

## LORD RUSSELL.

## A PEN PICTURE OF THE GREAT IRISHMAN WHO IS NOW IN CANADA.

HIS TENACITY OF PURPOSE IS ONLY EQUALLED BY HIS KINDNESS OF HEART—A CATHOLIC, AN IRISHMAN, A JUST JUDGE AND A TRUE SPORTSMAN.

(Specially written for THE TRUE WITNESS.)

Since the last number of THE TRUE WITNESS was issued, Montrealers have been honored by the presence in this city of one of the foremost Irishmen of modern times; an Irishman, who, like many others of his nationality, has done much to add to the lustre of Great Britain as a nation, and to the dignity of that legislature which, marvellous to relate, still withholds from Ireland that measure of local self-government which it has long since granted, not only to Canada and Australia, but to such (comparatively speaking) insignificant portions of the Empire as the island of Jamaica.

A youth of seventeen, brought up in an atmosphere of politics, and taught from his infancy to sympathize with the oppressed, regardless of the fact that the majority of his fellow-countrymen may side with the oppressors, is apt to choose for himself certain subjects of hero worship, and to conjure with certain names. So it came about, that the writer, though by birth an Englishman, had, at the age mentioned above, come to reverence the names of Parnell, that wonderful leader of a fighting minority; Morley, that thoughtful litterateur who had left his study to fight the battles of the weak, and Sir Charles Russell, that logical yet oftentimes impassioned debater who was destined to do so much towards converting the electorate of England to the cause of Homo Reus.

Through the kindness of a member who was a distant relative of my mother, I, at this period of my life, was often able to attend the debates in the "House," and how often have I, looking down from the Strangers' Gallery, envied the mediocre country member who would drop into the seat next to that of the great barrister, and chat with him for a quarter of an hour. How often have I, watching the two faces closely, tried to imagine what the conversation was about, and what my hero was saying. Little did I think at that time that long years afterwards, when Sir Charles Russell had become Baron Russell of Killowen, Lord Chief Justice of England, it would be my privilege to be introduced to him, and to converse with him for two or three hours.

I have been asked to give to the readers of THE TRUE WITNESS my impressions of the great Irishman. I can only wish that the task had been undertaken by one better fitted to deal with such an interesting subject, but since the honor has been granted to such an unworthy scribe, I desire to state that I regard the carrying out of the commission as a labor of love.

To talk for half an hour with Lord Russell is to discover the secret of his success in life. Determination, energy and tenacity of purpose are not only written on the features of the face, but are apparent in every second sentence that is spoken. It is easy to conceive that he is a man who will not be convinced by any argument which appeals to the emotions alone; he must have unanswerable logic, and he permitted a strict investigation into the soundness of every plea advanced, before his nature—so eminently suited to the carrying out of his present highly important judicial duties—is satisfied. Not that he despises any display of emotion for its well known that the grand oratorical which closed his magnificent speech before the Parnell commission was pointed with the acute sincerity of tears. Once convinced of the justice of a cause, heart, mind, soul and body are enlisted, and no labor, however exhausting, is considered for a moment. I remarked to Mr. Charles Russell that the Chief Justice appeared to be healthier and more fleshy than of old. "Yes," replied the son, "his two years of comparative quiet on the Bench have done him a world of good. When he was at the Bar you have no idea how he used to work. Why, when he was engaged upon a big case, he did not consider his health for a moment; he gave himself up to the important matter in hand and totally and entirely."

Scarcely had I commenced to talk with him, when I gained a great insight into his nature from one remark which he let fall. "Yes," he said, smiling indulgently at something I had advanced, "but what is the point of it all; that has always been my rule in life,—to get at the objective point." He might well have added that having once discovered that objective point, he had spared no effort to attain it. The hope, the inspiration, of every young advocate, just called to the Bar, is the "woolsack," i.e., the position of Lord High Chancellor. Starting out without influence, a member of a Church regarded almost with suspicion by the majority of English people, it required but thirty-five years for Charles Russell to become Lord Chief Justice—the position next to that of Lord Chancellor. Should God spare him to England and to Ireland, he will doubtless yet fill the highest judicial appointment in the world. I have spoken of him as a member of a Church whose members were regarded with suspicion by Englishmen twenty-five years ago. Does he owe any of his success to the fact that he has hidden his religious convictions from the world? Again, I repeat the words of a son who almost reverences the ground upon which his father treads: "Whatever may be urged against my father," said Mr. Charles Russell to the writer, "there is not a man living who can dare to say that he has ever shown the slightest shame because he was a Roman Catholic and an

Irishman. He is proud of being both one and the other, and has always said so." Let me, for the sake of all young men just starting out in life, add the comment of this worthy son of an illustrious father: "I have found myself," continued Mr. Russell, "that nothing is to be gained even in this life by a refusal to publicly show one's faith in the religion of their childhood, and reverence for the land of their ancestors. Even within the last few years a great change of sentiment has taken place in England with regard to this matter, and I can truthfully say that only on one occasion has the fact that I was a Roman Catholic been used as a reproach to me."

Another point which must strike any one who, even for a short time, is brought into close contact with Baron Russell, is his kindly nature and the democratic tendency of the man. I have said before that once convinced of the logic of a certain position, he will exhibit great tenacity of purpose. He is a man of strong convictions, and one of the things which he most strenuously objects to is the system of hereditary legislation. This may at first appear strange to some who will say: "Then how comes it that he is Lord Russell of Killowen?" As his title of Lord Chief Justice suggests, it is almost essential to the office that its occupant should be a peer. Here was a good excuse for him to plead inability to follow his convictions. Did he do so? No. He accepted the office of Lord Chief Justice and became Lord Russell of Killowen—but he made a stipulation. The title was part of the office, and as such he accepted it, but he said: "I am as firm an opponent of hereditary legislation as I ever was, and if I am to accept a title, that title must become extinct at my death." Mr. Gladstone, his firm friend and admirer, accepted the condition, and so Sir Charles Russell became one of the few—the very few—life peers. "Rather rough on his son," some again may remark. "Not at all," I reply, for the son holds just as strong views on this subject as does his father. During our conversation I fell into a lapsus lingue, and addressed His Lordship by his old title of "Sir Charles." Before I could frame the apology which I had intended to make, the kindly smile had overspread the Baron's face, and his charming voice checked it. "Thank you so much for calling me by my old name," he said, "I am always so pleased when anyone does that, and when, now and then, I receive letters addressed to me by that title, I feel almost inclined to answer them before the others." He does his best in every way to make one feel at home in his presence, and listens with courteous interest to what may be said. They say that he is self-assertive on the bench. Perhaps he is; certainly those who have a wholesome respect for justice, and for the good name of the Empire of which we, as Canadians, form part, will be glad that he made the jurymen in the Jameson trial understand their plain duty. But be that as it may, in private life he is the most unassuming of men, and when conversing with a stranger he does not convey the impression that he desires to monopolize the talking. So much of personal testimony regarding his democratic tendencies. Let me now give an illustration of his kindly nature.

During the steamboat journey from Kingston to Montreal, he discovered that he had mislaid his light overcoat, and as he had been sitting in the open air for some time and desired to put it on, he wandered through the saloon looking for it. He did not send anyone to look for it, he went himself. He had conducted the search for some time, and was about to re-ascend the stairs to the deck, when a bright little newsboy, who had seen the coat hanging at the other end of the cabin earlier in the day, ventured to ask him if that was what he sought. Finding that it was, he darted off, and in half a minute was holding it up for His Lordship to slip into. As he banded the boy a piece of silver with one hand, Lord Russell patted him on the head with the other: "Always keep your eyes as wide open as that my boy, and you will one day find yourself captain of as fine a boat as this," he said with a smile.

One reference to a question which interests Canadians, and Irish-Canadians especially, very much, and I must bring these pleasant recollections to a close. I refer to the question of religious education in schools. Lord Russell was kind enough to discuss this important subject at some length. What does he advocate? He advocates simply that which he advocates in regard to all other matters—justice. Justice to parents, justice to the children, justice to the Church, and justice to the State. He recognizes the desire of the parent to have his child's education—which he pays for—supplemented by religious instruction. He recognizes the right of every child to receive a good practical education which will fit him for the battle with the world. He recognizes the right of those members of the Church who give their lives to the education of the young to teach in schools. He recognizes the right of the State to make a standard of education in State schools, and to see that that standard is kept up, by inspecting all schools whenever it may see fit to do so. Providing always that these conditions are lived up to: that the father pays his proportion of the taxes that support the schools; that the child's education is not stunted; that the Church is willing to furnish these free teachers; that the Government has the right to inspect the schools, he fails to see why there should be any outcry, if, in certain schools where all the scholars are of one denomination, and where the set standard of secular education is maintained, that secular education is supplemented by some religious and moral instruction. "The government pays for a certain equivalent value in secular education," he says. "Very well, if they get that equivalent; if they get value for their money, why object to supporting schools taught by members of a religious body, or schools in which something over and above the equivalent may be taught."

It is hardly necessary to state that Lord Russell, in spite of his arduous life's work, is a true sportsman, for he is not an Irishman? He loves a good horse, and was formerly a prominent member of the Jockey Club. He is said to be a good shot, and is one of the best whist players in England. He will without doubt be greatly interested in

the exhibition lacrosse match which the Shamrock Lacrosse Club will provide for his amusement tomorrow afternoon, and that for two reasons. Firstly, because he believes in mainly sport of all kinds and secondly, because he will be informed that no game played in Canada has such a hold on the affections of our Irish citizens as lacrosse.

May I add a few words regarding Mr. Charles Russell? He has risen to a very prominent position in his profession, which is that of a solicitor. Next perhaps to the well-known firm of Lewis and Lewis, the firm of Day and Russell has prepared most of the briefs or the baristers connected with the cases celebre of recent years. They instructed Sir Charles Russell himself in the arguments to be submitted to the arbitrators at Paris on behalf of the British Government in regard to the Behring Sea matter. To them is due the credit of collecting the evidence in the Oscar Wilde case used with such damning results, and in a score of other prominent legal fights they have done a large share of the work for which perhaps the shining lights of the Bar have received a little more than their due share of reward in the popular estimation. Like his father, Mr. Russell has an insatiable appetite for work, and he has not allowed himself to take a holiday for four years previous to the present trip. Even now he is restless to get back to his office, and while the remainder of the party will probably remain in America for another three weeks, he will be leaving for England by the time this issue of THE TRUE WITNESS is being sold. His partner, Mr. Day, is also the son of a Roman Catholic Judge, Mr. Justice Day.

To the readers of such a widely circulated Catholic weekly as THE TRUE WITNESS, it is perhaps scarcely necessary for me to add to what I have already written, that Lord Russell's brother is Father Russell, a prominent Jesuit, resident in Dublin, and of three sisters who are nuns, one Sister Baptist—is the Superior of the Order of Sisters of Mercy in the State of California. B.

## Lord Russell to Visit the S. A. A. A. Grounds Tomorrow.

The Shamrocks will play a match to-morrow afternoon before Lord Russell of Killowen, at the S. A. A. A. grounds. The Directors intend to invite the Mount St. Louis Cadets to mount a guard of honor in the Clubhouse to receive Lord Russell. The Victoria Rifles Band will also be in attendance. All members will be admitted to the Clubhouse on the presentation of their annual pass. The following invitations have been sent out: Mr. Justice C. J. Doherty, Mr. Justice Curran, Judge Purcell, Sir William Hingston, Hon. James O'Brien, Dr. Guerin, M.L.A.; Mr. M. J. F. Quinn, Q.C., M.P.; Ald. T. Kinsella, Ald. Connaught, Rev. J. Quinnivan, Rev. J. E. Donnelly, Rev. P. F. O'Donnell, Rev. Father O'Meara, Rev. Father Strubbe, and the lady officers of the recent Shamrock fancy fair. The Reception Committee will consist of Messrs. T. Butler, President of the Association; P. H. Bartley, Vice-President; R. J. Cooke, President of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club; William Stafford, Honorary President of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club; E. Mansfield, President of the Young Shamrock Lacrosse Club; J. B. Flynn, Honorary President of the Young Shamrock Lacrosse Club; W. H. Kearney, Honorary President of the Junior Shamrock Lacrosse Club; M. J. Polan, President of the Shamrock Hockey Club; James McKenna, Honorary President of the Shamrock Snowshoe Club; John Hoobin, W. Snow, P. McKenna, M. Kinsella and W. H. Callahan, Directors of the Association; G. A. Carpenter, W. J. Sullivan, C. J. Hanratty, A. Dobby and C. A. Neville, honorary secretaries of the affiliated clubs.

An address of welcome will be read by the President of the Association on the arrival of Lord Russell, at the conclusion of which Mr. P. H. Bartley, vice-president, will present the distinguished visitor with a parchment enrolling him as an honorary life member of the Association. The club-house and grounds will be handsomely decorated for the occasion.

## THE ORPHANS' THANKS.

Mr. B. Tansey, on behalf of the St. Patrick's orphans, tenders his sincere thanks to the committee of management and lady attendants of the Fresh Air Fund, to the former for the kind invitation to the orphans on several occasions to their picnics at Sherringham Park, where the little ones thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and to the latter for their kind attention to the orphans on their several trips. Also to the directors of the Mount Royal Incline Railway for passes for the orphans' use throughout the summer season; to the Shamrock Athletic Association, who so kindly allowed the orphans to use the athletic grounds whenever they wished; and to Mr. McDonald of the Street Railway, and the attaches of the company, for their great efforts to make the rides given to the little ones pleasant and enjoyable.

## MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S COMING.

A London cable to the Evening Post says: "The news that Joseph Chamberlain left Liverpool for New York came as a complete surprise to everyone outside of his family circle. An attempt was made in some quarters to find political reasons for the visit. It was suggested that Ambassador Pauncefoot before leaving London for Paris intended that a meeting between the British Minister and Secretary Olney might at this moment remove the last vestige of difficulty in the Venezuelan dispute. Mr. Chamberlain himself intimated that his visit was a purely family affair. He had forbidden any previous intimation to the press. It is believed however that he would not avoid a friendly chat with President Cleveland and Secretary Olney on pending questions. His absence indicates forcibly that the feeling of alarm is completely removed from American and South African affairs."

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## THE DUBLIN CONVENTION.

Inaugural Session Held Yesterday in Leinster Hall—A Large Attendance of Delegates.

The first session of the Irish National Convention opened at noon yesterday in Leinster Hall, Dublin.

There were 2,000 delegates present. They came from Ireland and Great Britain as a rule; but the United States, Canada, Australia and South Africa are also represented.

The Convention was called to order promptly at noon by Mr. Justin McCarthy, M.P., who nominated the Most Rev. Patrick O'Donnell, D.D., Bishop of Raphoe, for permanent chairman. The bishop was unanimously elected, as arranged last week, amid the wildest applause.

Bishop O'Donnell then read a message from the Pope, in which His Holiness prayed that the Irish leaders might end their dissensions.

The chairman then specially welcomed the delegates from the United States and Canada and delivered an address, pleading for unity.

The feeling among the foreign delegations was that all sections should unite.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA.

The Catholic University of Ottawa began its 4th scholastic year on Wednesday, the 2nd of September. The following is the list of the faculty and professors in the various courses. All are members of the Oblats of Mary Immaculate:

Rector, Very Rev. J. H. McGucken; Vice Rector, Rev. M. F. Fallon; Secretary, Rev. A. Consantaneu; Treasurer, Rev. A. Martin.

## ARTS AND COLLEGIATE COURSE.

Professor of Studies—Rev. W. J. Murphy.

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Professor of Physics and Astronomy—Rev. W. Murphy.

Professors of English—Rev. M. Fallon, Rev. C. Sloan, Rev. L. Tighe.

Professors of Greek—Rev. H. Gervais, Rev. W. Patton, Rev. G. Gauvreau.

Professors of Latin—Rev. N. Nilles, Rev. A. Antoine, Rev. W. Howe, Rev. G. Gervais, Rev. E. David.

Professors of French—Rev. C. Gohiet, Rev. L. Lacoste, Rev. Father Dabreuil.

Professors of Mathematics—Rev. A. Antoine, Rev. C. Sloan, Rev. A. Lajeunesse, Rev. J. Gillis.

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Professors of History—Rev. N. Nilles, Rev. W. Patton, Rev. W. Howe.

Professors of Music—Rev. O. Lambert, Rev. A. Lajeunesse, Rev. W. Kulavy.

## COMMERCIAL COURSE.

Prefect of Studies—Rev. A. Henault.

Professors of English—Rev. L. Tighe, Messrs. J. Ryan, P. Galvin, W. Kingsley, J. J. O'Reilly.

Professors of Mathematics—Messrs. Fleury, Clancy, O'Meara and Payment.

Professors of History and Geography—Messrs. Ryan, Galvin, Kingsley and Fleury.

Professor of Commercial Law and Commercial Geography—Rev. D. A. Sullivan.

Professors of Book-keeping—Rev. J. C. Duffy and Rev. D. Sullivan.

Professor of Physics—Rev. J. Duffy.

Professors of French—Rev. T. Campbell, Rev. A. Rouzeau, Rev. W. Stuvé.

Professors of Writing and Drawing—Rev. A. Lajeunesse and Rev. Campbell.

The school year at Ottawa University covers a period of ten months, with a vacation of three weeks at Christmas.

## THE MONKEY THEATRE.

An excited crowd of children greeted the trained monkeys, yesterday afternoon at the Windsor Hall; their wonder and delight surpassed all bounds, as feat after feat, performed with almost human intelligence, skill and dash, was presented. The monkeys seem to be able to do everything but speak, and they make an attempt at that. Comedians, acrobats, dancers, pugilists, bicyclists, all are there, giving a really astonishing exhibition of animal sagacity and patient training. The exhibition opens every afternoon and evening and remains but a short season, and should be visited by all who wish to enjoy a hearty laugh.

## ABENAKIS SPRINGS.

List of guests registered at the Abenakis House, Abenakis Springs, Que.: J. H. Hansen, Miss Laura Hansen, Master Fred Hansen, Miss Rena Hansen, Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. F. Desmond, Chas. Wilson, Mrs. Chas. Wilson and child, W. A. McDonald, A. D. McDonald, Mrs. Leonard, Miss Leonard, F. Desmond, Miss Angie Sullivan, Mrs. J. K. Gilman, James G. Shearer, Mrs. J. T. Shearer, Miss J. Shearer, George W. Shearer, Miss M. Hanks, Geo. C. J. Traquair, Montreal.

Miss E. Simpson, Miss E. H. Simpson, Richmond.

Mrs. D. A. Brodie, G. D. Brodie, Burlington, Vt.

Mrs. A. Farlinger, Morrisburg, Ont.

Miss Nora E. Desmond, San Jose, Cal.

Mrs. J. H. Bredon, Mirleton.

Miss Stark, Toronto.

Mrs. E. R. Johnson, Mrs. L. K. Drew, Magog.

## THE BICYCLE CRAZE.

Gadosok—If the people of the viking age could have foreseen this age, what do you suppose they would have said about it?

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The caller, who held his head very much to one side and had a bandage about his neck, deposited a coin in the hand of the celebrated clairvoyant and spiritual medium. "I wish," he said, "you would call up Job and ask him what he would do if he had a big boil coming on the back of his neck?"

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## ANOTHER SLIDE.

The intelligence comes from Quebec that a large quantity of earth and rock fell from the cliff in the vicinity of the late fatal landslide, close to the Aillans wharf. No one was injured. It is high time that the authorities should attend to the matter of preventing a similar serious accident to the one which occurred some time ago.

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