

## THE CONNAUGHT RANGER'S CORNER.

OFFICIAL ORGAN

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS



OF HOCHELAGA COUNTY, QUEBEC

County Officers for 1899 and 1900:

Wm. Rawley, County President, 78

Mansfield Street.

J. S. Fitzpatrick, Vice County President, 150 Rue Montigny Street.

Jas. Melver, County Secretary, 329

St. Antoine Street.

Humphrey T. Kearns, County Treasurer, 51 Galt Street.

Board meets third Friday of each

month, at 1863 Notre Dame Street, S. p. m.

THE KNIGHTS AT WORK.—The

monthly drill of the Hibernian

Knights was held on Sunday after-

noon, at the "Barracks," a large

attendance being present, particularly

the recruits. Great preparations

are being made for the visit to Boston

next May, and everything looks

well in the direction of three full

companies leaving this city and par-

ticipating in the competition on

Boston Common. Captain Keane and

Lieut. McCracken and Doyle were in

attendance on Sunday, and directed

the two hours' hard drill which the

boys were put through. Mr. John L.

valley, president of the Gaelic Society,

and superintendent of the Gaelic

classes of this city, has kindly con-

sented to devote two evenings weekly,

commencing on the first of Octo-

ber, to the work of instructing the

Knights in the grand old tongue of

their fathers. As a result, they will

without doubt, be the only military

organization drilled in the Irish lan-

guage at the "Hib." This speaks

volumes for the patriotism of the

three young officers in command.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT COMING.

—I have received a private communi-

cation from the Hon. John T. Keating,

of Chicago, National President

of the Ancient Order of Hibernians,

stating that he will visit this city

during the latter part of the week.

This will be the first time a National

officer has visited Montreal. Great

preparations are in progress amongst

the members of the Order to give

him a generous and profitable time.

The Hibernian Knights will turn out in

full uniform to greet their commander-in-

chief.

PERSONAL MENTION.—Mr. and

Mrs. T. J. Greaney, of Marion, Ohio,

who have been in this city for the

past two weeks on a visit to their

daughter Mrs. John Lavelle, left for

home last Saturday morning. During

their stay they visited all the scenic

places of interest including a trip to

the Ancient Capital, and to the

place where Montgomery fell. But

the place of most interest to the good

old Irish couple was the Emigrants

Fair, held at Point St. Charles. Mr.

Greaney who has been always on the

"strategic" ticket, is one of the pio-

neers of the Hibernian organization

in the West, and is an active member

of it for the past forty-five years.

He has served in every capacity from

a Division to a State officer, and is

a staunch supporter of the "True

Witness." The good old Catholic or-

gan is always a welcome visitor to

his home in Marion.

YOUNG IRISHMEN'S EXCURSION.

The excursion of the Young Irish-

men's Society down the river on

Labor Day was most successful. The

members are jubilant and they have

a good word to say about the assist-

ance rendered by the "True Witness."

They do not deny the fact that it

pays to advertise in the old Catho-

lic organ. On the homeward journey

a musical and literary entertainment

was given and was thoroughly en-

joyed by the six hundred odd persons

on board. Those contributing to the

programme being Miss Gerie O'-

'Brien, Miss T. Kitts, Miss Wren, and

Messrs. Donnelly, J. McLean, T.

Slattery, W. P. Stanton, M. J. Pow-

er, and the President Mr. E. Halley.

A valuable lady's jacket was found

on board the "Three Rivers" on

Monday evening after the crowd had

left for home. The owner may get it

by applying at the Young Irishmen's

Hall, 1000 rue St. Louis.

BRANCH NO. 9. C. M. R. A. Grand

Council of Quebec, at its last regu-

lar meeting initiated two new mem-

bers.

DIVISION NO. 6.—The excursion

of Division No. 6, to Cornwall, on

Labor Day was a grand success. Ab-

out two hundred and fifty members

and friends visited the Factory

Town. The games were well con-

tested, particularly the lacrosse match

between the teams composed of Div.

No. 7 and the members of No. 6. The

Point St. Charles boys won by three

straight games, and notwithstanding

all the coaching the "North End

Boys" got the visitors also won

the tug of war. County President

Rawley, who accompanied the ex-

cursionists had hopes of organizing a

division in that city, but the matter

was left in abeyance for the present.

The visiting members are loud in

their praise of the hospitality of

the "North End Boys."

THE HIBERNIAN KNIGHTS have

secured the Hibernia Hall, on Notre

Dame Street, and preparations are

already in progress to make the win-

ter quarters both cosy and warm.

They will be "at home" to their

friends after Friday.

THE NATIONAL HALL is now an

assured fact. One of our leading

national societies, has taken the ini-

tiative in the matter at a largely at-

tended meeting held during the past

week. In the next issue of the "True

Witness" I will be able to give the

details.

THE GAELIC SOCIETY has secured

quarters from the Hibernian

Knights and the regular class in-

structions, meetings, etc., of the

parent society will be held on every

Tuesday evening commencing the 17th

Tuesday of the present month. All

those intending to become pupils dur-

ing the coming winter will be fur-

nished with information by communi-

cating with the secretary of the

Gaelic Society, "True Witness" office.

The president of the Ladies' class,

as also Messrs. McHugh and

Clarke, are requested to communicate

with the secretary during the coming

week.

DIVISION NO. 5. A. O. H. held

its regular meeting on Wednesday

evening, and was well attended. Pres-

ident Hume of Division No. 9, and

Vice-President Byrne, of Division No.

1, paid a friendly visit and gave a

few words of encouragement to the

members. President Phelan presided.

THE YOUNG STALWARTS.—One

of the largest, most important and

most enthusiastic meetings of the

Young Irishmen's Literary and Bene-

fit Association held for many years

was that of last Wednesday evening.

It was particularly pleasant to me

to visit this patriotic gathering of

young Irishmen after a lapse of

eighteen years, and notice the unbound-

ed enthusiasm which still exists in

the organization, when anything of

a National character is to the fore.

Pleasing also was it to me to have

met such old co-workers as President

Halley, W. J. Huphy, Richard

Burke, James McMahon, W. P. Stan-

ton, Joseph O'Brien, J. Cunningham,

J. Tobin, and T. Grant, besides hosts

of other young men who have since

become members and who are a credit

to any organization. President

Edward Halley presided. The report

of the excursion committee on Labor

Day showed the affair to have been

very successful. A matter which

deeply interests the Irish people of

Montreal in particular, was then

discussed with the most gratifying

results. The meeting adjourned at

twelve o'clock to meet on next Wed-

nesday evening when all arrange-

ments for their new project will be

completed. May success crown your

efforts gentlemen.

DIVISION NO. 3. A. O. H. held

its regular meeting on Wednesday

evening. President Galley presiding.

Three new members were initiated

and several applications received.

Numerous matters of interest were

discussed, and the report of the com-

mittee which had charge of the late

excursion was presented, and showed

it to be a great financial success.

DIVISION NO. 8. held its regular

meeting on Wednesday evening. Pres-

ident John Lavelle presiding. Four

new members were initiated and a

communication was read from the

County Secretary, inviting the drama-

tic Section to the next meeting of

the Board. The members of the band

are also making good progress, and

they expect to be able to accompany

the Knights to Boston in May.

CONNAUGHT RANGER.

familiar one to the boys of the Chris-

tian Brothers' School on Vitre

street, of a quarter of a century ago,

and many a kind word of encourage-

ment they received from her. —R.I.P.

MRS. THOMAS QUINN.—The

death of Mrs. Thomas Quinn, widow

of the late Thomas Quinn, who dur-

ing his lifetime was well-known to

the old members of the Shamrock La-

crosse Club, is announced. Deceased

who had been ailing for some time

passed away at St. Rose, Que., where

she had been spending the summer

months with her family. She leaves

four sons, one of them being Mr.

Percy J. Quinn, of the Queen Insur-

ance Company, who is well known in

the circles of the Shamrock A.A.A.

Mrs. Quinn was a daughter of the

late Mr. Martin Barry, who was con-

nected with the Customs Department.

## AU REVOIR TO FATHER MCCALLEN.

The hall adjoining the sacristy of

St. Patrick's Church was the scene

of a very pleasant affair on Sunday

last after Vespers. The occasion was

a presentation by the members of St.

Patrick's Total Abstinence and Bene-

fit Society to Rev. Father J. A. Mc-

Callen, S.S., who has been their able

spiritual Director and President dur-

ing his twelve years' stay in St. Pat-

rick's Parish, and who is about to

leave on a year's lecturing tour in

the United States.

Among those present were Messrs.

John Walsh, 1st Vice-President of St.

Patrick's T. A. and B. Society; J. J.

Costigan, 2nd Vice-President; W. P.

Doyle, Secretary; J. L. McCallum, J.

Howard, J. H. Foley, Jas. McVern,

T. R. Stevens, P. Doyle, J. P. Gun-

ning, W. P. Costigan, J. G. Gentry, D.

Kelly, T. McHugh, R. E. Reilly, J. T.

Whelan, and many others. Mr. John

Walsh, 1st Vice-President, made the

presentation, which consisted of a

gentlemanly travelling companion. He

also delivered a very glowing

speech. He expressed the sincere re-

gret that all felt at Father McCall-

en's departure, even though it was

but for a year. During his stay am-

ongst them he showed himself to be

their true friend. It would be useless,

he said, to extol the good and good

work that the Rev. Father has done

for their society, as it is well known

and appreciated by all connected

with it. It was the unanimous wish

of all that Father McCallen would be

spared to labor in God's vineyard

for many years to come, and as they

hoped to see him again their spiritual

Director after a year's vacation,

they would not say "Good-bye" but

simply "Au Revoir." He begged the

Rev. Father to accept the accom-

panying gift as a small token of their

esteem and gratitude, and as a small

acknowledgment of the good he had

done for them.

## PARISH NOTES.

ST. MARY'S.—On Sunday last

a meeting of the Sacred Heart Society

of St. Mary's Parish was held, and

there was a good attendance of mem-

bers. The zealous pastor, Rev. Father

O'Donnell, occupied the chair. Mr.

Mitchell acted as secretary. The Rev.

chairman explained the object of the

meeting and gave in detail the

work outlined for the

future. The Sacred Heart

Society, composed of the former pup-

ils of St. Mary's School, was founded

on June 29th, 1882, by the late

lamented pastor of St. Mary's

Church, Rev. Father Simon, O.S.A.

He received the special approval of

the late Archbishop Fabre.

Father O'Donnell next advised the

young to continue this good work,

and build up a society that