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THE STAR.

Harbor Grace, March 25, 1874.

The English and American mails may be expected at St. John's on about Friday next.

The steamer "Hercules" arrived here from St. John's, on Tuesday last, with freight and passengers.

On Monday last, the Order of the Day in the House of Assembly was for the consideration of Ways and Means, the intention of the Government being to pass the Resolutions for the New Tariff that day, and to put them in force at the Custom House on the day following.

Tuesday last, the anniversary of St. Patrick, was one of the most delightful days we have ever enjoyed in Newfoundland and at this season of the year, and yesterday Madame Shelah, forgot her tantrum and behaved in a very lady-like way, giving us for once clear skies and pleasant sunshine, in lieu of the boisterous snow-storms with which she is in the habit of favoring us.

A few hours afterwards the Resolutions came before the House, and after a good deal of debate, Mr. Bennett urged the postponement for the persons previously given to Mr. Carter. He (Mr. B.) could not understand why one mercantile house should be allowed an advantage which was denied to others.

Mr. Shea, seeing that Mr. Bennett had a strong point to work upon, admitted the force of Mr. Bennett's arguments, and agreed to the postponement asked for. The question as to who is the actual leader of the Government must now be considered settled.

The House met at the usual hour on Friday, when some questions were asked by the Opposition respecting the issuing of writs for the elections in Placentia and St. Mary's and Fortune Bay. The Opposition stated that Mr. Carter had been asked more than two weeks since to inform the House when it was intended to issue these writs, and that he replied he was not then in a position to say, but that a meeting of the Executive would be held on Friday, (Feb. 30) immediately after he (Mr. C.) would be enabled to give the desired information.

Resolved—That it is unreasonable further to consider the question of Ways and Means until elections shall have been held for the now vacant districts of Fortune and Placentia Bays, and that it is expedient that such elections be had and the returns made before the expiration of the present Revenue Act.

A debate took place upon this Resolution which lasted throughout Friday night, until twelve o'clock on Saturday night, when Mr. Little said "If the Government intend to keep the House open on Sunday, I for one will not remain." He then walked out, and at a quarter past twelve the Opposition members had all left the House.

The Government then went to work, passed their Resolutions, and ordered the second meeting for Monday (yesterday.) They finished their business at one o'clock on Sunday morning.

This is the first time in the history of our Legislature that any Bill has been passed or any business transacted on the Sabbath, and it is remarkable that the first instance of such a profanation has occurred under our new Wesleyan administration. We can but do Mr Rogerson the justice to say that at near twelve o'clock he remonstrated with Mr. Carter upon the impropriety of going further—but the latter promptly shut him up by telling him that if he (Mr. Rogerson) did not remain in his place, he (Mr. Carter) would have nothing further to do with him.

What the effect of this Sunday legislation may be is of course a question for the Courts, should its legality be questioned. Sunday is a day upon which no business can be legally transacted. A cheque dated or a contract entered into on Sunday, cannot be sustained by our Law Courts. And we cannot find that any act has ever been definitely concluded on Sunday in the House of Commons.

Resolved—That a Society be established under the title of the Benevolent Irish Society, to be subject to the same Rules that now govern the St. John's Benevolent Irish Society. His Lordship the Bishop then addressed the meeting, and stated the great pleasure it afforded him to meet so large and respectable a number of his faithful people and true children of St. Patrick; encouraged them to proceed, and blessed the good work that they had undertaken, after which his Lordship retired.

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On Tuesday morning the members of the Benevolent Irish Society had their usual annual procession and religious services, and in the evening they, with their guests, had their annual dinner in the Orphan Asylum. His Lordship Dr. Power occupied his seat next the President, and during a capital speech made by him he uttered a capital joke, which elicited universal laughter.

The Tasker Society, on the same day gave their annual treat to the children of deceased Masons, and no less than 210 of the father and motherless sat down to a bountifully spread feast, which they enjoyed as only children can. The youngsters were entertained with a variety of amusements during the afternoon. In the evening the annual Ball in aid of the Tasker fund was given, and was spiritedly kept up until about three o'clock.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

FOR THE H.G. STAR.

Benevolent Irish Society, UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF His Lordship the Most Rev. HENRY CARFAGNI, D. D., O. S. F., Bishop of Harbor Grace.

Agreeably to notice, previously given, a Public Meeting took place at St. Patrick's Hall on Sunday evening, the 15th inst., at 5 p.m., a large and respectable number of persons being in attendance. His Lordship the Most Reverend Henry Carfagni, D. D., O. S. F., Bishop of Harbor Grace, attended by the Very Rev. D. Falconio, O. S. F., and the Reverends W. Veitch and J. V. Donnelly, entered the Room, and were enthusiastically received.

On motion made and adopted, the chair was taken by Mr. M. J. Flynn, who briefly stated that this meeting was called to establish a Benevolent Irish Society, to be governed by the same rules as the St. John's Benevolent Irish Society. His Lordship the Bishop then addressed the meeting, and stated the great pleasure it afforded him to meet so large and respectable a number of his faithful people and true children of St. Patrick; encouraged them to proceed, and blessed the good work that they had undertaken, after which his Lordship retired.

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[A large and respectable number of persons then came forward and gave in their names as being willing to establish a Society in accordance with the above resolution.]

- 2.—That the following persons be appointed to act as provisional officers of this Society until a day to be hereafter named in May next:— P. Devereux, Esq.,—President. Mr. Joseph Innot,—Vice do. James Calaman,—1st Assist. Vice do. Thos. Malone, Sr.,—2nd do. do. Thomas Strapp,—Treasurer. C. L. Kennedy,—Assistant do. J. B. Drysdale,—Secretary. John Barry,—Assistant do. Robert Lahey,—Chairman of Charity. Thomas Cody,—Chairman of Review and Correspondence.

Messrs. Isaac Pumphrey and William Dunn,—Committee of Review and Correspondence.

Messrs. Philip Colbert, Maurice Malone and Nicholas Fitzgerald—Marshalls.

[On motion, the Chair was vacated and the President elected took his seat. A vote of thanks was then unanimously accorded to the Chairman.]

3.—That an address be presented to His Lordship Dr. Carfagni, respectfully asking His Lordship to honor this Society by becoming its Patron.

4.—That a Committee be appointed to draft the address, and learn when and where His Lordship will be pleased to receive it.

[The Committee then withdrew and shortly returned with a copy of an address which on being read was unanimously adopted.]

5.—That this Society meet on St. Patrick's morning to move in procession to the Cathedral, to assist at Mass, and then proceed to St. Patrick's Church, Carbon ear, to assist at the solemn services of the day. After which the meeting adjourned till St. Patrick's Day.

J. B. DRYSDALE, Secretary, pro. tem.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY, HARBOR GRACE.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at the meeting held on Sunday last, the Benevolent Irish Society assembled at St. Patrick's Hall at 8 o'clock, from whence they proceeded in procession to the Cathedral where they assisted at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, after which they marched and counter-marched through Water Street, the fine Band of the Total Abstinence and Benefit Society playing appropriate National airs.

Having arrived at Carbon ear, the Society was met by a large and respectable body of Brother Members from that Town with their fine band; all having joined in procession, proceeded on their way to St. Patrick's Church.

The procession, being now complete, was the largest ever seen on such an occasion, numbering about four hundred, all wearing rich rosettes, and the officers and committee fine scarfs, on the front of which were worked the Harp and Shamrock; and which was the figure of St. Patrick, likewise the flag of the Society. The Society also escorted His Lordship to the Parish residence. The roads along the route were crowded with well dressed people, all wearing the "Green Immortal Shamrock" or some other Irish National emblem.

Benevolent Irish Society, beg leave to avail ourselves of this solemn occasion to express more than ever our filial devotion and sincere attachment to your sacred Person.

This day, sacred to the memory of the great Apostle of Ireland, at the same time it fills our hearts with gladness, also recalls to our minds that the greatness of our Nation has principally been made conspicuous in the profession of the faith, established by St. Patrick, and that the glories of our Fathers were generally achieved, when they, like the first Martyrs of the Church, knew how to sacrifice home and Country, riches and friendships for the sake of Religion.

Yes, the history of our fathers, permit us to repeat with the learned Father Thomas Burke—"began with their Christianity, their glories were all intertwined with their religion, their National Banner was inscribed with the emblem of their faith. The Green Immortal Shamrock, the brightest names in their history, were all associated with their Religion."

Prompted by these same sentiments of devotion for our religion and attachment to the Pastor of our Diocese, and being fully convinced that no charitable institution can feign hope of success unless blessed by God, we most humbly beg of your Lordship to become, on this glorious day, the Patron of our Benevolent Irish Society, that we may, under the influence of your wise counsels and paternal protection, proceed with success in the holy work we have undertaken for the welfare of the poor of this community, for the good of religion, and for the honor of the Irish Nation.

Hoping your Lordship will be pleased to accede to our request, permit us to renew the homage of our profound respect and filial attachment to your sacred person. For years to come may it be our happy lot to prove children worthy of our fathers, by following our beloved Pastor and by lightening by our fidelity the burden of accumulated trials and labors which the insubordinate spirit of our age heaps on the head of God's chosen servants.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of officers and members of the Society. P. DEVEREUX, President, pro. tem. J. B. DRYSDALE, Secretary, pro. tem.

REPLY.

In response, His Lordship thanked the officers and members of the Society for the expression of their kind feeling towards him. He was sincerely proud to see on that solemn occasion such a great number of people, all united in one sacred bond of Christian Charity.

In them he recognized the true, faithful children of that great Apostle of Ireland, St. Patrick, who taught their fathers that they "should never depart from the fold of the one Shepherd into which he had gathered them;" which blessing had been verified up to the present time.

It was but too true what they had so beautifully expressed in their address, that the greatness of Ireland had principally sprung from the faith they had so dearly cherished, and that the glories of their fathers began with their Christianity.

It was His Lordship's ardent wish and fervent prayer on that solemn day, that the same spirit of Christian heroism and obedience to Jesus' divine laws, diffused into the hearts of their fathers by St. Patrick, and which had gloriously survived even to our times, animating the true children of Ireland to be worthy representatives of the "Island of Saints," would be transmitted to the latest descendants of their race, be prized by them as their distinctive glory and be so deeply imprinted on their hearts that neither trial nor length of time would be able to extinguish it.

After a few other remarks, His Lordship expressed his pleasure in seeing them adopting the Constitution of the Benevolent Irish Society of St. John's, which Constitution, not excluding from their ranks persons of different denominations, would the more encourage the union and fraternal charity which should exist in every Christian community. He gladly accepted the Patronage of the Benevolent Irish Society, and begged of God through the intercession of St. Patrick to bless the Irish Nation and the Benevolent Irish Society, that it might prove a source of blessing to our community, and of consolation to all the Poor.

Then His Lordship blessed the Society, and the deputation withdrew. This act of filial devotion and submission to the ecclesiastical authority, on the part of the Children of St. Patrick, made a great impression on the hearts of the vast congregation. Solemn Pontifical Mass was then commenced, and after the Gospel, the Rev. W. Veitch delivered a truly eloquent address on the life and labors of St. Patrick, which was listened to most attentively by the large congregation. After Mass the Society reformed and proceeded to pay their respects to the Rev. W. Veitch, thence to the ladies of the Presentation Convent, after which they repaired to St. Patrick's Hall and partook of lunch prepared for them. They then marched in procession through the town of Carbon ear, and on parting with their Carbon ear friends, these hearty cheers were given for our Holy Father the Pope, their beloved patron and the Benevolent Irish Society, the Band played "Auld Lang Syne" and "St. Patrick's Day." The Society returned to Harbor Grace and disbanded at their Hall.

[FOR THE H. G. STAR.] CARBON EAR, March 19 1874.

Tuesday last, being the Anniversary of Ireland's Patron saint, the members of the Benevolent Irish Society celebrated the occasion by their annual procession to Carbon ear to assist at the Pontifical High Mass and other ceremonies usual on that day.

The weather was all that could be desired. The Church was tastefully adorned for the occasion; the altar especially was decorated with exquisite taste and propriety—the transparent purity of the white flowers, of which a rich profusion crowned it, aptly typifying the "whiterobed sanctity" of the illustrious Saint, whose festival was commemorated, and the countless shamrocks, green banners and harps, forcibly and agreeably recalling to mind that beloved land—the scenes of his Apostolic and heroic labors.

A beautiful arch of evergreens was erected at the Church gate, tastefully adorned with green flags, bearing appropriate mottoes—conspicuous amongst which, was one with the following:—"The Children of St. Patrick welcome their Bishop."

At 10 o'clock, A.M., about three hundred persons, headed by the Band, and wearing green rosettes, marched in procession to meet their beloved Bishop, the most Rev. Dr. Carfagni and the Irish Society. On meeting, the most unbounded joy and enthusiasm were manifested by all present. Both processions having mingled, proceeded to the Church, accompanied by a vast concourse of all classes and both sexes—all profusely decorated with green ribbons and rosettes, and enlivened by the soul-stirring strains of the splendid brass band.

It can be truly stated, without fear of contradiction, that so great a manifestation of enthusiasm and devotion to St. Patrick was never before witnessed in this community—a fact which, no doubt, may be ascribed to the admirable exhortations of His Lordship the most Rev. Dr. Carfagni, who has always manifested the greatest zeal in promoting the honor of Ireland's great Apostle.

A beautiful and affectionate address was presented to His Lordship, on behalf of the Benevolent Irish Society, by their President, Patrick Devereux, Esq., in which His Lordship was solicited to become the Patron of the Society.

His Lordship replied in a most eloquent, pathetic, and impressive discourse, in which he dwelt forcibly on the great advantage of charitable society, particularly of the Benevolent Irish Society.

At the Pontifical High Mass His Lordship was assisted by the Very Rev. D. Falconio, as Master of Ceremonies; the Rev. J. Commis, as Deacon, and the Rev. J. V. Donnelly, as Sub Deacon.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Veitch, who in his customary felicitous style and manner drew a most vivid picture of the life, labours, and virtues of the illustrious St. Patrick; all the treasures of eloquence and oratory, of which the Preacher is so perfect a master, were enlisted by him in eulogizing the sacred and noble subject of his most impressive discourse.

After the Benediction of the most Adorable Sacrament, the Society marched through the town, playing their beautiful national airs, and proceeded thence to Harbor Grace, amidst the hearty and prolonged cheers of the vast concourse who accompanied them a part of the way home. Thus quietly ended a day, which will be long remembered as one earnestly devoted to the cause of religion and virtue.

CATHOLICUS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE STAR.]

Sir,—The anniversary of Ireland's Tutelar Saint was celebrated here and at Carbon ear, on the 17th inst., in a most enthusiastic manner, by the patriot sons of Old Erin. The procession of the Benevolent Irish Society was one of the most imposing I have ever had the pleasure of witnessing; and here I would just remark that the veneration exemplified on the occasion by the Roman Catholics of this community for their beloved Bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Carfagni, was such as to lead to the belief that his Lordship is dearly beloved and reverently esteemed by the Catholic people of this diocese.

During the comparatively short time His Lordship has presided over the Catholic Church in Harbor Grace he has endeared himself to all with whom he has been connected in the discharge of the sacred duties of his holy office, and many an orphan's heart has been made glad by the generous assistance received from his philanthropic hand. May the Most Rev. Gentleman long continue amongst us, shedding a halo of temporal as well as spiritual blessings around the bereaved and distressed; and when the exalted duties of his office here on earth shall be discharged, and the transient scenes of this sublunary sphere exchanged for those of a permanent nature, may the remembrance of his piety and benevolence continue uppermost in the hearts of a grateful people, and the verdure above his tomb be kept green with the tears of the recipients of his bounty.

Yours, &c. MEMOR ET FIDELIS.

Harbor Grace, March 25, 1874.

The latest from the seat of war in Aachen states that the Dutch General has obtained an important strategical advantage with little loss. He is master of the line from the Missingt to Kotoprot, and commands the communications of the enemy with Kraton. The Acheens, it is admitted, display immense energy in their resistance.

One of the Legitimist members of the French Assembly has proposed a tax of 2 francs on men's hats of the ordinary kind, and also on livery hats and caps.