

"LAMH DEARG ABOO."

St. Patrick's Day, Mar. 17, '93.

**GRAND
Dramatic Entertainment!**—IN THE—
QUEEN'S THEATRE.UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
St Ann's Young Men's Society.First production of a new historical Irish
Drama, in Five Acts, specially written
for the occasion by Mr. JAMES
MARTIN, (a member of the
Society), entitled,**LAMH DEARG ABOO!****(THE RED HAND FOREVER.)**The DRAMATIC SECTION of the ST. ANN'S
YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY are admittedly the
leading Amateurs in their line in this
city, and the Society claims that its
Entertainment will be the MOST ARTISTIC,
MOST THOROUGHLY NATIONAL and MOST
ENJOYABLE one held on that day.**TWO PERFORMANCES.**MATINEE at 3 P. M. EVENING at 8 o'clock.
Reserved Seats secured at New York Piano
Co., No. 225 St. James Street, and Sheppard's
Music Store, No. 274 St. Catherine Street.

3-2 GOD SAVE IRELAND.

LA BANQUE DU PEUPLE.Very Satisfactory Proceedings at the
Annual Meeting.The annual meeting of the shareholders
of La Banque du Peuple was held on Mon-
day afternoon, at 3 o'clock, in the bank
premises. The president, Mr. Jacques
Grenier, occupied the chair, and among
those present were Messrs. G. S. Brush,
vice-president; A. Leclaire, M. Bran-
chaud, Wm. Francis, A. Prevost, J. Y.
Gilmour, John Morrison, M. Bourque,
Whitman, P. P. Martin, W. S. Evans, L.
Armstrong, Nolan de Lisle, S. Bailey, E.
Desjardins and J. Tasker.Mr. Grenier presided and Mr. J. S.
Bousquet discharged the duties of secre-
tary.The President read the report of the
Directors as under:—**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.**to be submitted to the shareholders at
the general meeting, to be held in con-
formity with the sixteenth clause of our
act of incorporation, at our office in
Montreal, on Monday, the 6th day of
March, 1893, at 3 o'clock p.m.The Directors have pleasure in report-
ing to the shareholders the result of the
operations of the Bank for the past year.The gross profit of the year, after
making provision for bad and doubtful
debts, and after having paid all expenses,
leaves a net profit of \$155,220.72; to this
must be added the balance from the pre-
vious year's account at the credit of
Profit and Loss, \$12,441.21, making the
amount available \$167,661.93.Out of this sum we have paid divi-
dends at the rate of 6 per cent per an-
num amounting to \$72,000, and we have
carried to the Reserve fund \$70,000,
leaving to be carried forward \$25,661.93.An Agency of this Bank was opened
in May last on Notre Dame street west.
The large amount of business and the
various industries now progressing in
that section of the city lead us to believe
that a profitable banking could be car-
ried on. A Savings department has also
been attached to that Agency and the
success realized so far has reached our
expectations.We have also decided to open an
Agency in the city of St. Hyacinthe,
feeling confident that a large amount of
business can be had, for this city is very
progressive in its various industries and
its surrounding districts are rich in agri-
cultural resources.We have thought advisable to decide
the closing up of our Conitcook Agency;
returns being derived from it were not
deemed satisfactory enough to warrant
its maintenance.

We beg to acknowledge to the share-

holders the good services rendered to
our administration by the fidelity and at-
tentive work of our officers.The whole respectfully submitted.
J. GRENIER,
President.

Montreal, 1st March, 1893.

The Cashier submitted the following
financial statement:**STATEMENT OF PROFITS FOR THE YEAR END-
ING 1ST MARCH, 1893.**

Debtor.	
Dividend, 3 per cent., paid Sept. 1st 1892	\$30,000 00
Dividend, 3 per cent., payable March 6th, 1893	36,000 00
Amount carried to reserve fund	70,000 00
Balance of profit and loss carried forward	25,661 93

Creditor.	
Balance of profit and loss account 28th February, 1892	\$12,441 21
Net profits of the year after paying expenses and providing for all bad and doubtful debts	155,220 72
Total	\$167,661 93

**GENERAL STATEMENT CLOSE OF BUSINESS,
28TH FEBRUARY, 1892.**

Dr.	
To Circulation	\$752,448 00
To Deposits not bearing interest	1,537,383 27
To Deposits bearing interest	3,825,383 10
To amount due to other banks	37,224 99
To Capital paid up	\$1,200,000 00
To Reserve Fund	550,000 00
To profit and loss	25,661 93
To Dividend No. 94, payable 6th March, 1893	36,000 00
To Unclaimed Dividends	1,942 42
Total	\$1,816,604 35

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By specie	\$106,539 03
By Dominion Notes	288,430 09
By Circulation Redemption Fund	38,570 42
By Notes and cheques on other banks	160,912 60
By Balances due by other Banks	67,835 05
By call and short loans on stocks and Bonds	1,230,304 04
Total	\$7,969,041 71

Immediately available	1,892,591 13
By Loans and discounts current	5,793,932 33
By Notes and Bills overdue, secured	33,037 10
By Notes and Bills overdue, unsecured	16,436 22
By Mortgages and hypothecations	83,206 75
By Real Estate	85,077 68
By Bank premises	60,780 44
Total	\$7,969,041 71

J. S. BOUSQUET,
Cashier.In comparing all the important items
of our statement this year, we find that
since the balance sheet was presented at
last year's meeting our deposits have in-
creased by upwards of \$1,360,000.00, and it
gives me pleasure to state that this in-
crease is not made up of any particular-
ly large sums, but of comparatively
small amounts and to a large extent in
current accounts, which shall result in a
considerable increase in the Bank's busi-
ness connection.In fact, so large has been the growth
of our business that, as the President has
just said a few minutes ago, we have
bought the adjoining properties and a
building suitable to the advancing dig-
nity of this Bank is to be erected on
them, which, doubtlessly, besides prov-
ing a profitable investment of the funds,
will attract business by increasing the
confidence and respect of the public.Consumption of almost every article of
merchandise has been large; the grocery
trade in nearly all its branches, has like-
wise enjoyed a good share of activity with
fairly remunerative prices ruling.The dry goods trade of the country
generally has not been in as good condi-
tion for years as it is now, after a very
successful season.The distribution of goods has not only
been large, but they have passed into the
hands of consumers, been paid for and
remittances made to manufacturers;
hence collection has been good.This increased activity and improve-
ment in values has been quiet marked
in manufactured goods, led by the great
cotton goods industry in all its branches,
the shoe trade and woollen manufac-
tures.Lumber, hardware and metals have
also experienced a year of activity, and
in all the minor branches of trade there
has been a noticeable increase in the
volume of transactions.As to agricultural producers, the
growers of live stock, and especially beef
cattle, have not had a phenomenally
good year.Wheat raisers have suffered from ex-
treme low prices, but their losses have
been made up in part by their profits on
other crops.The hay crop in 1892 was a large one
in the Province of Quebec and of fine
quality; fortunately, owing to a poor
crop in Great Britain, the demand for it
was good, and there has been an amountof money made in shipping hay to the
English market, where our Canadian hay
is giving great satisfaction.Our dairy products, chiefly our cheese,
under the very important work done by
the Dominion Agricultural Department
through the experimental farms and
their directors and professors, and also
with the aid given by the Province
on the same line, is certainly assuming
greater and greater importance every
year, and I am happy to state that there
has been a great and rapid advance in
the dairy industry amongst farmers of
this province. Our fellow-countrymen
seem to have awakened and worked to
improve their system, so much so, that
only the very best of Ontario and East-
ern Townships can hold its own against
them. They are determined even to
improve on the good quality.The total value of cheese shipped from
this port during the past season was over
\$11,000,000 and the production has been
larger than in 1891; according to returns
the total export figures indicate 1,651,-
798 boxes for 1892 as against 1,351,670
boxes in 1891, showing the large increase
of 300,000 boxes.Business as a whole has been made
with satisfactory profit to the producers,
and everything indicates that England
would absorb any amount of cheese that
we could produce, as long as we send
fine cheese.There are no reasons why our farmers
cannot also excel in butter, although,
unfortunately, we regret to admit that
so far the very large proportion of butter
ranks below the *finest*, although some
of the butter exported is of splendid
quality. Butter, especially, might easily
be improved as a whole, and if a better
quality could be produced this article
would find just as easy a market as our
cheese, and great profits could be de-
rived from it by the farming com-
munity. No farmer need fear about the
sale of his butter, and at a good price, if
it is first rate.The pork producing business is one of
the most important in our agriculture,
and it is hoped that before long a great
many in this province will enter on this
trade and will produce enough to supply
our local wants which are now provided
for by Ontario farmers.Therefore, in conclusion, I may say
that the mercantile and agricultural
classes, as well as the industrial, have
had a good year and are in good shape;
the demand for foreign countries for all
our produce is good and the Banks of
the country have ample funds for the
necessities and new development in
trade, and lacking no confidence in the
future business in any section, either
agricultural, commercial or industrial, of
the Dominion.Mr. John Morrison spoke of the excel-
lence of the report, which was one of the
best he had ever put into his hands, and
he did not think there was any other
similar institution in the city which
had shown any such profit for a number
of years.After a statement by Mr. Nolan de
Lisle of the work done by the auditors
during the year, the President moved:That the report of the directors, as well as
the report of the auditors, be received, and
adopted.Mr. G. S. Brush seconded, and the mo-
tion was unanimously concurred in.Mr. J. Y. Gilmour moved, seconded by
Mr. John Morrison, and it was unani-
mously agreed toThat Messrs. P. P. Martin, Nolan de Lisle
and Louis Armstrong be appointed auditors
for the coming year.

Mr. S. Bailey moved:

That the thanks of the Shareholders be
due and are hereby tendered to the president,
directors, cashier and officers for the satisfac-
tory manner in which they have managed the
affairs of the bank.This was seconded by Mr. E. Desjar-
dins, and carried unanimously.Mr. Bousquet returned thanks on be-
half of himself and staff, paying a com-
pliment to the latter for the conscien-
tious and painstaking way in which they
discharged their duties.The president replied on behalf of the
directors, and said a good word concern-
ing the bank staff, which was efficient.On the motion of Mr. John Morrison,
a vote of thanks was accorded the presi-
dent for conducting the business of the
meeting.**ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY.**

IRISH MEMBERS OF C. M. B. A. AND C. O. F.

On Monday night, the monthly meet-
ing of the St. Patrick's Society was held,
at which it was resolved to invite,
through the press, the Irish members ofthe different Courts of the Catholic Order
of Foresters and Branches of the C. M. B. A.
to walk with the St. Patrick's Society on
the seventeenth.The object of this move is to swell the
proportions of the procession and to
demonstrate that, when occasion arises
for it, the Irishmen of Montreal can
show themselves in goodly numbers. It
is desired that the Societies will bestir
themselves to make this year's process-
ion as grand as possible. By St. Patrick's
Day the fate of the Home Rule Bill, as
far as the House of Commons is con-
cerned, will be known; for if it passes
the second reading on the 13th instant,
it is almost sure to pass the third reading.
In anticipation of that our people, in
this great city of Montreal, should give
expression to their feelings and with no
uncertain sound since the end so fondly
hoped for is about to take place. Let us
trust that this happy suggestion will be
acted upon by the Irish members of the
different courts and branches of the
societies above mentioned.**St. Patrick's Society and the C. Y. M. S.**On the night of the 17th it is expected that
the Windsor Hall will be crowded to listen to
one of the finest Irish literary and musical en-
tertainments that for years has been present-
ed to the people of Montreal. The programme
is most elaborate and choice. The St. Patrick's
Society has joined the Catholic Young Men's
Society in preparing this splendid united con-
cert. Address will be delivered by Hon. J. J.
Curran, Solicitor-General, and president of St.
Patrick's Society and by Mr. J. J. Ryan, pres-
ident of the C. Y. M. S. But the grand feature
of the evening will be a lecture by the Rev. A.
P. Doyle, of New York, the famous Paulist
preacher whose eloquence is known of all over
the continent and especially in Montreal where
he conducted the ever-to-be-remembered re-
treat of last Lent. We may also state that
Canada's coming prima donna, Miss Bertha
O'Reilly, of Ottawa, will give some choice se-
lections. Miss O'Reilly is a graduate of the
Boston conservatory of Music, and has charge
of the musical instruction in Lord Stanley's
family. Next week we will publish the pro-
gramme in full. A plan of the hall may be
seen in Nordheimer's Music store, 233 St.
James Street, or at the Windsor Hall, on the
night of the entertainment. The tickets are
\$1.00, 75c and 50c. This will probably be the
most complete concert that a union of Irish
societies ever gave in this city.**The Young Irishmen's Society.**After numberless difficulties that, for
one cause or another, arose in their path,
and which, by good patience and per-
severance, they have succeeded in over-
coming, the officers and members of the
Young Irishmen's Society find their As-
sociation in a most flourishing condition.
Under the spiritual direction of the Rev.
Father Quinlan, the beloved pastor of
St. Patrick's, and the efficient man-
agement of the energetic president and
his associates, the Young Irishmen enter
upon an era of prosperity. This year
they purpose celebrating the National
day by a grand concert, a literary and
musical entertainment, to be given in
the magnificent new Empire Theatre.
There will also be a Matinee in the
afternoon.The programme, which will be found
in next week's True Witness, is a most
attractive one, and will worthy of the
great event to be commemorated and
of this year of hope and bright antici-
pation. The new Empire Hall is one of
the finest in Montreal, elegantly fitted
up and completely transformed from the
old Lyceum. The best talent that could
be found has been secured to give to the
programme a fine and thoroughly Irish
tone, and we are confident that who-
soever attends the Young Irishmen's
Concert will go away happy and pleased
with the manner in which he kept the
feast of Ireland's patron saint.**Catholic Truth Society.**At a meeting held on Monday evening,
by the Montreal branch of the Catholic
Truth Society, in the hall under the Gesù
Church, it was resolved to inaugurate a
movement in the interest of the Catholic
sailors coming to Montreal. It is the in-
tention of the society to appeal to the
public for funds to carry out their hand-
some object. It is proposed to secure an
institute for the purpose of entertaining
Catholic sailors, where they will find
books, papers, periodicals, and all the
amusements that may tend to draw them
away from the dangers that lurk about
the wharves, the saloons and places of
evil resort. The special object of the
society is to look after the religious in-
struction of the sailors, to furnish them
with full information regarding the
churches, the hours of Masses and other
services, and to induce them to attend to
their religious duties. This seems to us
a most praiseworthy undertaking, and
one that should commend itself to all
good Catholics as a work worthy of hearty
support.