

THE SILVER LINING

IN THE CLOUD OF DISUNION HOVERING OVER THE IRISH PARTY.

PROSPECTS OF THE DUBLIN CONVENTION—MR. DILLON'S MANLY ATTITUDE—THE "CATHOLIC TIMES" ON THE SITUATION.

In view of the near approach of the great Irish National Convention, to be held in the city of Dublin, 1st of September, the following official statement, prepared by Mr. John Dillon, for publication in the United States and Canada will be read with interest.

"I have been authorized to make an announcement which contains the only hope of the revival of the cause of self government for Ireland. It is welcome news that a genuine, earnest effort will be made at Dublin, a month hence, to harmonize all factions in the ranks of the Irish Nationalists.

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We do not defend the divergence of view amongst Irish Nationalists. We regret it. It would be infinitely better and infinitely more statesmanlike to sink differences and, even at the risk of sacrificing a little, obtain much. But such has not been the course adopted. The attitude of the Irish party upon the Land Bill has been a faint image of their attitude upon the larger question, which is the raison d'être of their existence as a party at all.

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Again and again we have lamented the disunion among the Irish representatives; and in view of the coming Convention we do not hesitate to reaffirm our hope that, however men may feel impelled by ideas of loyalty to one principle or another, they will at long last recognise the absolute necessity of coming to terms upon a platform that may afford standing ground for every friend of Irish freedom or of justice to Ireland.

"The evil that has resulted from the unfortunate division, which we deplore, must be evident to every mind. But perhaps no one who is not in touch with Englishmen of various views can possibly estimate the immense harm that has resulted from the chaotic confusion in the policy of the Irish party.

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IRISH NEWS ITEMS.

The annual retreat for the priests of the archdiocese was held in the Tuam cathedral last week. It was conducted by Rev. Father O'Connor.

Ballinascloe fair was remarkable for the large number of lambs, which, even though it is always a noted lamb fair, was much larger this year than usual, and consequently sales were slow and prices drooping.

At the last meeting of the Middleton board of guardians, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That we approve of the bill at present before Parliament for the slaughter of foreign cattle at the port of debarkation, and express our surprise and regret that some of the Irish members of Parliament should be found opposing it."

A meeting of the newly organized branch of the federation was held in Limerick last week. Mr. J. Wynne, chairman, presided, and the Mary Street fife and drum band attended in honor of Mr. David Sheehy, M.P., who, after spending some days in the work of organization, was present.

On Monday last week, the great ship buildings of Harlan & Wolff in Belfast, Ireland, were the scene of an extensive conflagration. The fire began early in the morning in the engine-fitting-room and the wind was blowing. The flames spread rapidly and communicated to the buildings in the shipyard of Workman, Clark & Co., adjoining Harlan & Wolff's.

At a recent meeting of the Tullisk branch, I.N.F., the following resolution was passed: "Resolved, that in view of the forthcoming great national convention of the Irish race we respectfully call upon our fellow-countrymen to exert themselves with renewed zeal in order to be fully and efficiently represented at what we hope will prove to be the greatest gathering of the Irish race assembled on their native soil in this century; and we confidently look forward to its accomplishing the object for which it has been convened, viz., the unification of the Irish race at home and abroad, and thereby secure the speedy triumph of Home Rule."

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A story of an extraordinary nature comes from the district of Four Roads, a few miles from Roscommon. A man named Healy was digging potatoes in a field when suddenly he fell beside the ditch and lay there unconscious, until some of his friends, wondering at his absence from his dinner, went to the place where they knew he had been working, and were surprised to find him lying in a sound slumber. Having failed to arouse him they carried him to his residence, and placed him in bed, where he has lain ever since. Strange to say, he snores and breathes like a healthy person in an ordinary sleep. Life is sus-

tained by means of pouring milk down his throat. He is attended by medical men from Roscommon, and his friends are in a state of alarm as to his condition.

At the meeting of the governors of the asylum board at Derry, last week, a proposal was made that the governors at their next meeting, take into consideration the advisability of acquiring the grounds and buildings of Foyle College if they be for sale. The notice came to the governors by surprise, as it was taken for granted that the Gransha site was practically decided upon by the board of control. Foyle College is only divided by a wall from the present asylum lands, and the idea is that it may be sold under the educational amalgamation scheme. There is a strong feeling of opposition to the Gransha proposal in Coleraine district and the farther parts of the county, while in the city and neighborhood the Gransha site is particularly favored. To extend the present asylum building by taking in Foyle College would perpetuate the local objection to having the institution in the centre of the most progressive part of the city.

ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY.

DEDICATION SERVICES TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 12. The date of the dedication of the new St. Joseph's Seminary at Dunwoolie has been changed. It has been decided to hold the ceremony on Wednesday, Aug. 12, the feast of St. Clare. Archbishop Corrigan will officiate. The seminary will be opened with fifty-eight students.

MARKET REPORTS

THE PRODUCE MARKET.

Cheese prices continue to advance in the country, fractional advances being paid by buyers at the different boards today. Based on these prices the spot market should be 7 1/2c to 7 3/4c for finest Ontario makes, and even more. It is safe to assume that these figures have not been made on spot; in fact, the market here is a nominal one on Ontario makes. For Quebec goods 7c to 7 1/2c is a range, with possibly 7 1/2c in the case of selections.

The butter market rules fairly steady. A large portion of the July creamery is now in second hands, costing all the way from 16 1/2c to 16c, and even more, in the country. Exporters are also buyers, at 16 1/2c to 16c when the goods are all right.

There was no change in the egg market. The demand is limited and business quiet, but the feeling is about steady and prices show no material change. Choice candled stock sold at 9c to 9 1/2c, culls at 8c to 8 1/2c, and new laid at 11c to 12c per dozen.

Business in beans continues dull, sales being difficult to make at 70c to 75c in car lots, and at 80c to 90c in a small way. Owing to the large receipts of potatoes of late the tone of the market is weaker and lower prices have been accepted. The demand is fair and sales to-day were made at 90c to \$1.25 per barrel or 40c to 50c per bag.

MADON, Ont., Aug. 4.—At the Cheese Board to-night 925 boxes were offered. McCarger bought 350 at 7 1/2c; Bird, 200 at 7 1/2c; Watkins 100 at 7 3/4c, and 50 at 7 5/8c; Hodgson, 100 at 7 5/8c; Cook 30 at 7 1/2c.

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BELLEVILLE, July 28.—At our Board to-day twenty-eight factories offered 1,500 white, and 250 colored cheese. The following are the sales: Thos. Watkin, 75 white at 7 3/4c; J. K. McCarger & Co., 285 white at 7 1/2c; Morden Bird, 290 white and 70 colored at 7 3/4c; A. A. Ayer & Co., 60 white and 150 colored at 7 1/2c; Wm. Cook, 370 white at 7 3/4c; J. R. Brower, 75 white at 7 1/2c.

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THE APPLE CROP.

A western exchange says:—There is going to be trouble this year in handling the summer and fall apple crop for export. The season is about two or three

weeks earlier than in previous years, and the weather is so hot that apple packages, unless there is cold storage, would soon spoil in the shipment, and that in a few days. There is no use shipping ripe fruit to England in the summer and early fall months. If Canadians want to be successful in packing fruit they should imitate the methods followed by those who ship tropical fruits, and pick it green. Whether for shipment or not apples and pears should not be allowed to ripen on the trees, if their keeping qualities are to be preserved. Fall apples for shipment to England especially in warm weather, should be picked fully three weeks before they are ripe, and they will stand the voyage and keep indefinitely longer. Oranges and lemons for export are picked perfectly green, and in the absence of cold storage, unless the immense crop of apples in Ontario is harvested early, and on the green side, one-half of those that are exportable will never see the English market. There is very little fruit, especially apples, in England this season, and there will be a keen demand for Canadian apples this fall and winter, if they are got there in proper shape, and that is by packing green, and sending by fast transport direct to the several English centers.

RETAIL MARKET PRICES.

Table with columns for FLOUR AND GRAIN, VEGETABLES, and FRUIT. Lists various items like Flour, Oats, Peas, Beans, etc. with prices per bushel or dozen.

POULTRY.

Table listing poultry prices: Large spring chickens, pair, 0.75; Small chickens, 0.50; Fowls, per pair, 0.60; Turkeys, 0.75; Ducks, 0.75; Geese, 0.75; etc.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Table listing dairy products: Print butter, 0.18; Creamery, 0.00; Good dairy butter, 0.00; Milk, 0.10; etc.

MEATS.

Table listing meat prices: Beef, choice, 0.12; Common, 0.08; Mutton, 0.10; Lamb, 0.12; Veal, 0.08; Pork, 0.12.

THE PROVISION MARKET.

The demand for smoked meats continues good, and a fairly active trade is doing at steady prices. Pure Canadian lard is easier and sales have been made at 7c. Pork shorts cut clear, per bbl. \$10.50 to \$11; Canadian short cut mess, per bbl. \$11 to \$11.50; Hams, city, cured, per lb. 7 1/2c to 9c; Lard, Canadian, in pails, per lb. 7c to 7 1/2c; Bacon, per lb. 8 1/2c to 9c; Lard, com. refined, per lb. 5c to 5 1/2c.

There was considerable activity and strength in the Chicago pork market today, especially so in the August and September options, which are manipulated by Canadian and New England holders, and prices advanced 90c. While the other options only improved 15c to 25c, closing \$7.20 August, \$6.25 September; \$6.30 October; \$7.17 January. Lard was stronger in sympathy with pork and moved up 2 1/2c to 7 1/2c, closing \$3.32 August; \$3.37 September; \$3.40 October; \$3.67 January. Short ribs closed \$3.47 August, \$3.52 September, \$3.55 October; \$3.62 January.

Cash quotations on provisions closed at Chicago:—Mess pork, \$7 to \$7.20; Lard, \$3.32 to \$3.35; short ribs, sides, \$3.45 to \$3.55; dry salted shoulders, \$3.75 to \$4; short clear sides, \$3.62 to \$3.75. In the Liverpool provision market bacon was stronger and advanced 1 1/2c to 2c. Pork closed 45s; lard, 18s 3d; and tallow, 16s 9d.

The Live Stock Markets.

LIVERPOOL, August 3.—Despite the Bank holiday the tone of the cattle market was much stronger, and as there was a decided improvement in the demand a firmer trade was done, and prices advanced 1 1/2c to 1 3/4c since this day week. Choice States selling at about 12c and Canadian at 11c. The market for sheep was weaker and prices ruled lower.

Messrs. John Old & Son, of London, Eng., write Wm. Cunningham, live stock agent, of the Board of Trade Building, as follows, under date of July 23rd:—The demand for cattle was a little better today, the supplies offered being considerably smaller than on Monday. Prices ruled dearer. Good States cattle made 4 1/2d to 5d, Canadian 4 1/2d to 4 3/4d, and South American 5 1/2d to 4 1/2d. There were 1,521 cattle offered for sale at Deptford, viz.:—302 States, 283 Canadian and 270 South American. The supplies of sheep were a little heavier, 4,020 from South America were for sale today; the demand was fair but the prices in favor of buyers, the sheep making from 5 1/2d to 6d.

MONTREAL, August 3.—The improvement in the English live stock trade noted for the past two weeks, has not doubt come to stay, as cable advices received to-day were of a very encouraging nature to shippers, as they noted a further advance in the price of cattle of 1 1/2c to 1 3/4c per lb., which makes a rise of 1c to 3 1/2c in the past three weeks, the lowest figure being 8c to 9c for both States and Canadian on July 13th, while today States sold at about 12c and Canadian at 11c. The only bad feature of this recent upturn in the English markets is the sudden big jumps in values in such a short space of time, and it would not be surprising to see a reaction in the near future, but in the meantime present prices are very beneficial to shippers, as they will have a chance to make up some of the recent heavy losses made. The exports of cattle for the month of July show an increase of 7,355 head compared with last month, and an increase of 1,677 with the same month last year. Sheep showed an increase of 7,535 head compared with June, and a decrease of 12,781 with the same month in 1895. The demand for ocean freights has been good, owing to the decided improvement in the markets abroad, and considerable space has been taken ahead, but rates show no change. Liverpool being at 45s, London at 40s and Glasgow at 37s 6d.

At the East End Abattoir market the receipts of live stock were 450 cattle, 250 sheep, 250 lambs and 350 calves. Notwithstanding the fact that the supplies of cattle for the past two market days were just about equal to the requirements of the trade and the improvement in values in the Toronto market on Friday last, along with the firmer advices from abroad and the improved demand from shippers here, the tone of the market did not show any signs of firmness, in fact, if anything, prices were easier, as shippers had the pick of the market at 3 1/2c per lb., while they paid 3 1/2c for fair stock. The principal reason for the low prices ruling here and this market not responding with others is that the larger portion of the stock coming forward is of very poor quality and not fit even for local use, let alone shipping. All the choice beasts are picked up in the Toronto market for export, and the balance comes here. The supply was far in excess of the demand, and the indications were that a number would be left over. A fair export trade was done, but the demand from butchers was slow, only taking sufficient stock to fill actual wants. Really choice cattle were scarce, and some butchers would have paid as high as 3 1/2c for such stock, but the top figure for the day was 3 1/2c, and the bulk of the sales were at 3c to 3 1/2c, while common to inferior sold down as low as 1 1/2c to 2c per lb. live weight. Good fat cows brought from \$25 to \$30 each. A fair trade was done in sheep at 3c to 3 1/2c per lb. on shipping stock, and butchers paid 2 1/2c to 3c. The demand for lambs was good, at from \$2.50 to \$3.50 each, or at 3 1/2c to 4c per lb. live weight. Calves met with a slow sale at from \$2 to \$6 each.

The run of cattle at Point St. Charles cattle market was small, the bulk of it being for export account on through shipment. A few loads of butchers' stock were offered, for which the demand was slow, and only one or two loads changed hands at 2c to 2 1/2c per lb. live weight. The receipts of live hogs were 300, and as the demand was better the tone of the market ruled firmer, and better prices were realized, sales being made at 3 1/2c to 4c per lb.

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