

Bell Island's Welcome

To Rev. Fr. McGrath, P.P.

Sunday last, July 2nd, was a gala day at Bell Island especially for the congregation of St. Michael's R. C. Parish when an enthusiastic, warm and hearty welcome to their Pastor the Very Rev. James J. McGrath, P. P., was extended by the Catholic Cadet Corps, and the Bell Island Star of the Sea Association; after his absence of six months abroad with His Grace Archbishop Roche. St. Joseph's Hall, the headquarters of the Star of the Sea, and the C. C. C. Hall was bedecked with bunting, while flags flew to the breeze from many private residences both at the Mines and in the residential section. Rev. Father Galway, formerly of the West End of St. John's, but now attached to the large Cathedral in Wheeling, West Virginia, U. S. A., was present on the occasion as a guest of Fr. McGrath. Last Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Fr. Galway when the sacred edifice of St. Michael's was filled to overflowing. The C. C. C. under Lieut. J. M. Greene attended and a Guard of Honour lined the altar rails and gave the usual salute at the Elevation. Fr. Galway preached a most learned discourse and was listened to with great attention by the vast congregation; while the music for the occasion was entirely Gregorian and was of a high standard. After Mass the Star of the Sea assembled at St. Joseph's Hall and to the number of about 150 strong, under Grand Marshal John Connors formed up for parade and joined the C. C. C. The ex-members of the Brigade and Society numbering nearly a dozen—now attached to the Newfoundland Regiment at Headquarters also joined in the parade to pay their respects to their Pastor and were accorded the place of honour in the procession. The joint parade under command of Lieut. Greene then proceeded from the Hall going via Main Street to the Tramway Company when a turn was made and then proceeded to the Presbytery grounds where they were received by Rev. Fr. McGrath and Father Galway on the piazza. Magistrate P. F. Power, on behalf of the Star of the Sea, then read an address of welcome to Father McGrath, while Vice-President Billingsley on behalf of the same Association presented the venerable Pastor with an ebony silver-mounted walking cane; and Lieut. Greene, on behalf of the C. C. C., tendered their respects and hearty welcome to Fr. McGrath as the Chaplain of their Company. Both the President of the Star of the Sea and Lieut. of the Cadets took occasion to refer to the presence of Fr.

Galway and extended him a warm welcome to Bell Island. Fr. McGrath in replying thanked both organizations for the expression of loyalty and devotion shown him this morning. He assured them he was glad to be back again in their midst. He was surprised and pleased at the magnificence of the parade. He had left the Star of the Sea six months ago as an infant organization. He now beheld it as matured and well developed in a few short months. He had previously seen the C. C. C. but to-day he beheld them again in good form and large numbers notwithstanding the many enlistments in the Regiment from their ranks. He was glad to see so many from the Parish there to-day in khaki. He was more than glad to learn that the members of the Regiment who took part in this reception had done so voluntarily notwithstanding that they were on but week-end leave with their relatives. He thanked all for the splendid reception accorded him and introduced the Rev. Fr. Galway as an old St. John's boy, a comrade of his in school-days, who was spending his summer vacation in the land of his birth which he had done for the last 25 years. Fr. Galway made a very able address. His advice to the soldiers and the Brigade boys was such that they will long remember. His words to the Star of the Sea were those of an enthusiastic Priest and of a loyal son of old Terra Nova, which was best testified when he informed them that though stationed in far away Virginia he had every year visited the homeland when the opportunity occurred. Ringing cheers for Revs. Fr. McGrath and Fr. Galway rent the air after the conclusion of the ceremony. The spacious grounds of the Presbytery were crowded with citizens who thus joined in the welcome tendered the beloved Sogarth Aaron of Bell Island. Herewith we append the Address presented by the Star of the Sea:—

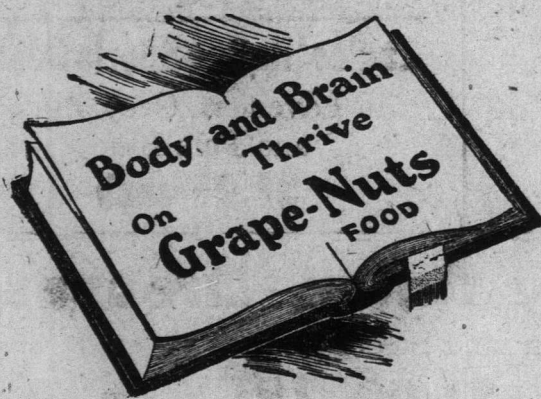
To The Rev. James J. McGrath, P. P., Bell Island.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—

We, the members of the Bell Island Star of the Sea Association, beg to avail of this first opportunity after your lengthy absence from us, to accord our great pleasure at having you with us again.

After your years of labour in our midst, we seek your guidance and appreciate the wisdom of your counsel which is always available in our needs, both spiritual and temporal.

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Wishing you many happy years as our Spiritual Director, and again assuring you of the loyalty of the Bell Island Star of the Sea Association.

Signed,—

P. F. POWER, President.

WM. BILLINGSLEY, Vice-President.

R. D. WALSH, Treasurer.

J. M. GREENE, Secretary.

Vaughan a Smoker.

Notwithstanding his discourses against the "sins of society," Father Vaughan is not by any means an ascetic; as a matter of fact he is very contemptuous of the person who denies himself every good thing in life. The story goes that on one occasion Father Vaughan offered a good cigar to a very anaemic and plous-looking minister who belonged to quite a different persuasion to himself, and who rejected the offer with horror.

"I was not sent into the world to smoke," he said, holding up his hand in protest.

"Ah," replied Father Vaughan genially, "I belong to a church that prefers to get its smoking done in this world. I hope you won't mind my lighting up."

A Good Fish Story.

Lord Buxton, the Governor-General of South Africa, "is an ardent disciple of Isaac Walton, and he tells many good fishing yarns. One of his favorites is about an angler who one day had a four hours' tussle with a huge salmon before he was able to land it. When at last he had made sure of his catch he took it home in ecstasy and related his triumph to his maiden aunt. Of course, like all fishermen, he made as much of the story as possible, and laid special stress on the time it took and the immense energy he had to expend before he could bring the salmon safely to land. When he had finished he waited anxiously for the praise due to his cleverness and heroism. For some moments there was silence, and then his aunt looked up from her knitting with a puzzled expression on her face. "But, my dear Tom," she said quietly, why did you not cut the string and get rid of the brute?"

A Mistake Somewhere

Shortly after the naval battle of Jutland, the Kaiser made a speech to the sailors of the fleet at Wilhelmshaven, and in the course of it said:

"The British fleet was beaten. The first big blow was dealt the British fleet, whose tyrannical supremacy was shattered."

It is nearly two weeks since the 'freedom of the seas' was thus gained and the world has been awaiting expectantly an announcement that the Teutons had followed up their crushing blow by restoring normal commercial connections between this country and Germany. But so far nothing has happened. No announcement comes of the triumphant departure of a merchant fleet from Hamburg; the German liners still remain interned in New York harbor. They are not even being fitted for sea. How is this? Doesn't Germany want our goods any more. Has it lost its desire for free access to our food-stuffs and to the output of our munition plants? Has it decided henceforth to exist a hermit nation? Or is it possible Kaiser Wilhelm may have been mistaken, over-optimistic in his diagnosis of the result of the skirmish off the Jutland coast? Can it be that the British navy after all survives in some fragmentary fashion?

LADY REID COMING HOME.—Sir W. D. Reid's private car went out yesterday evening attached to the mail and freight and will be at Port aux Basques early Friday morning to accommodate Lady Reid, who will arrive in town on Saturday afternoon.

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