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## ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN MONTREAL.

### Brilliant Celebration of Festival.

### Stirring Sermon Preached in St. Patrick's Church by Rev. Father Barrett.

Irishmen of Montreal did themselves proud in their observance of the great national festival, and never was St. Patrick's Day more fittingly celebrated than on this occasion. The religious ceremonies were attended by large numbers of the faithful, both in the church of the mother parish and in the temples of the other parishes which this time held services. In St. Patrick's, St. Mary's and St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Gabriel's large congregations assisted at the divine sacrifice and afterwards made public profession of their national sentiments.

more beautiful than it appeared to an Irish eye yesterday. The fine Gothic structure, itself one of the choicest examples of ecclesiastical architecture in Montreal, was a picture to the eye, bold in color, each hue skilfully blended, all forming a sympathetic combination well worthy of the brush of some great master. The plan of decoration was simple, and its simplicity was rare artistry. The decorator confined his efforts to the sanctuary, and the greater part of his art was directed to the main altar and the screen. Green and white were the colors of the decoration and these colors were furnished by natural plants and cut blooms. Ferns and palms and creeping smilac were used with a cunning hand and white blooms were tastefully added. The illumination of the altar was striking. For the first

praise to St. Patrick. The procession was headed by cross bearers and acolytes, the chancel choir followed. Then came the clergy, followed by the deacon and sub-deacon at the throne, the assistant priest and His Grace the Archbishop. As the procession reached the sanctuary the Knights were at attention, and when His Grace reached the steps, there was a command and the swords flashed in salute to the spiritual head of the diocese. His Grace proceeded to the altar steps and then the service commenced.

His Grace acted as celebrant. The deacon and sub-deacon of office were Rev. Father I. Kavanagh, S.J., and Rev. Father John Brophy; assistant priest, Rev. Father Rioux, pastor of St. Ann's; deacon and sub-deacon of the Mass, Rev. Father J. McCrory and Rev. Father R. Reid; Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Father Demers. Professor P. J. Shea was in charge of the music of the service, and with him was a choir of fine voices. Riga's beautiful Mass was the one chosen, and the choir performed it admirably. The Credo was a Gregorian one and in it the boys of the chancel choir aided. At the Offertory Owen's Ave Maria was sung. At the conclusion of the Mass the congregation arose and sang "Holy God, we Praise Thy Name," the pastor, Rev. Father Gerald McShane, leading from the sanctuary. As the people were filing out of the sacred edifice the fine tones of the organ, directed by a sympathetic touch, were heard in characteristic Irish melodies.

### Wit and Eloquence in Many Speeches.

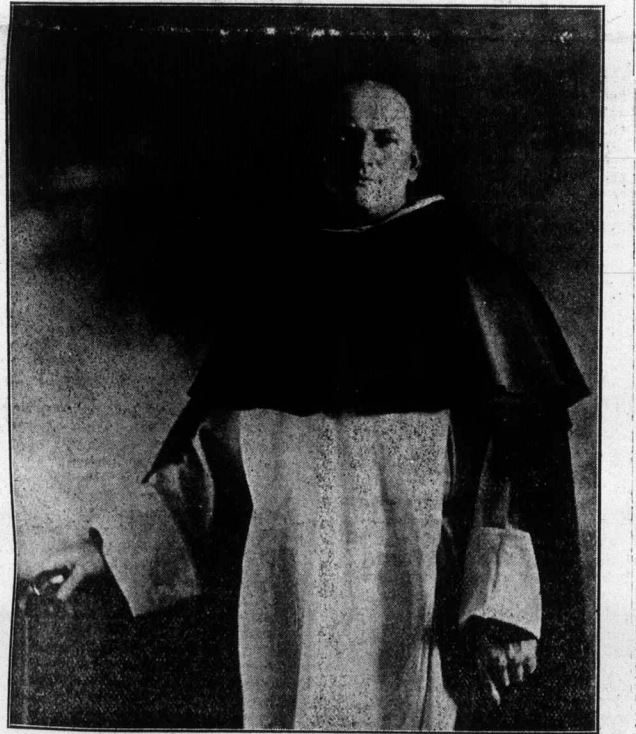
### Annual Dinner of St. Patrick's Society Proved Worthy of the Great Day.

Of the fifty-third annual dinner of St. Patrick's Society it may be truly said that it formed an earthly paradise for Irishmen. Thoughtful speeches were followed by witty ones, eloquence by racy breeziness. Irish sentiments were mingled with expressions of good will to all men, and following the heart-stirring words there came a song in the beautiful Gaelic that swept the soul to great flights and gave all a taste of the delights of that sweet language which once was Irishmen's only tongue.

ried off so many suffering Irishmen on their way to a land of freedom and plenty. The site will be on Telegraph Hill, and will serve as a reminder to every one entering Canada through the St. Lawrence of the firm faith and steadfast purpose of those people.

pressing the thoughts of many here when I mention that on this occasion we have to record the absence of one of this Society's dearest friends, and one whose absence we all regret, for he has graced our festive board on several occasions and charmed us with his eloquence. I refer to that distinguished Irishman, the late Lord Bishop Carmichael, of Montreal.

We welcome to our board to-night distinguished citizens of this land, men in high official positions in this government, in the government of the United States, in our Church and schools, judges of our courts, members of the learned professions of law and medicine, our merchants, our men of social and commercial



REV. FATHER BARRETT, PREACHER OF THE DAY.

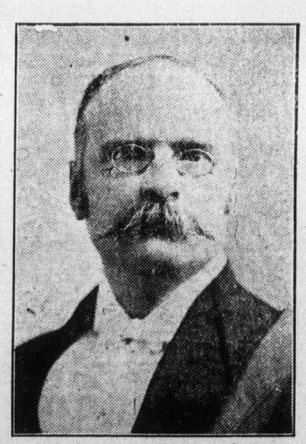
THE PASTOR'S GREETING.  
Before Rev. Father Barrett, the preacher of the day, went to the pulpit, the pastor ascended and spoke, saying: "My dear people,—Just a few weeks ago it was my privilege to extend in your name a greeting, a message of welcome-home, to His Grace our Archbishop, upon his return from a long journey. It was likewise your great privilege to receive from this pulpit a special blessing and a message from His Grace to the Irish of Montreal.



MR. W. P. KEARNEY, President of St. Patrick's Society.

self-government was sufficient to cause the cheers to break out, while every compliment paid to the courage and persistence of that struggle evoked warm applause. It was evident that the Irishman in Canada is a fir-rooted part of that great mingling of races and tongues which go to form this Dominion. His place is settled for all time in the fortunes of this great half of the North American continent. It was evident that the Irishman is strong in charity and brotherly spirit, great virtues in which he will be ever aided by the other great races, as was clearly demonstrated by the sympathetic words which fell from the lips of the representatives of other national organizations which graced the gathering.

When the material matters of the dinner had received due consideration Mr. W. P. Kearney, the president, who acted as toastmaster, arose and said: "For the second time on behalf of St. Patrick's National Society, it becomes my pleasing duty to extend a hearty Gaelic Mille Failte to you and our friends who unite with us in this annual celebration of the great feast of the old Celtic race.



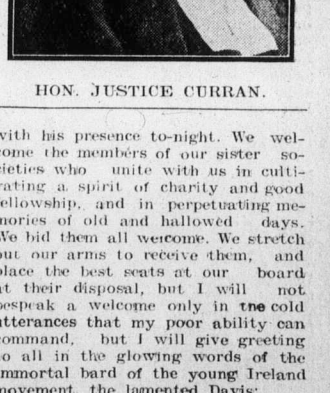
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who come to our shores and are in need; that it has expended much in private personal relief to the needy by giving alms, providing fuel, and positions to those in need, and lastly by endowing a cot in the Incurable Hospital for the benefit of those afflicted.



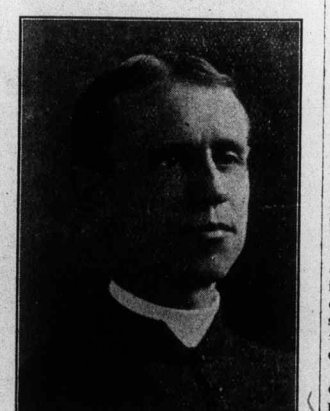
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standing and worth. We welcome them here together with the distinguished speakers who have accepted our invitation, and whom it will soon be my privilege to present. We welcome to our board the representative of the chief magistrate of our city, who has honored us



HON. JUSTICE CURRAN.

with his presence to-night. We welcome the members of our sister societies who unite with us in cultivating a spirit of charity and good fellowship, and in perpetuating memories of old and hallowed days. We bid them all welcome. We stretch out our arms to receive them, and place the best seats at our board at their disposal, but I will not bespeak a welcome only in the cold utterances that my poor ability can command, but I will give greeting to all in the glowing words of the immortal bard of the young Ireland movement, the lamented Davis: "Come in the evening, or come in the morning. Come when you're looked for, or come when you're not. A bright Irish welcome you will find here before you. And the oftener you come, the more we'll adore you."



REV. GERALD McSHANE, Pastor of St. Patrick's.

from this sacred pulpit, has already made upon us such a deep and lasting impression that we shall to-day listen to his voice, to the words of the Very Rev. Thos. Barrett, with all the faith and reverence of our Irish hearts.

time a new plan of lighting was put into operation. This plan originated in the fertile mind of Father O'Reilly and the artisan aided the designer with fine skill. Brass stands of various size and form were used to hold electric lamps and these were placed at points at the base of the altar, and on the altar itself and throughout the great screen. When the electric current was freed and flashed along the wires, the whole burst into a veritable riot of light and made the most striking use of modern illuminating methods seen in a Canadian church.

### TWO PUBLIC PARADES.

There were two public parades, one in the heart of the city which started from St. Patrick's Church, and one in the eastern section of the city which started from St. Mary's in Craig street east. Both parades were worthy ones, and both were joined in enthusiastically by the sections interested.

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