifice made by the Irish people. No people ever made greater sacrifice than did the Irish father and mother in order that they might give their children a good education and one based upon religious principles.

When the hint was dropped that the Catholic University in Washington might not be self sustaining the Ancient Order of Hibernians were the first to respond with another grant of \$50,000. Right here in your own province you have an example of the furtherance of education by the A. O. H. where they are educating eight young Hibernians so that they may be prepared to occupy positions of honor and responsibility in the future.

The Irish race have been noted for their spirit of toleration, and the A. O. H. is sincere in its wish and always anxious to push any movement for the furtherance of the Catholic church. The A. O. H. is first to respond in the cases of disaster and the only regrettable thing about responding is that these occasions are inevitable occurrences. They have the most supreme love for this or any other country where they are finding homes.

The A. O. H. asks its members and its friends to judge its future in the history of the past seventy-five years; and if they read the reports of generous donations that appear in the press from time to time they would find that it was but only a few years ago that they had

with men kneeling around to protect the priest from the representatives of the penal laws whose business it was to capture and imprison this priest. There men loved that Priest and that Altar more than they did their own lives. These were the men who organized the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and you will find many Irishmen of that stamp in this great order today, men who are ready to lay down their lives if need be to protect their religion.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America was organized in New York seventy-five years ago this year and the president stated that he wanted every division to observe the Diamond Jubilee in a manner that would be most fitting and suggested that they set aside one day before December 31st and have a large number of new members initiated on that day.

Some two or three months ago the Division of Pittsburg set aside one day and they initiated nine hundred and fifty-three new members. What had been done in Pittsburg, New York, Detroit and Baltimore could be done in proportion in every locality where there was a division. Any practical Catholic who has a strain of Irish blood in him is eligible to become a member of this great order.

The A. O. H. is the recognized public representatives of the Irish race in America. The A. O. H. is first and foremost for the Catholic race and religion on this continent. When the National Board met in Baltimore February they had an audience with his Eminence Cardinal Gibbons who in the course of his remarks said that the Ancient Order of Hibernians was the best friend the church ever had. Well do I remember the words of the late Archbishop Feehan of Chicago when he said "I would rather my right arm be burned to the shoulder, than that that arm should be raised against the Ancient Order of Hibernians."

Some few years ago Catholics could not step into an Opera House without being greeted with gross and vile caricature of the Irish race or pass a stationery shop without seeing disgraceful St. Patrick's Day post cards leading the public to believe that they were caricatures of typical Irishmen. Then the A. O. H. took the matter up and he was pleased to state that in justice to the publisher they were always willing to meet our committee half way, and that in the course of a year or two at the most you would not see a vile caricature nor be able to buy a disgraceful post card in any stationery store in America.

When St. Patrick landed in Ireland he found the people in sympathy with the truths he taught and his command to them to accept Catholic teaching found altned response, and Irish people always honored him and still continue to honor him as their patron Saint.

Bro. Regan said that it made no difference whether a man was a Frenchman or German, Scandinavian or Irishman; if he loved his own country and lived up to his religion he would make a good citizen of this great Dominion or of any other Country.

Let us make the children feel that they have nothing to be ashamed of, if they are Irish or Catholics. Columbus planted Catholicity on this Continent over four centuries ago and it has grown and prospered ever since.

Again thanking the members and their friends for the honor conferred upon him by being present at this great reception, he retired amid great applause.

Chairman Welsh then introduced the Provincial Chaplain Rev. E. P. Wallace. Father Wallace thanked the National President and Provincial Secretary for the magnificent gift of the A. O. H. to the Catholic Church in Campbellton.

This evening the A. O. H. was assembled to do honor to the National President and he hoped that the A. O. H. would always continue their good work and that

the society should pray that the Irish race remain true to their traditions and that they would still have brave hearts to shed their blood if necessary to prevent the downfall of the Catholic religion in this country.

He thanked the National President for coming here and addressing such a comparatively small audience, when he was used to addressing thousands, but that he put the same vim and energy in his address to-night just the same as he would if he were addressing thousands.

The chairman then introduced Provincial Secretary John R. McCloskey, of St. John.

On rising to speak Bro. McCloskey thanked the audience and members for the honor conferred upon him by having him here at this great reception tendered as it was to the highest officer in our great order, the National President. Bro. McCloskey spoke feelingly on the great calamity of a year ago, and said that he was more than surprised at the rapid strides Campbellton had made, Campbellton he said would not be a town very long but was destined to become one of the greatest cities in New Brunswick.

The secretary during the course of his remarks paid high tribute to the National President, and said that the word of James J. Regan was as good as his bond. You have had the honor of hearing him in his eloquent plea for the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Chairman Welsh then adjourned the meeting to the next room, where a delicious turkey supper awaited them. About sixty guests sat down to partake of the sumptuous repast.

Supper over the following toasts were given:-- The toast to the Church was responded to by Fathers Bouchie and Melans.

Canada--Mr. A. F. LeBlanc, Prov. Sec., A. O. H.--Brother J. R. McCloskey.

Our Sister Societies--Messrs F. A. Therberge and Alex. F. Arseneau--A. O. H. Officers, Brothers P. M. Shannon and John O'Keefe. Old Ireland--Brother Patrick O'Leary.

National President--Our Guest Jas. J. Regan. The Press--Brother W. J. McNeil, of the Campbellton Graphic. A vote of thanks was tendered to President J. J. Regan and Brother J. R. McCloskey.

A vote of thanks was also tendered to the Sisters of Charity for their trouble in preparing the supper. God Save Ireland.

During the evening songs were sung by Messrs. D. B. Currie and R. J. Lavoie.

IN NORTHUMBERLAND National President Regan reached Newcastle Monday morning from Campbellton. He was accompanied by Provincial Secretary McCloskey. They were met by County President C. J. Morrissy who accompanied them to Chatham.

A meeting similar to, and as successful as that at Campbellton was held Monday night in Chatham Opera House.

Tuesday the National President was in Fredericton, Wednesday in St. John, and afterwards at Moncton.

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DALHOUSIE SUPERIOR SCHOOL

REPORT FOR OCTOBER, ADVANCED DEPT

HIGHEST STANDING

Grade XI--Eliza Wallace, Beverly Scott.

Grade X--Alfred Kirk, Brian Potts.

Grade IX--Grace Hamilton, Jessie Wallace, Marion Morton.

Grade VIII--Grace McEwan, Margaret Wallace, Glendon Seely.

Grade VII--Mabel McNeil, Greta Jamieson.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Beverly Scott, Kenneth McKezic, Hattie Robinson, Hazel Jamieson, Glendon Seely, Gertie Miller, Greta Jamieson, Sydney Jamieson; Mabel McNeil, Patrick Wisted.

L. D. Jones, Principal. Report of Intermediate Department of Dalhousie Superior School for month of October.

No. of pupils enrolled, 36. No. of pupils daily present, 10. No. of pupils daily present on an average, 30.

HIGHEST STANDING

Grade VI--Robert McNeil.

Grade V--Teau Simpson, Matty Cook, Violet McKay.

Names of pupils who made perfect attendance: Robert McNeil, Mary Bateman, Charlotte Barbara, Carol Seely, Violet McKay, Teau Simpson, Robbie Coleman, Ivan Ghiloni, Willie Cameron, Vaughan Mott.

Vera McTerney, Teacher. Report of Junior Dept for October.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Albert Harquail, Eleanor Bateman, Meinda Roy, Lillian Bateman, Crawford McNeill Alma Cameron, George Williams, Everett Harquail, Keys McNeill, Isabel McNeill, Victoria Strong, Cecilia Barberie, Donald Campbell, Vera Simpson, William Jessop, Hector Gilbert.

HIGHEST STANDING

Grade IV--Mary LeTorneau, 1st. Meinda Roy, 2nd, Eleanor Bateman, 3rd.

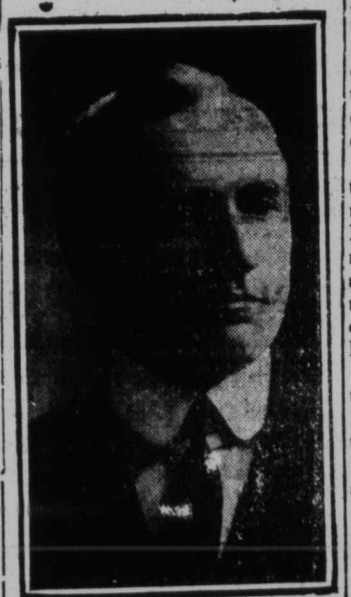
Grade III--Vera Simpson, Alma Cameron, Marjorie Connaher. M. Lena Miller, Teacher.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Perfect Attendance--Grade II--Charles Stewart, Dorothy Gallop, Elma Cook, Agnes Barbarie, Myrie McNeill, Elizabeth Mott, Elsie McNeill, Colin McKenzie, Clarence Auts, Edith Harquail, Gordon Davie, William Stewart, Dorothy Williams, Jasper Robinson, Kenneth LeTorneau, Norma Harquail, Cecelia LeTorneau.

Grade I--Vincent LeTorneau, Arthur Donahue, Mancel Stewart, Gordon Beer, Lawrence LeTorneau, Henry Chiquain, Chester Sullivan, Marion Jamieson, Jennie Doyle, Ruth Williams, Harold Roy, Frankie Bateman, Florida St. Onge, Alice Campbell, Leona Barbour, Edith Brown, Mary Auld, Laura Cameron, Georgiana Bateman, Reid Stewart, Alfred Grimes, Joseph LeBlanc, Robert Grimes.

E. V. Harquail, Teacher.



J. J. REGAN.