

# COMMISSIONER IN IRELAND

Mr. C. R. Devlin Discusses Some Phases of the Condition of Affairs in the Old Land.

The Advantages to be Derived From Immigration to the Dominion—The Daily Independent Approves of His Course of Action.

Mr. C. R. Devlin, Immigration Commissioner in Ireland, has addressed another letter to the Daily Independent, Dublin, which we now give in full. In publishing the letter that journal says in an editorial paragraph.

### MR. DEVLIN'S LETTER.

Will you kindly permit me to answer in your paper certain statements appearing in an editorial paragraph of Monday's Independent and dealing with my work in Ireland? First, the Toronto Mail, from which you quote, although a very important and influential journal, has not been correctly informed in this instance. What are the facts? I was sent by the Government of Canada to Ireland to open offices in Dublin. They are firmly established, and whether I remain or whether I return to Canada the offices are here and the work will be carried on. I am satisfied with the success obtained so far. You will observe that I have not advised or sought wholesale emigration from Ireland. My object has been to point out to those decided to try their fortunes in another land the advantages which Canada offers and the magnificent results achieved by Irishmen in every walk in life in Canada. The Irishman satisfied with his lot and comfortable at home has not found in me an advocate to abandon such conditions. We have, as you are aware, immense belts of fertile land to bestow. From almost every country in Europe thousands are proceeding to take possession of them. During the last few years numberless happy homes have been established. Do you blame me, an Irish Canadian, the son of an Irish father, if I exert my efforts in the direction of securing for those of my own race the advantages which are flowing to others. Do you censure me if I strive to secure for Canada those whom you cannot keep at home who are resolved for certain reasons to try a change. I am an Irishman, and during the last twenty years have been intimately associated with the

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In full communion with their sympathies and their aspirations. Acceptance of the office which I hold has not chilled my feelings. If it necessitated such a change of policy, my resignation would be sent to the Government of Canada at once. Certain Irish newspapers months ago charged me with a betrayal of the cause of Home Rule, which I had advocated on the floor of the Canadian Parliament. The charge was false, and the men making it knew not the man against whom they were aiming their poisoned shafts. True, since my arrival I have taken no part in Irish political movements for the simple reason that you have too many movements. I have been—as many an Irishman is—a sorrowful server of the melancholy spectacle presented. It would have been an easy matter, indeed, to have carried the war into the very camp of those who denounced me as an enemy of Ireland. Who are the foes, if not the men who are preaching discord and disunion, if not the men who are undoing the work of years, and retarding by their selfishness the reforms and the independence which should have been Ireland's long ago. Such men are the real enemies of Ireland; they have

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For the present; they have almost broken the spirit of their own people and discouraged their brethren abroad. The divided house is sure to crumble, and so are divided forces and a divided cause. Believe me, you have real foes in your midst—foes to be destroyed and evils to be crushed—without assailing a man who has never yet given evidence of hostility to Ireland. I fear not the assaults which have been made against me and my work. It is unfair, as some Canadian papers have done, to link Mr. Healy's name with such attacks, or to say that they have been "confined to certain Healyite journals." They were also in papers decidedly opposed to Mr. Healy. It is just possible that in certain quarters some antipathy to Canada exists. Canada is part of the British Empire, and Canadians are looked upon as ultra-loyal. Canadians are loyal to Canada and the interests of their country. In 1837 and 1838 many of them rebelled against British authority, or to put it more correctly against the form of British tyranny and British injustice which then prevailed. In despair they took up arms, and fought for their lib-

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### DOINGS AT OTTAWA.

Annual Report of the Operations of the Catholic Truth Society.

The Election of Officers for the Evening Term—Other Features of News.

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—The most important event in Catholic circles has been the sixth annual meeting of the Catholic Truth Society. It was held in the council hall of St. Patrick's Asylum, Mr. Joseph Pope presiding. Mr. W. C. De Brisay, the secretary, read the annual report. It called attention to the fact that during the past twelve months there had been no incursions of anti-Catholic lecturers, and therefore it had not been necessary to refute their false statements in the public press. There had been distributed and sold during the year, 2,278 publications, bringing the grand aggregate of circulation since the formation of the society up to 89,178. In continuation of the policy announced at the last annual meeting only light importations of stock amounting to some 600 publications were made, consisting largely of literature of a more substantial nature than heretofore procured. For various reasons it was deemed necessary to discontinue the sales through the box in St. Joseph's Church. There was now on hand 6,426 publications, great and small, as follows:—Bound books, 353. English pamphlets, 2,097. English leaflets 549. English booklets 102. American pamphlets, 781. American leaflets, 414. Home publications, 1,130. The report goes on to refer to the festivities which commemorated the 13th centenary of the landing of St. Augustine on the English shore.

The report also spoke of the charge against the society that it was not sufficiently aggressive in this because it did not care to give offence, that it neglected to spread Catholic information among Protestants. The report stated in this the society followed the example of the English society.

The death of the late Mr. John B. Lynch was referred to in feeling terms. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$150.

A discussion on the amended constitution was taken up after both foregoing reports had been unanimously adopted. The following are the more important ones:—The establishment of parish branches independent of each other, and controlling the distribution of publications in each parish. The abolition of the old council and the substitution thereof of two representatives from each parish and the parish priest.

That the annual meeting be held in the month of November instead of as formerly in October.

Mr. Joseph Pope notwithstanding his desire to retire from the Presidency was re-elected by unanimous vote and consented to retain office. The other officers are as follows:—

Vice-presidents, Mr. E. L. Saunders, St. Patrick's parish; Mr. Joseph McDougall, St. Bridget's parish. Secretary, Mr. W. C. De Brisay. Treasurer, Dr. John A. Macabe. Auditors, William Finlay and Michael Kavanagh.

His Grace Archbishop Duhamel is to be asked to act as patron of the Society. Among those who assisted at the annual meeting were: Dr. MacCabe, Mr. W. C. De Brisay, Ald. Tobin, Messrs. W. L. Scott, J. P. Clarke, E. P. Stanton, J. P. Dunne, Joseph McDougall, F. McDougall, J. G. Moylan, John Gorman, E. L. Sanders, William Cairns, R. J. Sims, J. G. Kilt, E. Reardon, W. J. Ketchum, W. Wall and others. The ladies present were Mrs. J. G. Moylan, Mrs. John Gorman, Mrs. Batterson, Mrs. E. A. Mars, Mrs. Gough, Mrs. Frederick and Miss Goodwin.

### DEATH OF AN ESTEEMED LADY.

After two weeks' illness the death is announced of Miss Mary Cullen at her residence, No. 385 Friel street. The deceased was born in

# THE SECOND MEETING OF THE WORKMEN AND CONDUCTORS' UNION.

The second meeting of the workmen and conductors' union was held in Patrick's hall this week. There was a good attendance. The membership is now about one hundred. Mr. R. G. Hay was present and the work of organization was advanced a stage. Committees were selected, and the scope of the union discussed. A committee was appointed to compile a constitution and by laws. The union will be based on principles similar to other labor organizations.

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Mr. Fitzroy David Lyon, late of Her Majesty's 1st Life Guards, was divorced from his wife four years since, and was married a second time about a fortnight ago, at St. Stephen's Church, Gloucester Road. The ceremony was to have been performed at the Church of St. Mary Abbot's, but a number of well meaning Anglican ministers and laymen assembled for the purpose of formally protesting against it. The Rev. Henry Wilson was selected to be their spokesman and was commissioned to read the following:—"I allege and declare an impediment against this marriage. The man has a canonical wife living; therefore, these persons cannot be coupled together in matrimony by God's law, and I require and charge you to surcease from this ceremony until such time as the truth of my allegation is tried." Mr. Lyon, having heard of their intentions, quietly drove his bride to the other church, and gave these good and worthy gentlemen what is, perhaps, vulgarly termed "the slip," and is now, according to the Anglican Church, the canonically married man.

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### THE PRODUCE MARKETS.

The demand for eggs is limited and the market in consequence was quiet, but the tone was firm at the recent advance in prices. Strictly new laid stock is exceedingly scarce and prices have an upward tendency. Choice candled stock are also firmly held and selling at 18c to 19c; Montreal lim'd at 14c to 15c, and western lim'd at 12c to 13c per dozen.

Business in beans was quiet, and prices unchanged, at 80c to 90c for primes and at 95c to \$1 for choice hand picked per bushel.

The receipts of partridge continue small which meet with an active demand at 80c for firsts and at 45c to 50c for seconds per brace.

The supply of poultry was ample, for which the demand to day was somewhat slow, but an active trade is anticipated for to-morrow. Turkeys sold at 7c to 8c; chickens, 6c to 7c; ducks, 8c to 8c, and geese, 5c to 6c per lb.

The honey market was unchanged. White clover is still scarce and in demand at 12c. Dark clover comb is selling at 10c to 10c; bright extracted at 8c to 9c, and dark at 7c to 8c.

### DAIRY PRODUCE.

Cheese was quiet and there is no expectation of any immediate change. Holders now are resting on their oars, until demand picks up, and in the meantime prices are nominal. Ideas range from 8c on finest down to 3c on eastern makes.

The improved feeling in butter is maintained, and while no distinct increase in the volume of current business is noted, there is more enquiry for finest makes. Values on these are now held at 18c to 19c, the outside figure representing the local jobbing basis, and while exporters are not free bidders of the inside, they would have to pay it to secure finest. Roll dairy is jobbing at 16c.

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# THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

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