

IRISH INDUSTRIES.

ADDRESS TO LADY ABERDEEN AND REPLY:

Vice-Regal Visit to John Murphy and Co., the Canadian Agents—Lady Aberdeen's Graphic Story of the Work—A Most Interesting Ceremony—An Address by the Editor of "The True Witness."

The greater portion of the following report of the opening of the Irish Industries depot in Montreal, is from the Herald of last Friday.

In the handsome new store which John Murphy & Co. have just moved into is a department specially for Irish laces, linens and tweeds. These goods are the work of the Irish peasantry, and are disposed of for them by the Irish Industries Association, of which the Countess of Aberdeen is president. This association is doing an immense amount of practical good for the people of Ireland, seeking as it does to revive the lace-making industry, which once had a world-wide repute, and to introduce the newest and best patterns and methods of manufacture in this and the other native industries, while at the same time, by its depots in Dublin, Belfast, London, New York, Chicago, and such large centres, it has promoted the sale of these much-prized wares. Mr. John Murphy was induced by Lady Aberdeen to take up the Canadian agency some time ago, and yesterday afternoon Her Excellency opened the new department.

Whilst waiting the large attendance of ladies had an opportunity of examining the goods which were tastefully displayed in show cases. Green ribbons added a dash of color to the pure whiteness of the laces, and a portrait of the Countess smiled out of their folds as if rejoicing over the gratification of her wish to have the manufactures of her beloved Irish peasantry introduced to and appreciated by the people of Canada. Every piece of material shown is of the finest workmanship, and elicited warm praise from the ladies. There are dainty bits of lace and crochet-work, lengths of lace which look like a gossamer web, handkerchiefs edged with lace of the most exquisite patterns, and Irish Cambric linen of finest texture and most immaculate whiteness. There is, too, an assortment of homespun tweeds in fashionable patterns, all well woven.

Shortly after three o'clock Her Excellency arrived, accompanied by Mr. Erskine, civil aide-de-camp. She was met by Mr. Murphy, and the following gentlemen of the Local Committee of the Irish Industries Association: Hon. Ed. Murphy, James O'Brien, and B. J. Coghlin. There were also present J. K. Foran, Lit. D., Mrs. J. Murphy, Mrs. Peter White, Dublin, who had charge of the Irish village at Chicago; T. E. Guerin, Chicago, one of the committee, and Rev. Mr. Jones, Maine.

Mr. B. J. Coghlin, in a most graceful manner, read the following address:

Montreal, Sept. 20, '94.

To Her Excellency, the Countess of Aberdeen:

May it please your Excellency. The committee organized at your Excellency's suggestion in Montreal to arrange for the sale of goods manufactured by the Irish peasantry, take pleasure in meeting your Excellency in this your first visit to the agency in Montreal. They trust that your Excellency will have the satisfaction of seeing your generous efforts to help our deserving country women furthered by the result of this venture and that it may in its permanent usefulness add another to the many claims which the Canadian people so gratefully acknowledge are due your Excellency for your efforts on behalf of deserving people for the amelioration of the position, social and economical of those among whom you reside.

Trusting that you may be long spared to continue your great kindness and usefulness, we are with respect,

Your Excellency's most obedient servants.

B. J. COGLIN,

On behalf of the following committee. Dr. Hingston, James O'Brien, A. F. Gault, Hon. Edward Murphy, and B. J. Coghlin.

LADY ABERDEEN'S ADDRESS.

Lady Aberdeen made quite a lengthy reply. She thanked the gentlemen of the committee for the good advice they

had given her last year as to approaching Mr. Murphy to take up this agency. On behalf of herself and the poor Irish work-people she thanked Mr. Murphy for the very real and practical help which he was giving to the Irish industries Association, and asked his help in one particular direction this winter. The Association wished the public everywhere to know that they aimed at being business people, and that they were trying to work on business lines. They did not want charity, but simply to help the industrious workers of Ireland to help themselves. (Hear, hear). She appealed to all who are interested in Ireland to support this effort to bring Irish manufactures before the public, and assured them that the prices would not be found excessive. There was no fear of injuring any Canadian industry, for she was certain that the goods could not be made here. Her Excellency drew a vivid picture of the workers as they sat in their homes on the bleak hillsides of Donegal, or walked ten, fifteen, perhaps twenty miles into the nearest market town to dispose of their goods. She described the old-fashioned hand-loom which many of the people use, and the efforts being made by the Association to supply them with the latest style of hand looms on easy terms. "And," added Her Excellency, "they show themselves as strictly honest as the Irish peasantry always are in such matters, in repaying the instalments." (Applause).

At this point His Excellency Lord Aberdeen was discovered listening smilingly behind an adjacent counter. He came to the front to assure Mr. Murphy that if he should enter such a store with any amount of money in his pocket he would leave a great deal of it behind him. Her Excellency laughingly suggested that Mr. Murphy should employ her as a saleswoman for the rest of the afternoon.

Hon. Senator Murphy, in a few well chosen and happily expressed remarks, thanked Lady Aberdeen for all she had done and was still doing for the good of the Irish people. In fact the Hon. Senator gave voice to the feelings and views of every Irishman in Canada when he said that Lady Aberdeen's exertions on behalf of the peasantry and the Irish industries, would never be forgotten by the people whom she has so materially benefited.

Mr. Guerin, of Chicago, the representative of the branch depot in the Windy City, said that the greatest movement for the benefit of the Irish people was this, which made a market for their goods, and benefited them no matter what the Government of the country was. There had been \$100,000 sent over from the Irish village to be divided among the workers, the first instalment of a new American fund which would inspire the people with new hope. He testified to the constant earnestness of Lady Aberdeen.

DR. J. K. FORAN'S ADDRESS.

His Excellency then requested Dr. J. K. Foran, editor of the TRUE WITNESS, to address the assembly. Dr. Foran said that after the amiable, eloquent and most highly instructive address from Lady Aberdeen, and the lucid explanations by Mr. Guerin, anything that he could say on the question of Irish Industries would be superfluous. But as a member of the press, he would venture a few words:

"The press to-day," he said, "is a mighty power; it is a giant arm extending over the world and grasping, moulding and fashioning the opinions of men; it is a channel through which the ideas and conceptions of our age find expression. I don't think I exaggerate in saying that the press of this city—in fact that of Canada in general—irrespective of creed, nationality or political hue, is unanimous in supporting the splendid efforts that Lady Aberdeen is making to create a market for the hitherto latent Irish industries and to bring plenty and prosperity to a large section of the people beyond the Atlantic. 'No matter how men may differ in opinions regarding the question of Irish Home Rule, one thing is certain, that we in Canada possess that blessing in its plenitude. And under the safeguards of our matchless constitution, the head of which is represented in the universally popular Governor of to-day, it behooves our people to aid in the grand work of ameliorating the condition of the people in the old land. And one of the most practical and effective means of attaining that end is the one adopted by Lady Aberdeen.'

This is not, as Her Excellency expressed it, a work of mere charity; it is

based upon commercial and business lines, and as such it must necessarily be a success. The members of the Irish Industries Association deserve the highest praise for the manner in which they have taken up this work, and Mr. Murphy has earned undying gratitude by his enterprising efforts to realize the objects of the Association. I trust his success in this branch will be proportionate to his merit.

Some years ago I read a poetic account of the great distress in that particular section of Ireland where to-day is the home of the Irish Industries. The poet, however, predicted that a day would come when a prophesied prosperity would arise, and with magic wand knock at the cabin doors, go from hillside to valley, from hamlet to hamlet, and leave with each family the secret of a great success in life. Then came a picture of the transformed country. I can only recall one stanza; but Lady Aberdeen will recognize the scene:

"Brightly the summer sunbeams fall,
Along the hills of Donegal;
Softly the harvest moonbeams play
Upon the shores of Inver Bay;
Grand and fair Lough Erake expands
To Rossaplanna's silvery sands—
And PLENTY reigns o'er all thy fields,
Clandalagh of the Golden Shields."

It seems to me that the poet's vision has been realized in the person of Lady Aberdeen, who has arisen as a prophesied of good omen, and, while with the shuttle of her encouragement she weaves together the warp of industry and the woof of happiness to form a web of prosperity for the people of Ireland, she moves about the world opening up avenues for the trade of the peasants, and creating markets for the products of their labor.

"Let each one aid, in as far as his means will permit, in the carrying on of this noble work, and when the bell of Lady Aberdeen's triumph shall ring out, all who have had a share in the fostering, the expanding, or the improvement of the Irish Industries will hear in it a note of approbation and a voice of gratitude for a deed of high merit performed and a work of true patriotism accomplished."

At the close of this address, which was warmly applauded, Her Excellency proceeded behind a lace counter, took off her gloves and literally came down to business in fine style, reaching down the goods, displaying them, explaining their good qualities and effecting sales with all the vim of a smart saleswoman, while His Excellency stood by with a beaming smile and paid when necessary. To be sure, Her Excellency made slight mistakes but they were soon remedied; amid considerable hilarity. The Vice-regal party were afterwards conducted over the store, expressed much satisfaction with all they saw and complimented Mr. Murphy and his associates heartily.

Thus was inaugurated at once the Canadian depot for Irish products and the magnificent new store of our enterprising merchants, Messrs. John Murphy and Co.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Board of Roman Catholic School Commissioners, grateful for a reduction of nearly one-third of the price of the ground on which the Montcalm school is built, has awarded the title of benefactress of said school to the late Mrs. Thomas Tiffin. At the last meeting of the Board it was agreed that a solemn service for the repose of her soul would be chanted, at the Cathedral, on Wednesday, 28th inst., at 8 o'clock. Relatives, friends and the many persons who have benefited by this charitable lady's generosity, are invited to be present.

POEMS AND LYRICS.

BY J. K. FORAN, LIT. D., LL B.

Numerous friends have asked us when that volume of poems and lyrics, by Dr. J. K. Foran, would appear. We can only repeat what we stated in our announcement of last June, that the volume is ready for the press and will appear the very moment that sufficient orders to guarantee the expense of publication are sent to Messrs. D. & J. Sadlier, Notre Dame street, Montreal. Last June a number of Catholic institutions expressed a regret that they had not the book for their distribution of prizes; but they never, for a moment, thought of sending in orders for next year. If they were to do so they would insure the publication at once of the volume, and would secure the prize-books they so

much desire. The manuscript is ready for the press, but the author is not able to advance the amount required for the publication. He does not seek any gain by the volume, and is content to keep the poems in their collected form, for his own use. But if the public desire to have them, all is asked is to send in orders for the same—no pay will be asked until the volume is delivered. So that if the admirers of those poems are sincere they will secure the publication by immediately sending their orders to the above mentioned firm. The price is fifty cents per volume.

DEATH OF A YOUNG PRIEST.

About thirty priests from the city went to Sorel on Wednesday last to attend the obsequies of the Rev. Father Charles Lippe, a young priest of the archdiocese, who died there the previous Saturday. Father Lippe was only 26 years of age and was the first priest ordained in St. James cathedral. He was educated in the College of Joliette and has many relatives in Montreal. The cause of death was a tumor near the heart.

ARCHBISHOP FABRE.

Monseigneur Fabre was out of town all last week visiting the various churches in the archdiocese. Sunday morning he was at St. Jerome to administer confirmation and on Monday he formally dedicated the new church at St. Canute. Wednesday His Grace was at St. Scholastique blessing the new convent of the Sisters of the Cross recently erected there.

WILL STUDY IN ROME.

P. M. Benoit, vicar of the cathedral, at St. Hyacinthe, leaves next week for the Canadian college at Rome, where he will take a two year course of study in that institution. He will be accompanied by a young cleric, Oliver Peloquin, who goes to study theology in the College of the Propaganda.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The names of the gentlemen elected by the pew holders, as an advisory committee to assist in the selection of the designs for decoration of St. Patrick's Church, were read out at Grand Mass on Sunday, by the Rev. Father Quinlivan. They were: Hon. E. Murphy, Dr. Hingston, O. McGarvey, James O'Brien, Hon. J. J. Curran, E. Doran and ex-Ald. Cunningham.

The Bishop of Urgel claims that he is the sole ruler of Andorra, and that he will no longer submit to the suzerainty of France. Andorra is a republic dating back to 790.

Emperor William has sanctioned Count von Eulenberg's bill to repress anarchy by restricting the right of public assemblage and also restricting the rights of the Prussian press.

Doctor: Your husband's pulse is going at a terrific rate, madam. I don't know how to account for it. Mrs. Springer: I know. I told him you might bring your bill with you.—Detroit Free Press.

SEND TO-DAY.

Ladies and Gentlemen, be alive to your own interests. There has recently been discovered and is now for sale by the undersigned, a truly wonderful "Hair Grower" and "Complexion Whiteners." This "Hair Grower" will actually grow hair on a bald head in six weeks. A gentleman who has no beard can have a thrifty growth in six weeks by the use of this wonderful "Hair Grower." It will also prevent the hair from falling. By the use of this remedy boys raise an elegant mustache in six weeks. Ladies if you want a surprising head of hair have it immediately by the use of this "Hair Grower." I also sell a "Complexion Whiteners" that will in one month's time make you as clear and white as the skin can be made. We never knew a lady or gentleman to use two bottles of this Whiteners for they all say that before they finished the second bottle they were as white as they would like to be. After the use of this whiteners, the skin will forever retain its color. It also removes freckles, etc. The "Hair Grower" is 50 cents per box and the "Face Whiteners" 50 cents per bottle. Either of these remedies will be sent by mail, postage paid, to any address on receipt of price. Address all orders to,

R. RYAN,

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