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ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN QUEBEC.

From our Special Correspondent.

Quebec Irishmen have long enjoyed a well-earned reputation for their enthusiastic way of celebrating St. Patrick's Day. They, in common with their race the world over, are noted for loyal and unchanging attachment to the faith planted by St. Patrick, the Apostle and patron of Ireland, and it is in their very nature to rejoice and be glad on each recurring 17th March.

The great festival, which is at once religious and national, is a test of the soundness of Irish hearts in their love and devotion for faith and fatherland. The Irishman or Irishwoman is not to be envied, whose patriotism would not feel new force and emotion on St. Patrick's Day, or whose piety would not grow warmer on the soul-stirring anniversary. In this respect, the Irish people of Quebec stand well to the front, for they have been ever true to their faith and nationality. Yesterday's celebration had even more than the usual amount of life and spirit and enthusiasm. Many things tended to give it cheerfulness and renewed vigor. The old rock city itself is renewing its commercial vigor, and citizens expect to reap beneficial results. Then again, Ireland's great festival is being held at a time when Erin's scattered children have reason to rejoice over the glad news that fraternal unity reigns more among the Irish Nationalists in the British Parliament; and when universal praise is spoken of Irish bravery on the battlefield, and again, when the Queen herself is about to visit Dublin, to pay public and royal tribute to her Irish subjects and gallant soldiers. These and other hopeful signs of the future have made their influence felt among the Irish people everywhere; we have noticed it in Quebec; and it brightened the spirits of the faithful race, who took part in Saturday's grand procession to St. Patrick's Church, and who listened to the soul-stirring words of the eloquent preacher, Rev. Father Delargy, C.S.S.R., and the thrilling strains of the choir, which put forward its best soloists and musicians for the grand occasion.

To give extra honor to the day, Hon. S. N. Parent, Mayor of Quebec, proclaimed the 17th a general holiday, for the sake of affording the citizens generally an opportunity to join their Irish fellow-citizens in making their 17th of March a red-letter-day in the annals of the Ancient Capital. This is a civic compliment which has never before been paid to the annual celebration, as far as I am aware. And the courtesy has been warmly appreciated, and will produce the best social results in the community. Green flags, banners, and ribbons predominated everywhere; each public building had its quota, the City Hall being profuse in decorations. His Worship, Mayor Parent, being an expert and liberal-minded man who acts fairly by all creeds and nationalities in the city.

The Provincial Government also paid a special mark of honor to the day. Hon. Mr. Duffy, commissioner of Public Works, with the hearty cooperation of his colleague, Hon. Dr. Guerin, arranged matters for the purpose. A splendid green flag was purchased for the occasion, and it floated gracefully from the Parliament

buildings; and the surroundings of the buildings on the line of march of the procession were decorated with evergreens. The St. George's and St. Andrew's societies wore Shamrocks in accordance with previously adopted resolutions.

The streets along the line of march were handsomely decorated with flags and bunting, and evergreens were profusely planted along the route, and arches at conspicuous points on the way. The whole-souled Irishness of Champlain street could not be outdone in national and religious sentiment on St. Patrick's Day. They built three splendid arches: one by the Sarsfield Amateur Athletic Association, another by the residents in the vicinity of No. 6 Fire Station, and another by the Hibernian Association. A stately arch also stood at the corner of Artyrman street and St. Eustache, the work of the joint efforts of Alderman Byrne and Mr. W. H. Walsh, Deputy Chief of Police.

It would, however, take too much space to mention all the buildings, public and private, which were decorated in honor of the occasion. Let it suffice to say, that the city was in gala attire, and that men of various creeds and nationalities joined with their Irish fellow-citizens in giving royal homage to the festival day. The newspaper buildings, French and English-speaking, had their sympathetic flags waving. The "Daily Telegraph" and the "Chronicle," and the "Mercury" being conspicuous in this respect. The principal mercantile firms throughout the city showed equal good-will, as also the Archbishop's Palace, in liberal display of flags and bunting. According to the programme, the processionists met at 7.45 a.m., at the Sarsfield Amateur Athletic Association Club House, Champlain street, and moved at 8 o'clock, taking in all the principal streets en route. It halted at the Palace to pay the customary homage to His Grace, Archbishop Begin. A reverential address was presented by Felix Carbray, Esq., M.P.F., in the name of the amalgamated bodies. The address and reply are herewith given, and I hope you can give space for their reproduction.

The next halting point was at the City Hall, where a hearty salute was tendered to His Worship, Mayor Parent. Continuing its course, the procession finally arrived at St. Patrick's presbytery, that old and well-esteemed rallying point of the Irish people; here the Rev. Fathers were cordially saluted, and a warm and dutiful address, presented to the venerable rector, Rev. Father Hennig, C.S.S.R. The address, as well as the beautiful and touching response, accompany this paper. The procession was under the management of Grand Marshal John P. Nolan; Asst. Grand Marshal, Joseph McDermott; each of the societies, in the amalgamated body, having their own marshals and assistants.

The scene in St. Patrick's Church was of the kind that gladdens every Irish Catholic heart, for, on St. Patrick's Day, the triumph of the faith instilled by Ireland's great Apostle is vividly brought before the mind, and at a time when the heart is aglow with religious fervor and patriotic feelings; and in a mood to receive

the holiest impressions. The venerable church was tastefully decorated with flags, banners and emblems, by the zealous ladies, who are noted for their devotion to the needs of St. Patrick's.

The altar was a blaze of dazzling lights, and the organ gallery and choir proved the good taste of the energetic ladies who spent days in their ornamentation.

The Mass was Mozart's Twelfth, the choir being in full force, comprising several noted vocalists. The orchestra had twenty instruments and fifty singers, under the direction of Mr. Joseph Vezina, who is organist, but whose place at the organ was filled by the courtesy of Mr. L. N. Levasseur, Consul of Brazil. It was noteworthy that talented French-Canadian artists voluntarily offered their professional services. I have space only to merely name those who took part in the splendid musical service, and who not only sustained their high reputation, but added fresh laurels. Mrs. Ed. Foley, Misses N. Mullins, A. Mullins, M. Mahoney, M. Catter, L. Vezina, E. Maguire, Messrs. Jos. Childs, J. Timmons, J. De Varennes, Mr. Fitzhury, Mr. Dagneau.

His Grace, the Archbishop, officiated pontificaly, and was assisted by several of the clergy from the Basilica, the Seminary and several priests from other parishes, as well as the resident Fathers of St. Patrick's.

Of the sermon, preached by Rev. Father Delargy, it must be said that it was a powerful, soul-stirring and adequate portrayal of the virtues and fidelity of the faithful children of St. Patrick, by a zealous missionary preacher, who has known the religious qualities of the Irish Catholic race in the United States and Canada. The splendid effort cannot be described in cold print; its fervid tones must needs have been heard to estimate its worth and fervent warmth.

As a fitting ending of the celebration, the drama "Savoureen Deelish," was splendidly acted out before an overflowing audience at the Academy of Music, (of whose fate at an hour or two later, we will say a word.)

The programme opened with "Medley of Irish airs," by the orchestra, followed by an address, given by Mr. James C. Collier, President of St. Patrick's Literary Institute, who spoke to the point, and with much taste and fluency. Mr. Collier is a young man, but he has evidently studied the art of public speaking to good advantage. The execution of the drama was well sustained throughout, and the acting of the several performers elicited the hearty approval of the vast audience. Special praise is due the lady actors: Misses E. Brady, E. Maguire and A. Maguire; as also to the gentlemen who took the leading roles, Messrs. P. H. Graham, R. Timmons, J. Timmons, H. McCauley, M. Donnelly, J. Donnelly, T. Murphy, P. Timmons, J. Shields, J. Burke, T. Lane, W. J. McManamy and J. McManamy. Several of the above named, who had leading parts, acquitted themselves with almost professional skill. In the thrilling parts of the drama the scenes were very affecting, and the stage was very animated when peopled with soldiers, peasants, peep O' Day Boys, etc.

The audience was large, respectable, and enthusiastic. The boxes were tenanted with representative citizens of the different races and creeds. The Rev. Fathers of St. Patrick's were present, and many distinguished persons outside the congregation. The evening entertainment was as enjoyable as the forenoon functions were edifying. This St. Patrick's Day will long be remembered in Quebec, in some degree, it will be historical.

The thrilling feature referred to above, was the destruction by fire of the Academy a few minutes after the last of the audience had left the building. The echoes of pleasant musical and vocal sounds had hardly died away ere the dread alarm sounded. At 5 minutes to 12 o'clock the last persons were quitting the premises, at 8 minutes past midnight, the fire-bells pealed out their direful notes.

It would be absurd to conjure in the mind an outward ending to such a delightful day, but had the entertainment been prolonged 15 minutes later, the results might have been unspeakable.

WM. ELLISON.

THE DAY IN TORONTO.

Never before in the history of Toronto was St. Patrick's Day celebrated as it has been this year. In fact, so unaccustomed has the city been to commemorate the Irish national festival, that green flags could scarcely be found; at least they could not be found in sufficient quantities to supply the extraordinary demand. It was a peaceful celebration, and a lesson was drawn from it by Rev. Father Ryan, when in a sermon at St. Michael's Cathedral, Saturday morning, he said:—"The sons of Ireland have never before had a more encouraging mission of peace than in this Canada of ours, where, by following in the footsteps of their apostle, and by complying with the wish of her most gracious Majesty the Queen, they may powerfully contribute to social, civil and religious liberty."

From the Parliament buildings, over the Canada Life, and other public buildings, floated Irish flags. There were many who could not obtain the genuine flags, but they made

up for it by flying green streamers. It was, says "The Globe," indeed, a green day in Toronto, albeit that this seventeenth was about the coldest and the snowiest, if that term may be allowed, that the oldest Irishman and patriot can remember. The man who did not sport a shamrock, or at least an imitation of one, was not considered a citizen, either of Toronto or Canada.

The Irish flag flew from the flag-staff at the Legislative buildings in Queen's Park on Saturday morning, and floated bravely in company with the Union Jack. Messenger James Robertson had the honor of hoisting the first Irish flag displayed on the buildings. All the civil servants and employees wore a sprig of shamrock on their lapel.

In keeping with the feast of Ireland's patron, St. Patrick, there was a solemn celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Solemn High Mass was celebrated, His Grace the Archbishop assisting pontificaly at the throne. The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Dr. Treacy, assisted by Rev. Father Canning as deacon, and Rev. Father Healy as sub-deacon. There was a large congregation present.

After the Gospel Rev. Father Ryan preached a short sermon suitable to the feast, in the course of which he said:—"The sword did indeed come to Ireland, and she had her period of suffering and sorrow, but now, thanks to God, the sublimest of peace seems again to have arisen, as is brought very strikingly to our minds by the appearance of Erin's flag on our Legislative buildings and on our City Hall. This, Rev. Father Ryan considered, is a consoling and most hopeful omen. It shows the sons of Ireland that never before have they had a more encouraging mission of peace than in this Canada of ours, where, by following in the footsteps of their apostle and by complying with the wish of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, they may powerfully contribute to social, civil and religious harmony."

In the other Catholic churches of the city, St. Mary's, St. Paul's and St. Patrick's, solemn High Mass was also celebrated.

THE DAY IN OTTAWA.

The Irish flag floated over the City Hall, and the little green shamrock adorning the breasts of people of English and Scotch origin as well as Irishmen, symbolized in Ottawa honor to St. Patrick and the Irish soldiers whose conspicuous courage and bravery in the South African war has won the admiration of the world, says the "Free Press." A great many Irishmen observed the day by taking a holiday, and there was a general display of bunting. The Union Jack floated from the centre departmental block.

As usual there were services in all the Roman Catholic churches on Saturday, and these were well attended. At St. Joseph's Church Rev. Father Fallon officiated at a High Mass at nine o'clock, with Rev. Mr. Roy as deacon, and Rev. James Fallon as sub-deacon. Rev. Father Cornell gave an eloquent sermon on the feast of the day. He alluded to St. Patrick's mission to Ireland and the good work he accomplished in implanting there the faith of Christ. The preacher referred historically to the status of Ireland in the earlier days as the home of art and education, and then spoke of the ill and persecution to which the Irish had been subjected, but through all of which they had maintained with unwavering tenacity the faith which St. Patrick gave them and, scattered all over the world, had kept and promulgated that faith.

The choir, under the direction of Mr. J. C. Grounds, sang a grand mass, and at the offertory a fantasia of Irish melodies was played.

Children's mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, at 9 o'clock. Rev. Father Whelan officiated, and addressed the large congregation present. The feast of St. Patrick will be observed to-morrow. The members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Catholic Mutual Beneficent Society, and the Catholic Order of Foresters will receive communion at early mass to-morrow.

The Irish students of Ottawa University held a banquet on Saturday, in the dining hall of the institution. The place was profusely decorated with Irish emblems, and a very large number of students, as well as the clergy were present. Archbishop Duhamel occupied the seat of honor.

For forty-five years St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Association has observed the feast of Ireland's patron saint with a successful concert, and that which took place on Saturday night at the Russell Theatre, was no exception to the rule, either in point of attendance or excellence of programme. A very large audience was present, and the soul-stirring airs and melodies of Erin's Isle were interpreted in a manner that was both finished and artistic, and could not fail to delight the audience. The stage was elaborately decorated with flags, surmounted by the magnificent gold banner of the society and the little shamrock was everywhere conspicuous.

In the House of Commons.

Before the orders of the day were called, on Friday, the 16th March, a very appropriate and patriotic speech was delivered by Mr. M. J. F. Quinn, Q.C., M.P., for St. Anne's, Montreal.

We reproduce the address in full from "Hansard." Mr. Quinn said:—

"Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day are called, I would like to draw the attention of the government to a piece of news, very welcome to a portion of the Canadian people and to a very important portion of the British Empire, which reached us a very few days ago—that it is the intention of Her Majesty to visit Ireland within a very short time, and also that Her Majesty has granted that gracious privilege to the troops belonging to the British army throughout the world of wearing on St. Patrick's Day the shamrock. I wish also to draw the attention of the government to the fact that the Lord Mayor of London has directed that the Irish flag shall float from the Mansion House on the 17th of March. I need not say, Mr. Speaker, the depth of feeling and gratitude with which the Irish people not only in Ireland, but throughout all the British possessions, have received and do welcome this news. For years we have been looking for some recognition, and at times we have almost despaired, we thought that the government of England had neglected Ireland and had forgotten to mark it out, as other portions of the British Empire have been marked out, by having a royal residence in Ireland. But this gracious act on the part of Her Majesty, which I think is spontaneous and not suggested by any government or any political party, goes very far to bring the hearts of the Irish people into cordial touch and sympathy with Her Majesty the Queen. There is nothing, in my opinion, that has been done for many years that is so likely to bring around the throne of Great Britain the loyal sentiments, the heartfelt gratitude of the Irish people, as the action of Her Majesty on this occasion has done and will do. I am sure, in the future, I see that this government has not taken notice of the matter by granting permission, for example, to our militiamen throughout the Dominion to take part in the celebration on the 17th of March, which is only a few days away, or by ordering the Irish flag, or the British ensign, or the Canadian flag to be permitted to appear on public buildings throughout the Dominion on that date. I rise simply to ask if some steps will be taken by the government in order that these two things may be granted. Now, I am sure the Right Hon. Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) knows that St. Patrick's Day is pretty generally celebrated in many parts of the Dominion. He knows also that in very many of the large cities, where there are members of the militia, many of them would be glad to take part in the celebration if it were not for the fact that they are prevented by the militia general orders. It requires that some steps should be taken in order to grant them this privilege. I would ask simply, if the government think well of it, that a general order be issued, without which it cannot be done, granting the privilege to militiamen—not ordering them but permitting those who may wish to do so to take part in the celebration on this occasion; and that throughout Canada also, on the 17th of March, the public buildings may be decorated by the Irish flag or the British standard floating from the top of these buildings. I need not call attention to the fact that Her Majesty's action is in grateful remembrance on the part of Her Majesty of the loyalty and undying courage displayed by the Irish troops in the Transvaal war. I am perfectly satisfied, that, should the permission be granted to the volunteers of Canada to turn out on the 17th of March, there are very few indeed who would not feel stirred in their sentiment as to turn out in honor of the loyal Irishmen who shed their blood for Her Majesty in the Transvaal. I do not wish to say anything more, but merely to make the suggestion, and to ask that some steps be taken to reach the end which I have in view."

The Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier): "I must express my regret that the hon. member for Montreal, St. Ann's (Mr. Quinn), gave me no intimation at all of the question, which he intended to put to me, if he had done so, I would have endeavored to make it possible to give him an answer. I appreciate, however, the sentiments which inspire him, in his present utterances, and I agree with him, that the action taken by Her Majesty, will probably have a great effect in reconciling the difficulties which have existed for many generations in Ireland. There is no race in the world which is more amenable to an act of kindness than the Irish race. In regard to the practical suggestion made by the member for Montreal, St. Ann's, I must refer it to the Department of Militia and Defence. The hon. gentleman says that we should fly the Irish flag on the public buildings. I am afraid that our stock of Irish flags is scant. At all events, we can have the shamrock. I can assure the hon. gentleman that I will be most happy to convey his suggestion to the Department of Militia and Defence."

Concert Hall has been crowded with Irish patriots, growing fervid over the "The Wearing of the Green" and other patriotic songs.

On Saturday nearly every Englishman had his green buttonhole. The edges of the street pavements were lined with the vendors of shamrock, as made by nature in Ireland, and by sweated Polish immigrants down Shoreditch way. The omnibus drivers, who on Ladysmith Day sported their Union Jack on whip and coat lapel, drove on the 17th under green flags, and all London had for the moment turned her red, white, and blue into green.

A despatch to the Associated Press, dated London, 17th March, says:—By the Queen's order the bells in the Curfew tower of Windsor Castle were rung in honor of St. Patrick this morning, Irish airs were played by the Grenadiers during the Queen's luncheon, and on the London Mansion House floated a new Royal Irish flag, with the Union Jack in the upper corner, and a crowned harp in the centre of a green field, as distinguished from the Irish flag which bears the harp without the Union or crown. The street vendors have done a great trade with flags, buttons, clover, moss, spinach, bits of green ribbon, etc. Houses and stores lavishly display green flags and bunting. The supply of genuine shamrock was so scarce that half-a-dozen leaves sold readily for half a crown.

The ceremony of "trooping the colors" at Dublin Castle was performed today, in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Earl Cadogan, the Duke of Connaught, Commander-in-Chief of the forces in Ireland, and a brilliant assemblage. All the troops wore the shamrock.

THE DAY IN NEW YORK.

The feast of St. Patrick was observed in the Catholic churches throughout the city of New York. At the Cathedral Bishop Parley officiated at a Solemn Pontifical Mass, which was attended by the Sixty-ninth Regiment, in command of Col. Edward Duffy.

The regiment marched to the church from the armory, wearing fatigue uniform, overcoats, leggings and white gloves. The staff officers occupied front pews on the right hand side of the middle aisle. The arms were stacked in the vestibule of the Cathedral and the soldiers took seats in the body of the church.

At the Elevation of the Host a detail of the regiment presented arms. John Elard, grand marshal of the parade, his aids, Michael P. Kane and Michael Martin, and the aids elected by the various divisions, assembled at Ninety-ninth street and Fifth avenue at 11 a.m.

The grand marshal gave the signal for the parade to start about 2.30 p.m., and the various bodies fell in line, as follows: Sixty-ninth Regiment, First Regiment, Irish Volunteers, Invited Guests, Catholic Protectory Band, 200 pieces, Hibernian Rifles of New York County.

County Westmeath Men's Association, Brian Boru Club, County Cork Men's Association, Geraldine Club, County Galway Men's Association, Hibernian Float, with banner of A. O. H., N. Y. County, County Chaplain, Rev. Dr. McCready, County Officers of A. O. H., Forty-eight A. O. H. Divisions, Unattached Paraders.

The carriages of the invited guests were decorated with Irish and American flags. Looking up Fifth avenue from Forty-second street there appeared to be a sea of waving flags. Each society was headed by a band. The Catholic Protectory Band was wildly applauded.

The A. O. H. Board of Erin, gave a ball at West Side Lyceum, Fifth-second street and Broadway. Edward Sullivan was floor manager, and James Doherty and Thomas Judge assistants. The committee of arrangements, headed by Edward L. Carey, looked after the guests.

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick had a banquet at Delmonico's last night. Covers were laid for 600 guests. The dining-room was decorated, and an orchestra played Irish and American airs. Judge James A. O'Grady presided.

The twentieth annual banquet of the Friends of Ireland was held at Rogers' Hotel, Park Place. The toasts were: "The Day We Celebrate," General James R. O'Beirne; "Our Country," Hon. James J. Walsh; "The American Irish," John F. Walsh; "The Law," Assistant District Attorney James W. Osborne; "The Press," Dr. John G. Coyne; "Woman," Edward J. McGoldrick.

Other events were: Ball of the Dublin Club at Murray Hill Lyceum. Ball of the Federa Pleasure Club, at Everett Hall. The Leopold Stern Association reception and dinner at Reubert's Shamrock Garden, One Hundred and Ninety-first street and Amsterdam avenue. The dinner began at 10 p.m. The P. H. Sheridan Command, an entertainment and smoker at Progress Assembly Rooms, 28 Avenue A. Holy Rosary Lyceum, a smoker and entertainment at its rooms, 450 East One Hundred and Nineteenth street, at 8 p.m. The Danbury Association, masquerade ball at Webster Hall. Liberty Council, Knights of Columbus, "Irish night" at its rooms, 341 West Forty-seventh street.