

THOUSAND IRISH AMERICANS TO GO OVER NEXT JULY

New York, December 4.—The sub-committee of the '98 Centennial Association, under whose auspices the pilgrimage to Ireland will be made next July, held an important meeting this afternoon. Recorder John W. Goff presided, and others present were: W. Bourke Coakran, Judge James A. O'Gorman, General James R. O'Beirne, R. J. Kennedy, Edward O'Flaherty, John B. Kelly and John Devoy. Secretary Kelly reported that 1,000 of the foremost Irish Americans had been enrolled on the books of the association, as intending pilgrims, and that there were hundreds of applications coming in daily.

VEGETABLES IN HISTORY

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE VEGETABLE KINGDOM.

An epicure will feast on a dish of asparagus and perhaps think meanwhile that he is enjoying a delicacy which is strictly a product of the present century, but history shows us that the plant was grown in all its perfection 500 years before the birth of Christ.

Herodotus, lettuce was in use even earlier than asparagus, for it was cultivated at 550 B. C. Not only was it grown, but was so grown as to be had at all times of the year, and even blanched to make it white and tender.

Beets are on record as a highly prized vegetable over 2000 years ago, and received much notice from early writers on such subjects.

Carrots seem to have come to us from a time that is immemorial, while history proves that turnips were in use as a garden vegetable before the Christian era.

No one seems to have been able to trace the origin of either the pumpkin or the squash, but we read that pumpkin pies were made over three hundred years ago, after this recipe: Cut a hole in the side, take out the seeds and filaments, stuff with a mixture of apples and spices and then bake till done.

A book was written of "The Radish" before the Christian era. The ancient Greeks used to offer turnips, beets and radishes in their obligations to Apollo.

Beans were first mentioned by Pliny as being brought to Rome from the banks of the Rhine at the command of the Emperor Tiberius, for use on his table.

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BEAUDIN, CARDINAL, LORANGER & ST. GERMAIN, 17-5 Attorneys of Plaintiffs.

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