Branch No. 4, London,

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month, at 8 o'clock, at their hall, Albion Block, Richmond street. Martin O'Meara President; Wm. Corcoran, Rec. Sec.

C. M. B. A.

Branch 10, St Catharines.

A deputation from Branch 10, of St. Catharines, called on His Lordship Bishop O'Connor, of Peterborough, at the deanery in that city, on Sunday. Bro. J. E Lawrence, being the oldest member of the branch, acted as speaker on the occasion and tendered His Lordship a hearty welcome on behalf of the branch; also their congratulations on the high honor conferred by His Holiness the Pope. His Lordship replied in feeling terms to the reception given by the members of Branch 10, he himself being a member of Branch 51, Barrie. Afterwards the Rev. Dean Harris introduced the delegation to His Lordship.

From Deseronto.

Brother J. J. Behan, at the suggestion of the Rev. Father Spratt, held a meeting on Wolfe Island last week in the interest of the C M. B. A. He expects to start a Branch there in a few weeks. Thos. Hegan, ex reeve of the island and ex warden of the county, has taken the matter in hand, and there is no doubt of success while he is at the head, and with the Rev. Father Spratt to back him

Deseronto Branch, No. 86, is adding no more new members at present. This is owing to the Branch not having a hall; but they expect to have their new hall ready by the first of September and then they will be in a way to make the Branch take a foremost part in the C. M B. A. of Ontario.

Business letters with Branch 86 must now be addressed to Bro. Thos. McHenry, Recording Secretary, in place of Henry Jeffers, resigned.

Resolutions of Condolence.

At a regular meeting of Branch 76, C. M. B. A., Belleville, the following resolutions, moved by Bro. Trimble and seconded by Bro. Hanley, were carried:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call away the Rev. Father Walsh, of Trenton, from his bereaved friends and parishioners, be it

Resolved, That the members of St. Michael's Branch No 76, do hereby tender their sincere sympathy to the sister of our late rev. brother, as also to Branch 71, in which the deceased rev. gentleman was an honored member.

Resolved, That this resolution of condolence be recorded on the minutes of this Branch; also that a copy be fowarded to Miss Walsh, Trenton, and a copy be inserted in the CATHOLIC RECORD, official organ of C. M. B. A. JAS. MANLEY, Sec. Br. 76.

EMERALD BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION.

Special to the CATHOLIC RECORD.

The fourteenth annual convention of the Grand Branch of Ontario was held in the hall of St. Peter's Branch, No. 21, Peterborough, the following being present: P. Crotty, Grand President; W. McClean, Grand Vice President; W. Lane, Grand Secretary; A. McDonald, Grand Treasurer; M. Mathews, Grand Marshal; and the following delegates: From Branch 1, of Hamilton, B. Nelligan; Branch 2, of Toronto, J. J. McCauley; Branch 4, of Toronto, G M. Vincent; Branch 7, of Toronto, C A. Carey; Branch 6, of Toronto, C. Burns and A. McDonald; Branch 15, of Merritton, T H Sulkie; Branch 16, of Hamilton, W. Jamieson, M. O'Neil, and J. P. Ball; Branch 17, M. Walsh, Oakville; Branch 18, of Elora, J. Fisher; Branch 21, of of Peterborough, G Giroux and T. McGrath; Branch 22, of Hamilton, M Malvale, and for Branch No. 1, Juvenile, J. F. Henitzman. The convention was opened at 1 30 by the President reciting the prayers as laid down in the constitution. The Grand President in his opening address regretted that we had not made the progress expected during the past year owing to the difficulty that had existed between us and the International department, but was satisfied that the coming year would show a large increase. In an interview with the Bishop of Hamilton, His Lordship expressed himself as being strongly in favor of the association and prayed God to bless their deliberations. The following letter was read from the Very Rev. Administrator of the Archdiocese of Toronto:

To the Members of the Convention of the E. B. A., assembled in Peterborough:

Having heard that your annual convention is about to assemble at Peterborough, I beg to assure you, through your worthy Grand Secretary and D. A. Carey, Esq, of my best wishes for the success of your deliberations, as well as for the association at large. During the many years that I have enjoyed the continued marks of your confidence, viz., the annual election to be your Grand Chaplain, the highest office within your power to bestow, I always felt that your association proved worthy of any favor I could confer upon it. Its rules and constitution have been strictly adhered to by its members and they have been always respectable and honorable members of society, and ready to assist their pastors in works of charity and philanthropy. They have always manifested themselves good Catholics, obedient to the laws of the Church and docile to the voice of their pastors. Hence I always entertained a very high esteem for its members collectively as well as individually. I regret exceedingly that the amount of my business presses so closely upon me as to prevent me from being with you on the important occasion of your grand convention. Nevertheless, gentlemen, I am in sympathy with you in all your good work, and wish you success and blessing for the greater advancement of your association.

Yours fraternally in Christ,
F. P. ROONEY,
Administrator.

St. Mary's Church, May 20th, 1889.

The Secretary's report shows that although the increase has not been great this year, still we are making progress. He read a correspondence with the International department, showing efforts had been made to settle the existing difficulty and he had that morning received a telegram making a compromise; and it was finally decided to pay a per capita tax to the I. G. Branch, and so continue our connection. Having this difficulty arranged, and the full approval of their lordships the bishops, the very rev. and rev. clergy and good and true men elected as organizers for the different districts of Ontario, we must most certainly succeed in forming new branches. The convention spent a long time in revising and perfecting the constitution previous to having the association incorporated under the Friendly Society Act. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Grand Chaplain, Very Rev. F. P. Rooney, Administrator of the Archdiocese of Toronto; President, P. Crotty; Vice President, W. McClean; Secretary, W. Lane; Treasurer, G. Giroux; Marshal, G. M Vincent; Delegate to the I. G., Brother C. A. Carey; Organizers, G. Giroux, Peterborough; C. Burns, Toronto; W. Jamieson, Hamilton; Executive Committee, J. McGrath, J. J McCauley, T. H. Sulkie, M. Walsh and J. F. Smith.

The convention was the most important and successful ever held in Canada and was closed at 3.30 p.m on Thursday, May 23rd, to meet on the first Tuesday in May, 1890, in the town of Dundas. The annual parade on August 6th, 1889, will be held in the town of Merritton.

The Delegates Banquetted.

Last night the delegates to the annual convention of the Ontario Grand Branch of the Emerald Beneficial Association were tendered a complimentary banquet at the Balmoral hotel by the brethren of the local branch. The supper was a splendid success in every way. About ninety persons sat down to the sumptuously spread tables, and the evening's proceedings were marked by a general spirit of conviviality and friendship, which seemed to pervade the very atmosphere. It was largely a gathering of Irishmen, and wherever the sons of old Ireland meet there is sure to be a hearty, happy, hilarious time.

Mine host Cavanagh prepared an excellent menu, though the supper was got up on pretty short notice, and as it was nearly ten o'clock before the guests had all assembled there were sharp appetites to satisfy. While the waistcoats of those about the festive board were being filled out, Doucet's orchestra gladdened their hearts and aided their digestion by discoursing sweet music, mainly Irish airs, and by so doing won frequent and hearty applause.

After supper, Dr. McGrath, the chairman, called the guests to order, and introduced the different numbers on the programme of toasts. The speeches which followed were in the majority of cases little gems of post prandial efforts of the light, humorous but effective kind suited for such an occasion.

The health of the Queen was first drunk, after which Bro. Crotty, of Hamilton, Grand President of the E. B. A., sang "God Save Ireland," the company joining in the chorus. His effort was loudly applauded.

To the next toast, "The Canadian Parliament," Mr. T. Cahill replied on behalf of the local members, who, he said, were absent probably through an oversight The people of this riding sent down one representative to support the government of Ottawa, and the other to support the Mowat government at Toronto, and he questioned if they had to do it again whether they could do better than re elect the same genleman. As to the Canadian parliament, he could say it was a body of which any country might be proud. He considered the House had been honored by the recent debate on the Jesuit question, which has terminated to the satisfaction of at least nearly all those present. Mr. Cahill's little speech was full of humor and wit, and his patriotic references in conclusion to "our glorious Dominion" called forth storms of applause.

Messrs T. Dunn and M. Tierney sang "Larboard Watch Ahoy," and were vigorously encored, but they declined to respond.

The toast to "The Mayor and Corporation" brought to his feet Mr. Thos. Kelly, who referred to the substantial growth and prosperity of Peterborough, and its low taxation.

Mr. David Ahearn next sang a patriotic Irish song, "The Round Towers of Ireland"

The Emerald Beneficial Association was toasted and Mr. Carey of Hamilton responded. He said he had been a member of the society for the past twelve years and occupied many honorable positions and attended many conventions, but never before had he felt so proud of the association as he did to day in Peterborough. He would say to the local branch, that that though it was the baby of the association, its members might well be proud of the fact that it was the banner branch of the Province. The speaker referred to the hospitality which the delegates had met with in Peterborough, whose people appeared to have a good deal of that characteristic warm Irish hospitality in their natures. The speaker also referred to the prestige which the presence of a couple of members of the council among them as members of the branch would have. The Emerald Beneficial Association had a grand future before it, in which all Catholic young men should take an interest. Why should they not take their places in public life and show those people who thought they had no rights that they did have rights? And for that purpose every Catholic man, young and old, should join with them. The present representative body met in Peterborough was the most intelligent and progressive that had ever convened. After referring to the charities in connection with the Association, the speaker drew attention to its literary features. He said it was intended that every branch should have its library. The Association had in its membership the highest among the hierarchy of the land, among them the late beloved Archbishop Lynch. It was a pleasure to him to state that the canvention had that day received congratulations from Bishop Dowling of Hamilton, and also a letter from the administrator of the archdiocese of Toronto, saying that his heart was in the Association. The Emerald Beneficial Association, while cultivating Catholicity, did not inculcate hard feelings against any of her sister societies; the speaker wondered why it was that the different societies did not mingle more together and thereby sweep away the religious bigotries that at present exist. In conclusion he thanked the people of Peterborough for their kind reception, and hoped all Catholic men would realize that this was the best society they could belong to.

Mr. J. J Macauley, Toronto, sang "The Gems of Old Ireland."

Mr. Smith, of Dundas, replied briefly to the toast of the "Guests," telling how well he had been used by the people of Peterborough.

Mr. John O'Brien, of Peterborough, sang "The Irishman's Toast," and received hearty applause therefor.

To "Our Sister Societies," Mr. John O'Meara responded on behalf of the C. M. B. A., of which he was a member of the Grand Council. The Association, which numbered 23,000 members, he regarded as the twin sister of the E. B. A. Speaking of the latter society, he said it had come into existence particularly to soothe and cheer the sick and needy and care for its members. The E B. A. looks after the father, mother and children of the member while living; but after their death the C. M. B. A steps in and cares for the widows and orphans. Another association which he regarded as the first cousin of the Emerald Beneficial Association was the National League, of which there was a large and flourishing branch in Peterborough. On behalf of these Associations Mr. O'Meara tendered the delegates a hearty welcome to Peterborough.

To the toast of the Learned Profession, Mr. L. M. Hayes replied in a happy manner.

Capt. Brennan was called up to respond to the torst of the Army, Navy and Volunteers, and made a highly patriotic and military speech, in which he referred eulogistically to the prowess of the Canadian Militia, which he said was the nucleus of an army that one day would be among the most prominent of all the nations of the earth.

Mr. Dunn was next asked for a song, and as the audience seemed to pick upon Mr. J. P. Dunn, the popular agent of the fastest line on earth, as the proper man he was forced to respond. His song brought down the house.

The Mercantile and Manufacturing interests was next proposed, and replied to by Mr. Geo. Ball, who pointed out that Canada's industries were prosperous, particularly in the line of the manufacturing of musical instruments, in which our country held a foremost position. Canada is second to no country in the world, and there was no reason why she should not prosper.

Mr. Thos. Dunn next favored the guests with an admirable solo, after which Mr. Crotty replied to the toast to "The town of Peterborough." Mr. Crotty's address was made up of little pleasantries and flattering references to Peterborough as a model town.

Mr. J. J. Sheehy proved himself a champion of the ladies, who were next toasted in a hearty manner.

At the suggestion of Mr. Carey, the chair was vacated by Dr. McGrath and taken by Mr. Crotty. Then Mr. Carey moved a vote of thanks to the chairman of the evening, to the members of the local Branch, to the host and hostess and to the ladies and gentlemen who had assisted in entertaining them. The resolution was seconded by Mr. Jamieson and carried with a cheer.

Dr. McGrath replied briefly, and Mr. T. Cavanagh was called in to reply to his portion of the resolution, but his modesty did not allow him to make any speech, Mr. O'Meara replying for the host and hostess.

The assembly broke up about 12:30 o'clock, all delighted with the success of the supper.

HON. JOHN COSTIGAN.

Seven Years Minister of Inland Revenue.

"THE MYSTICAL SCRIPTURE NUMBER"—ADDRESSES AND TESTIMONIAL PRESENTED TO THE HON MR COSTIGAN—HIS SPIRIT OF EQUITY EULOGIZED BY HIS OFFICIALS FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE PACIFIC—"PROMOTION FOR MERIT" HAS BEEN HIS RULING IDEA—THE MINISTER'S REPLY.

Thursday last, the 22rd inst., was the seventh anniversary of the Hon. John Costigan's entry into the Cabinet of the Dominion, and of his assumption of the important and responsible position of Minister of Inland Revenue, a position which he still holds and has continued to hold since the date named. On Wednesday morning the Dominion Express Co. brought the first intimation of what proved to be so general a movement amongst the officers of the various branches of his vast department, in the shape of a beautifully-worded, elaborately engrossed and richly framed address from the inspector and other officers of the Inland Revenue District of Manitoba. The morning and afternoon of Thursday brought address after address—each one vieing with the other in expressions of good will and gratitude—until it was found that from the extreme east to the extreme west of the Dominion there was a perfect chorus of praise. The address from the Montreal Division is also a gem in every respect, and is in the shape of a parchment scroll mounted on a blue plush roller, and encased in the same material. Opinions are divided as to which of these two are the handsomest. The one from this city is also very tasteful in design and finish; it also is scroll-shaped, and at the top the initials of the Minister were entwined and supported by maple leaves and shamrocks. The words Inland Revenue were inscribed around the margin, and it was accompanied by a beautiful gold headed cane. Reference to the Montreal address, a letter to a gentleman in Ottawa giving an account of the union meeting of the branches in that city at which the address was prepared, says: "Had the hon. gentleman heard the remarks which were applied to him and cheered to the echo, it would, I am sure, have proved as agreeable to him as other events of much more importance."

Four o'clock on Thursday was the hour appointed for the presentation of the addresses, which accordingly took place in the Minister's office. The proceedings were opened by Mr. Martin Battle, Collector of Inland Revenue at Ottawa, stating that he had been entrusted with the duty of presenting the united address from the branches at Montreal, which he then read. The veteran Mr. John Poupore, Collector of Crown Timber, and Slide Dues at Ottawa, then read the united address of the branches in this city; and then Mr. A. Code, Inspector of Weights and Measures, at Ottawa, said he was deputed by the city branches to present to Mr. Costigan a superb ebony gold headed cane. All these gentlemen prefaced their acts with an expression of the intense pleasure which it afforded them, individually, to be the instruments of expressing to him the warm feelings which each and every one of the officials whom they represented entertained towards him. Mr. M F. Walsh, private secretary, then handed Mr. Costigan the addresses which the mails and express had brought from St. John, N. B, London, Ont., Windsor, Ont, Prescott, Ont., Three Rivers, Que., Peterborough, Ont., Victoria, B. C., and Charlottetown, P. E. I. Following are the addresses:

The Honorable John Costigan, Minister of Inland Revenue, Ottawa:

SIR—We, the Inspector, Collectors and officers of the Inland Revenue Service of the Province of New Brunswick, considering the short period of service rendered by your predecessors, being an average of fourteenth months, deem this an opportune time in approaching you to express our hearty congratulations on your attaining the seventh anniversary of your continuous administration of the Department of Inland Revenue. And, further, we beg you to accept our sincere wishes for your long and continued administration of the department you have so long and so faithfully and efficiently presided over.

We have the honor to remain, sir, your obedient servants, J N Moore, D I R; T Burke, Collector Inland Revenue; R A Lawlor, Collector Inland Revenue; R Atherton, Deputy Collector In and Revenue.

St. John, N. B, 23rd May, 1889.

To the Hon. John Costigan:

HONORABLE SIR—On this the seventh anniversary of your elevation to the honorable position of Privy Councillor and Minister of Inland Revenue, we the Officers of the Inland Revenue District of Manitoba beg leave to approach you for the purpose of offering to you our most respectful and hearty congratulations.

Since you became responsible head of the department its affairs have been administered with marked ability and on the principle of equity to all its officers. The pernicious system of making political appointments over the heads of deserving officers has been minimized by you. The officers of this district have every reason to be grateful to you in this regard, because since you became Minister every vacancy which has occurred has been filled by promotion We appreciate, honorable sir, the great difficulties a Minister almost invariably meets with in following this course, but these difficulties are additional reasons for our grateful thanks. The wisdom of your inauguration of this system of promotion according to merit has been most beneficial to the service. Its effect has been to create a spirit of emulation amongst your officers which has helped in no small degree to earn for the department the reputation of being the best conducted in the Government.

That you may long continue to occupy the position of Minister of Inland Revenue is the sincere wish of your officers in this district.

John K Barrett, District Inspector; R T Haggard, W Crowley, R J Girdlestone, Jesse Gerrard, Weights and Measures and Gas Branch; W J Christie, T S Gosnell, J N Camyre, Wm H Hicks, A Code, G A Ironside, Excise Branch.

Winnipeg, May 23rd.

To the Hon. John Costigan;

DEAR SIR—Upon the completion of your seventh year as a Cabinet Minister, and as incumbent of the high position of Minister of Inland Revenue, we, who have had so long the happiness of serving under you in our respective offices, gladly avail ourselves of the occasion to give grateful and pleasurable testimony to your invariably unbiased conduct and unswerving uprightness in dealing with your official subordinates. The spirit of fair play and honesty of purpose which you have always evinced as a public man are acknowledged throughout the Dominion; and if we may be allowed to express an opinion, we can say you have exercised energy and ability in promoting the best interests of the service, and kindness of heart towards those connected with your Department. Honorable Sir, we rejoice, and say the Department is favored in having such a man as their head. We trust the good example of your past seven years' administration may prove beneficial for the future, and whatever measures may be considered necessary for the better government of the service will be permanently advantageous, and advance the best interests of the country.

Honorable sir, in acting—whenever proper—in accordance with our wishes in times past, and promoting the interest of the public, the history of the last seven years affords abundant evidence that strict impartiality characterized your decisions and conduct, and that self-interest has been entirely out of sight The undersigned need not assure you that they will feel delighted should the very agreeable relations which have existed between you and them for the past seven years continue unbroken.

Excise—Martin Battle, Coll. I R; W B Bedard, accountant; P P A Lett, P J Duffy, Weights and Measures—A Code, J Cosgrove, J A Olivier. Canals—James F Farley, T Battle. Crown Timber—J Poupore, C S Macnutt, James Ritchie, A J H Russell, E T Smith.

The Hon. John Costigan:

HONORABLE AND DEAR SIR—The officers of the several branches comprising the Montreal division of Inland Revenue beg leave to approach you on this the seventh anniversary of your assumption of the important office of Minister of Inland Revenue and to offer you their most sincere congratulation.

We embrace this opportunity to mark the event, and take this means to give expression to the feelings of respect, appreciation and esteem in which you are deservedly held by every officer of this division.

We present you with this address as a souvenir of our earnest regards, and with it we ask you to accept our heartiest felicitations for your continued health, happiness and prosperity.

R Bellemare, Inspector of Inland Revenue; J R Vincent, Collector of Inland Revenue; J O'Neill, Collector of Canal Tolls; J O Chalut, Inspector of Weights and Measures; Wm. Hartt Inspector of Gas, George Duverluy, Dep Supervisor of Callers; John Dodd, H Lawlor, D Macdonald, J C Baby, W Caven, A Hudon, J G Miller, R N Earle, J P Beauchamp, Thos. Fox, H P Lecours, W M Dustan, R Richard, W Hastie, C Barker, Wm Bulmer, D Caron, T Daly, J P E Tansey, L C A St. Marie, J Villeneuve, John D Fox, W J Scullion, L Dumochel, J B C St. Marie, G Miller, C L Perry, F X Toupin, Jos Baby, G C Paneton, A Pinsonneault, J A Watkins, G Laporte, G Forest, M McGlamaghan, J J Coleman, J J Costigan, H C Dixon, P Cullen, W E Ryan, A Aubin, E J O'Flaherty, R Greene, J McNally, E Bussiere, J St. Louis, J Arahill, A P Geroux, P Pelletier, James R Urquhart, J A D'Aoust, G F Dorion, S Dillion, E L DesRivieres, G De Serres, G Desaulniers, J Manning.

Montreal, 23rd May, 1886.

To the Hon John Costigan:

SIR—We the officers of Inland Revenue for the division of London, desire most heartily to congratulate you on having reached your seventh anniversary as head of this Department. During your administration the service, already efficient, has become even more efficient, and while strict discipline has prevailed, the officers have always received most courteous and kindly consideration at your hands. We desire to express our continued confidence in your ability to administer the affairs of the Department, and we trust that you may be long spared to occupy the distinguished position you have so ably filled.

We remain, sir, your obedient servants, Thomas Alexander, Thos. A Power, Jas. Magee Yates, D Wilson, G P Elwood, Edward Lee, Thos. G Davis, Frank H Coles, J J Barrett, J Stewart, James McSween, Wm. Moore, H Nelland, J F Taylor.

London, Ont., 23rd May, 1889.

To the Hon. John Costigan:

SIR—The officers of Inland Revenue in the division of Windsor desire to tender their congratulations to you on this the seventh anniversary of your appointment as Minister of our Department. While offering our sincere congratulations at this time, we also take the opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the kind and considerate treatment which we, as subordinate officers of the department over which you preside, have always received at your hands, and to express the wish that you may long be spared to be of service in the councils of your country.

J H Kenning, P Ramon, C Dunlop, R Beasley, J G Standish, W Crowe, Irenee Girard, Charles Gerald, James E Cox, J W Cahill, J P Jubenville, J Falconer, John Brennan, James Weir, Geo. Henwood, Louis D Sullivan, G A Allen, John Cratty, P E Keogh.

Windsor, Ont., May 23rd.

To the Hon. John Costigan:

HONORED SIR—To that which is perfect nothing may be added." We must demur to this, inasmuch as Seven is a perfect number, and our memory recalling this auspicious day seven years ago, so happily inaugurating our official relations with the present head of the Department of Inland Revenue, the Hon John Costigan, we would entertain the fervent hope that many years may be added to the seven already past, perfecting the bonds of esteem and respect in which you are so worthily held by those of Her Majesty's servants who have the honor to serve under you.

By your wisdom, energy and integrity in the administration of the Department of Inland Revenue during one-third of the existence of the Dominion of Canada, you have elevated the standing of your Department to the enviable position it now occupies in the first rank of the Civil Service of Canada; imparting to all your subordinates that spirit of zeal and regard for the faithful discharge of their duties, for which in your honorable capacity you are so highly distinguished. We would respectfully tender our congratulations on your seventh anniversary as Minister of Inland Revenue; with heartfelt wishes for your future welfare and prosperity, we humbly pray that you may long be spared to render those services to the country, and that example to your subordinates, which has created your name among them a house word. We have the honor to be your obedient and devoted servants,

J Dambrille, Thos. Kelity, W. H. Gerald, F. Mason, Ralph Slattery, Rob C. Jamieson, John Fergguson, F. Marshall, G. E. Johnston, A. B. Macconald, Geo S. Keeler.

Prescott, Out., May 23rd, 1889.

Hon. John Costigan;

HONORABLE SIR—We, the undersigned officers of your department of the three Rivers Division, have much pleasure in offering our congratulations on the occasion of the completion by you of seven years uninterrupted incumbency of the honorable position you occupy as Minister of Inland Revenue of the Dominion of Canada. While presenting our respects and congratulations on this auspicious occasion, we earnestly pray it at you may long be spared to be of service to the Dominion and to the many important interests affecting the welfare of the people of Canada.

We have the honor to be, sir, your faithful and devoted servants, Thomas Malone, jr; Deputy Supervisor Cullers; W. G. Gouin N. Marenaud, Gas Inspector; Charles Dupont Hebert, Collector Inland Revenue; C. L. Dupiessis; Severe Dumoulin, Collector of Slide Dues.

Three Rivers, Que., 23rd May.

To the Hon. John Costigan:

HONORABLE SIR—Permit us, the collector and officers of the Inland Revenue division of Peterborough, Ont, to congratulate you on this your seventh anniversary as Minister of Inland Revenue for the Dominion of Canada. We desire to convey to you an expression of our great respect and our hope that you may long continue at the head of our Department, and that in the future, as in the past, our relations with yourself and the Department of which you are the honored head may be of the most cordial character, and for the benefit of the people and public service.

We beg to subscribe ourselves, very respectfully,

John J. Hall, Collector; Thomas Cahill, Inspector of Gas; Richard Howden, Deputy Collector, Inland Revenue; T. Murphy, Excise Officer; John W. Bickell, Deputy Collector Inland Revenue; James B. Knowlson, Deputy Collector Inland Revenue.

Peterborough, Ont., 23rd May, 1889.

To the Hon. John Costigan:

SIR—We the undersigned officers of the Inland Revenue Division of Victoria, British Columbia, have much pleasure in congratulating you on the seventh anniversary of your accession to the honorable position of Minister of Inland Revenue of the Dominion of Canada. During your term of office many important and beneficial improvements have taken place in conducting the business of this branch of the Civil Service, and we gratefully acknowledge the kindness and courtesy which have always characterized your intercourse with those serving under you, and your ready sympathy with every endeavor to further the interests of the department: Although separated from you by such a large extent of territory, we beg to assure you that the duties devolving on us as your subordinates will be faithfully attended to, and should you at any time honor us by a visit to this Western Province of the Dominion, we will tender you a most cordial welcome. Hoping you may be spared to occupy for many years your present sphere of usefulness in the public service, and with best wishes for the health and prosperity of yourself and family,

We beg to subscribe ourselves your obedient servants, William Gill, District Inspector Inland Revenue; Richard Jones, Collector Inland Revenue; George Williams, Deputy Collector Inland Revenue; Charles McNiff, Excise Officer; T. Dowling, Department Inland Revenue

Victoria, B. C., 23rd May.

The Hon John Costigan:

SIR—I have the honor on this occasion of your seventh anniversary of command of the Department to which I am privileged to belong, to offer you hearty congratulations and regards, and also to express the earnest hope that the power and appreciation that have placed you in so elevated a position, recognizing your merit as an official as well as your patriotism as their representative, may still proclaim their faith in you in the future as in the past. Also that the power behind the throne may continue to uphold the country's choice of you as a graceful ornament to the Government, as a worthy Councillor to that Cabinet, and a zealous officer to that department, which during the past seven years (mystical Scripture number) you have supported and adorned.

"Tempus fugit;" twenty years have yielded twelve predecessors to your reign, and have compassed my time of service; and honestly, I affirm, as an officer of that period's experience and observation, that your seven years' service has been of public benefit and utility; of official courtesy and consideration; of just praise and promotion; and in the prosperity of Canada, Canada's sons in the service, under your command, have fairly shared temporal benefits and blessings.

I am, sir, yours gratefully and truly,

SAMUEL C. NASH, Collector of Inland Revenue.

Inland Revenue Office,
Charlottetown, P. E I., 23rd May, 1889.

Possibly amongst the public men of Canada there is no one less demonstrative than is the Hon. John Costigan. But on Thursday his usual self-possession, if not seemingly positive coldness, seemed to abandon him, and in returning thanks for the addresses and testimonial just presented, he gave evident signs of emotion. The hon. gentleman spoke somewhat as follows: He commenced by thanking the gentlemen present, and through them the gentlemen they represented—although he would take an early occasion to reply by letter to each of the addresses—for this cordial expression of their good-will and the evidence they had given that as Minister he had been actuated by a desire, while anxious to promote the country's interests by means of the Department, never to lose sight of the welfare of the officers under his charge. As Minister of Inland Revenue he had sought to promote the efficiency of the Department, and make what might be the most unpopular Department at least acceptable to the public, and in that effort he had invariably received the hearty co-operation of the ablest staff of officers in the service of the Government. Some of the addresses just presented complimented him on the fact that he had adhered pretty closely to the system of promotion. He had always believed that that was the fair system to pursue as a matter of right and encouragement, although only in one or two instances had he been compelled to depart from that excellent rule. During his seven years as head of the department he could recall no dismissal for any corrupt or dishonest act, and the few dismissals which had taken place, he could say to the credit of the staff, did not reflect any dishonor on them. Whether as a member of the Government or as a private member, or, for the matter of that, as a private citizen, he would continue to feel a warm interest in the officers of the department, and would always be glad to promote the interests of any deserving officers in the service. The members of the deputation then withdrew, after shaking hands heartily with the Minister, who was obliged to leave to join his colleagues in the Council Chamber.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, KEARNEY.

The bazaar in aid of St. Patrick's Church, Kearney, Muskoka, which was advertised to take place on Easter Monday, has been unavoidably postponed until August 15th, 1889.

The undersigned would wish also to thank his many friends for their kind exertions in behalf of such a truly charitable work, and would ask those who have not as yet made returns to kindly do so as soon as convenient. P. J. MCGUIRE.

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LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

London, May 30,—GRAIN—Red winter, 1.50 to 1.58; white, 1.50 to 1.58; spring, 1.50 to 1 53; corn, 85 to 90; rye 1.00 to 1.05; barley, malt, 1.00; barley, feed, 80 to 95; oats, 77 to 82; peas, 85; beans, bush., 1.00 to 1.3; buckwheat cental, 1.00.

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes, bag, 20 to 35; onions, bag, 25 to 40.

MEAT.—Beef by carcass, 5.00 to 7.00; mutton by qr., 8 to 9; mutton by carcass, 7 to 8; lamb, carcass, 9 to 10; lamb, qr., 10 to 1; spring, qr. 1.50; veal by qr., 4 to 6; veal by carcass 3 to 5; pork, per cwt., 6.50 to 7.00.

PRODUCE.—Eggs, 10 to 11; butter, best roll, 11 to 15; butter, large roll, 14; butter, crocks, 13; dry wood, 4.25 to 4.50; green wood, 4.50 to 4.75; soft wood, 2.50 to 3.50; lard, No. 1, 12 to 13; lard, No. 2, 11 to 12; straw, load, 3.00 to 4.00; clover seed, bush., 5.00 to 5.10; alsike seed, bush., 6.50 to 8.00; timothy seed, bush., 1.40 to 1.70; hay, ton, 7.00 to 9.00; flax seed, bush., 1.40 to 1.50.

LIVE STOCK.—Milch cows, 30.00 to 60.00; live hogs, cwt., 5.00 to 5.50; pigs, pair, 4.00 to 6.00; fat beeves 2.50 to 4.50.

POULTRY.—(dressed.) Chickens, pr., 60 to 75; spring chickens, pr. 90, ducks, pr., 70 to 90; geese, each, 50 to 60; geese, lb, 6 to 9; turkeys, lb, 11 to 12.

Toronto, May 30.—WHEAT—Fall No. 2 96c to 96½, spring, No. 2 97 to 97½; red winter, No. 2, 95c to 97c; Manitoba hard, No 1, 1.16 to 1.18; No. 2, hard, 1.12 to 1.13. Barley, No. 1, 56 to 57; No. 2, 52 to 55; No. 3 extra, 47 to 48; No. 3, 42 to 45 Peas, No. 2, 55 to 58. Oats, No. 2 28 to 31 Flour, extra, 4.30 to 4.40; straight roller, 4.60 to 4.70; strong bakers, 4.50 to 5.25.

Montreal, Que., May 30.—FLOUR—Receipts, 700 bbls.; sales, none reported: market quiet at unchanged rates. Grain and provisions unchanged. Stocks here this morning:—Wheat, 535,971 bush; corn, 112,192 bush; peas, 140,781 bush; oats 57 249 bush; barley, 51,440 bush; rye, none; flour, 96,7.6 bbls; oatmeal, 1,9 bbls; cornmeal, 110 bbls.

BUFFALO LIVE STOCK.

East Buffalo, N. Y., May 30.—CATTLE—Offerings, 8 cars. There was but little inquiry for cattle; a few loads of Indianas sold at $3 60. The market was dull; veals were in light supply and brought $3 50 to $4 00

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Offerings, 30 cars; opened active, closed weak and lower. Some good 80 to 90-lb sheep sold at $4 30 to $4 40, and a lot of spring lambs at $5 50 to 5 65.

HOGS—Offerings, 21 cars; opened active and strong; closed lower. Most early sales of Yorkers were at 4 90 to 4 95; closed 4 80 to 4 87½; mediums sold early at 4 65; closed 4 60; pigs, 4 95, active throughout.

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