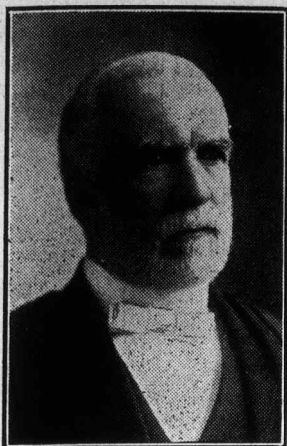


SKETCHES OF IRISH CANADIANS.

HON. PATRICK McCURRY.



Patrick McCURRY was born in the city of Belfast, Ireland, on the first of April, 1838, and came to Toronto about the year 1844. Attended the Common schools there, and after the establishment of the Christian Brothers as teachers remained under their instruction during his elementary course until 1853. On the establishment of St. Michael's College was one of the first pupils, having for class mates the present Archbishop of Toronto and Bishop O'Connor of Peterboro. Continued his course in classics there until 1855. In September of that year was articled to Henry Eccles, Q.C., of Toronto, the then leader of the Bar of Upper Canada, where he continued to his admission as a Solicitor in 1860. In 1861 commenced the practice of his profession, and was called to the Bar November, 1861, and continued to practice with success until 1871. In 1871 was appointed by the late Hon. Sanfield Macdonell Stipendiary Magistrate and Registrar of the new district of Parry Sound, which was unorganized at that time. Under his charge municipal institutions were organized, the courts were established, and have since been carried on up to the time of his appointment as district judge. Was first promoter and president of the Parry Sound Colonization Railway connecting Parry Sound with the Grand Trunk System at Scotia, and was president thereof until its amalgamation with the Canada Atlantic Railway. While in Guelph took a prominent part in municipal affairs, and was president for years of the St. Patrick's Society in that city.

On leaving Guelph was presented by the citizens with a complete silver service stated in the address presented therewith as a mark of appreciation for his public services and in recognition of his continued and successful efforts to establish kindly and liberal sentiments of the citizens towards each other without any distinction as to race or creed. We take the following extract from the address:—

Your departure after so long a residence in Guelph will create in our private and public circles vacancies which we shall find it difficult to fill, but we reconcile ourselves to the separation by the reflection that your character and abilities have received a fitting recognition in your appointment to the onerous position you are about to assume a position which we are convinced you will fill with credit to yourself, and to the entire satisfaction of the community which has been so fortunate as to secure a public servant of your experience and attainments.

Judge Curry, previous to his elevation to the Bench, was frequently requested to allow himself to be put in nomination for Parliament, but steadily refused feeling that he was not in a position to go there Independent, knowing that matters were at that time it was almost impossible to remain tied to any party on the questions which were agitating the public attention, and because he preferred the practice of his profession.

In 1864 married Emily M. Foley, daughter of the Hon. M. H. Foley, Postmaster-General, in the Brown-Dorion and McDonald-Scotte Administrations.

Falconio, addressing the members and friends of the Order, expressed entire approval and appreciation of its aims. At the close of his address, the delegate bestowed the Papal benediction.

Hon. John W. Hogan, of Syracuse, made an eloquent address on the aims and present prosperity of the Order. He told how its objects are threefold, the advancement of the religious, social and benevolent interests of the members. The membership in the States and Canada is 100,000. Reference was made to the fact that the Order has the sanction and co-operation of the Church. All persons engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicants are excluded from membership and lessons of loyalty to the Church and state, generosity to fellow-men and sobriety are taught. During the evening congratulatory reference was made by the visiting Church dignitaries and other speakers to the completion of the palatial home of the local council. The addresses were enthusiastically received.

Here it may not be inappropriate to say a word about the new structure, which is an honor to the Order and to the Catholics of the Capital.

Finished and furnished at a cost of \$25,000, the imposing club building is a credit to the Order and the city. The location is a central and ideal one, the structure facing as it does the park-like expanse of Carleton square. The interior of the various apartments is finished in British Columbia fir, lending an attractive and artistic appearance. The furnishings are all done in solid quarter-oak. Lecture hall, library, reading, recreation and committee rooms, bowling alleys and billiard room are all fitted up in a pleasing manner. Every attention has been paid to the detail, and in the opinion of visitors the club building is one of the finest on the continent.

In the ranks of the Knights in this country there is no more enthusiastic and able administrator than the genial and patriotic Grand Knight of the local Council, Mr. John P. Dunne. To his zeal and energy, and a few others, much of the success achieved in connection with the organization in this city is due.

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DEBATE.

On Tuesday evening a most interesting and ably conducted debate was held under the auspices of St. Patrick's T. A. and B. Society. The discussion was opened by Messrs. O. J. Sullivan and James Blanchfield, the former upholding "Moral Suasion," and the latter "Prohibition," as the more effectual means of repressing the vice of intemperance. Mr. Sullivan opened fire on the prohibitionists in a brief address, where he pointed out the failure of their principles wherever they had been applied. Mr. Blanchfield delivered a pointed, practical and forcible discourse on the necessity of legal prevention of the ravages of intemperance.

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ance. His reasoning was chiefly in accordance with the inductive method, and he supported his conclusions by a formidable array of statistics concerning the extent of the evil to be coped with. His effort showed considerable research, and not a little power of clear and logical expression. On the whole, the society has reason to hope to rank Mr. Blanchfield ere long among its ablest speakers. He was followed by Messrs. John Walsh, P. Doyle and J. J. Costigan, in support of moral suasion, and by Messrs. J. H. Feeley, T. Tansey and J. J. McCaffrey, as ardent prohibitionists. It is safe to say that there was no phase of the question neglected, and few possible arguments left untouched in the course of the long and interesting examination of this particularly opportune subject.

Rev. Father McGrath, who was present during the greater part of the discussion, after congratulating all concerned on the splendid success of the evening's work, declared himself a victim of moral suasion, inasmuch as whilst he was committed to its principles from his position, the prohibitionist debaters had made such effective use of its power that he found it difficult to stand securely on his usual ground.

Mr. W. P. Doyle presided with his accustomed dignity and tact. He submitted the question to the large audience. The result was a victory for "Moral Suasion." The debate was regarded by all as a very creditable one and another evidence of increased vitality and energy of the work of the Society.

THE LATE Mgr. TANGUAY.

On Monday last the Catholic Church of Canada lost, by death one of the most distinguished members of the clergy, in the person of the late Mgr. Cyprien Tanguay. Surrounded by dear friends and supported and consoled by the sacraments, he passed peacefully away, at his late residence in Ottawa, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. For some time past the late prelate had been in failing health; but he had so rallied that there appeared to be hopes of at least, his partial recovery. A brief but very complete biographical sketch of the eminent priest and author is the following:—

"Mgr. Tanguay was known throughout the whole of Canada as a brilliant author and historian particularly on subjects connected with French life in Canada. In the Royal Society, which annually brings together in Ottawa the savants of Canada, he was a moving spirit and one of the founders. Born in the city of Quebec September 15th, 1819, he was the son of Pierre Tanguay and Reine Barthell. He received his early education at the Seminary of Quebec, and as a student was noted for his piety and devotion to study. Subsequently he decided to take holy orders, and after a brilliant theological course he was ordained in 1843 to the priesthood. His first charge was the parish of St. Luc in the diocese of Rimouski. Afterwards he was curé of St. Basile and St. Raymond. In 1860 he removed to St. Germain, where under his ministry was reared a magnificent Church which served afterwards as a cathedral for the diocese of Rimouski. From his youth prominent in the educational movement he founded the college of Rimouski, a thriving institution of to-day, and also the convent of Notre Dame. In 1865 he retired from the active priesthood, although continuing to exercise to some extent the functions of a prelate of the church up to the time of his death. In that year he entered the service of the Dominion Government and was attached to the department of agriculture and statistics, serving in that capacity for many years, when he was retired on a pension. In 1867 he was sent to Paris to examine the French archives in connection with the history of Canada, and in 1887 he went to Rome on an similar mission. When in the Eternal City the Sovereign Pontiff recognizing his worth as a historian and litterateur, created him a prelate. Mgr. Tanguay received the honor degree of LL.D. from Laval University in 1883. Subsequently he was professor of archaeology in that institution. He was one of the original fellows of the Royal Society, and in 1886 received the confederation medal from the Dominion Government as a recognition of his literary services. He was a member of the Society L'Histoire Diplomatique de France and honorary president of the Conseil Heraldeque de France. His Repertoire du Clerge Canadien was largely cir-

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culated, but his most celebrated work was a genealogical dictionary of Canadian families from the founding of the colony up to the present. This work, which was a brilliant effort and a most valuable store of information, received the warmest approbation of the Governor-General the archbishops and the leading citizens of the country, and won for the author no small amount of celebrity."

May his soul rest in peace.

THE
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REPORTER.

"The Mother of God" was the theme of a touching sermon preached by Rev. J. McKenna, the new assistant priest at St. Patrick's Church, at High Mass, on Sunday morning. He took his text from St. Luke's words, "Hail full of grace!"

In these days of infidelity and agnosticism, he said, it has been the fashion to sneer at the tender devotion and love which we Catholics profess for Mary, the Mother of God, the Queen of Angels and Saints. It is stated that we rob God of the adoration due to Him when we worship a human being like Mary, when we pay homage to the Queen of Angels. But these freethinkers, these non-Catholic calumniators, do not comprehend the nature and the motives of our love and veneration for the Mother of God; otherwise they would love and honor her as much as we do, in the words of the Gospel, "Hail full of grace!" They would recognize as we do that on account of the preternatural sanctity and the wonderful merits—sanctity and merits exceeding those of all the other saints, of the cherubim and Seraphim, of the Thrones and Dominations—Mary is worthy of all homage except what we owe to God Himself. Fair as the moon and bright as the sun, as the prophet of advocate and our mediator with her is seated next to the God-head, our advocate and our mediator with the Divine Son, our consoler, our help, the source of our grace, our refuge in sin, and our comforter in sorrow. She is as the poet well said: "Our tainted nature's solitary boast."

She is a creature certainly, but blessed and glorified beyond all other work.

creatures. She is next to her Divine Son, who gave us His flesh and blood to be our salvation. In her the finite is exalted, so to speak, to the sublime height of the Infinite. Her immaculate soul, though she was born of humble servants, has risen to the Beatific Vision. Who can conceive her virtues, her spotless purity, her union with the God-head through her being the Mother of God, and not be overcome by gratitude for all she has done for us and all she is doing for us during our pilgrimage through this valley of tears here below?

But though she holds a position in heaven far loftier than that of any other created being, she had a sorrowful life on earth, as Catholics know well. She suffered as many deaths as her Beloved Son shed drops of blood. How her heart must have bled at His cruel sufferings, ending at the terrible sight on Golgotha. Now she is our Mother as well as God's mother—that Mother who was so intimate with Him from the cradle to the Crucifixion, who was the reflex of His earthly life, who was permeated through and through with His warm and glowing graces, and who sits next to Him in Heaven—oh, what an all-powerful, a tender, a sympathizing friend for us to have? Is it any wonder that we honor and revere and love the Mother of God?

Our Subscribers

Miss F. writes:—"I have much pleasure in sending two new subscribers to your valuable paper. Enclosed please find \$2.00." We are very grateful indeed to our fellow-countrywoman, for the practical interest which she takes in the "True Witness." Her example is one that should be emulated by hundreds of others, who with the same good will, as Miss F. manifests, could assist us very materially in the endeavor to carry out the aim we have in view of improving the old organ from week to week.

A subscriber J. L., from this city called at the office the other day, and paid his subscription. He said: "Keep on improving the paper as you have been doing during the past three months, and it will be only a matter of a very short time before you will make the 'True Witness' a daily visitor to Catholic homes."

Mrs. J. C. writes:—"I enclose you \$1.00, and address of a new subscriber."

We are thankful to Mrs. J. C. for the interest she manifests in our work.

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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

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IN PARLIAMENT.—On all sides, as nature is now donning her most beautiful garments, and the grass, flowers and all the surroundings of Parliament Hill are as lovely and as charming as it is possible to conceive, the legislators are in haste to get away from these attractions and to hurry the date of prorogation. But there are other attractions elsewhere, far more powerful and equally as natural. If it is magnificent around the grounds here, the members feel that "it is not home," and that they long for surroundings, of their own places. Then we have the Ontario general elections in full blast. Scores of members are anxious to exchange the floor of the House for the hustings, and men on both sides are growing weary of the restraint. But with all these incentives there is a vast amount of work yet to be done; there are a number of important bills before the various committees; and there are items of estimates yet to be passed that will cause considerable debate. In addition the supplementary estimates have not yet been brought down, and the Minister of Finance has just given notice that he will ask power to borrow another sum of fifteen million dollars. Needless to say that this a subject that will entail a considerable amount of discussion.

On the other hand, there will be morning sittings next week, which will help greatly to expediate matters. Taking everything into consideration we may safely say that the close of the session will take place about the 15th of May. It has been decided, in view of all the circumstances just mentioned, the lateness of the hour, the desire for an early prorogation, and the impossibility to have a fair expression of opinion, that the Home Rule resolutions which Hon. Mr. Costigan intended to introduce will not be moved. It is the consensus of all interested that it would now be inopportune to raise the subject in the House. Moreover, on three different occasions—in 1882, 1884 and 1887—the Canadian Parliament has emphatically pronounced in favor of the principle of Home Rule for Ireland; and any weakened expression at this hour might prove more harmful than otherwise.

THE K. C.'S NEW HOME. — Ottawa has had a very important ceremony, which took place on Tuesday night last, in connection with the Knights of Columbus. It was a really representative gathering, at which the Apostolic Delegate, Mgr. Falconio and the Archbishop of Ottawa, Mgr. Duhamel, were present. The occasion was the opening of the splendid new quarters of the Knights of Columbus. The members of the Council No. 485, K. of C. were present in full force, and delegates came from Burlington, Vt., Syracuse, Ogdensburgh, Montreal, Quebec, and Cornwall; while hundreds of Catholic citizens of Ottawa attended. Mgr.

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