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## TOPICS OF AN OLD-TIMER

**The Irish Revival Growing Apace—No Belief in Dr. Osler's Old Age Doctrine—Not for the Celtic Race at Any Rate—A New Life of Father de Smet, the Renowned Jesuit Missionary—Four New Townships Named After Irish-Canadians—The Welsh Religious Revival—The Mayor of Calgary A Sensible Man—Col. John F. Finerty of Chicago Hurt by a Fall.**

The Irish revival is growing apace. There are now about 500 branches of the Gaelic League in Ireland and a feast or festival at which prizes are bestowed, is held by each branch once a year. Thus are the various talents of the young people drawn out and developed. Prizes are given for oratory, singing, dancing, music, etc., etc. The champion orator of all Ireland at the present day is one Michael Ruadhri, or Michael Rodgers, to give his name the English pronunciation. He is a young fisherman from the west coast in the County of Mayo. All he knows he has learned from word of mouth from the Gaelic speaking people of his native village, and he is more thoroughly grounded in Irish history, tradition, music, literature and art than many a man in the universities. One of the labors of the League at the present time is to seek out the immense fund of poetry, tradition, and knowledge that lies buried in the minds of the old men and women, and preserve it before it dies out and is lost to the people forever. The discoveries in Irish phonetics contained in a recent little book on Irish were made from the pronunciation of an old man in the County of Sligo. The pure tide of his perfect Gaelic had never been defiled by a single English word, and he had preserved in fact the ancient and original pronunciation of the Irish words. From an aged woman who spoke only Irish were gotten thirty-six ancient Irish proverbs that had been practically dead for generations. From an old woman in the Arran Isles were learned the words, music and movements of the traditional spinning dance and song which had come down to her through uncounted generations. As a matter of fact the Gaelic is a superior language. Some of the peasants in the Arran Isles use, in ordinary conversation 5,000 words. The ordinary speaking university man uses only 3,000. There are professors of Irish and ancient Irish art in some of the Irish colleges. One of those Rev. Father O'Flanagan of Summerhill College in Sligo—is now in America lecturing on the subject. He will tell you that it was an Irishman that discovered America, and that Ireland is the only other nation in the world besides America that ever undertook a war for humanity's sake alone! and that the intrinsic nature of Irish art renders it probable that the lens and the drawing compass were known to the monkish illuminators of missals hundreds of years before they were discovered on the continent. This gentleman has published a book of original research and discovery in Irish phonetics, which is considered by philologists to be of the highest value in the study of language in general and to throw particular light on the true pronunciation of the ancient Gaelic.

I have no belief in the assertion that man's best works are done before he is forty years of age. I remember once having had a list of the names of men who performed their most important works when they were old—works in literature and art, even in warfare, and science. I wish I had that list now to refute Dr. Osler. The writer of this had his head examined after he was forty by the celebrated phrenologist Dr. O. S. Fowler, who told him that he would improve mentally as he grew older and I am sure I have done better work since than before. Henry George wrote his great work, "Progress and Poverty," and entered into the work of propagating the single tax, long after he was forty. The Shanley Bros. engineered the Hoosac tunnel after

they were forty. The Duke of Wellington won Waterloo, the most important battle of his life, long after he was forty. Dante and Milton wrote their immortal poems when they were old men. There are aged men doing young men's work in our midst, right here to-day. If any one will take the trouble to look through the biographies and find out when our great men did their best work it will be found it was when they were old or growing old. Of course there are exceptions like that of Napoleon. Some men develop rapidly in their youth, others develop slowly and keep on improving even in their old age. No one will presume to tell me that Thomas D'Arcy McGee did better mental work before forty than after. I believe the lecture on "Milton" that he delivered here in Toronto shortly before he died, was his masterpiece. I do not think it had a counterpart among all the lectures. The people who listened to it were amazed. McGee's intellectual faculties were constantly improving, and had he lived to a ripe old age his intellectual development would surely have placed him among the foremost minds of any age. It is true he was precocious, but the indications were that his brains were still growing, his intellectual grasp becoming firmer, and his ideas broader and more beautiful. The greatest Irish newspaper that we have anywhere to-day is the Irish World of New York. Its editor, Patrick Ford, is an old man; but that great newspaper never displayed such vigor and power as it does now. Let me give one more example of Irish endurance and value in old age: The Hon. Townsend McEwen, an Irish-Australian barrister, has just entered on his eighty-seventh year and is still actively practicing his profession in Ballarat, where he has lived for half a century. He is the oldest practicing member of the Irish bar, to which he was called in 1840.

A new life of Father de Smet, the great Indian Catholic missionary, is about to be published. In my younger days I put a good deal of matter in type about this saintly man. He was a Belgian by birth and was born in 1801. He came to America in 1821 and was one of a band of Jesuits that undertook missionary work among the Indians in the Far West. When the first American pioneers were on their way to the Pacific coast from Missouri, they lost their way and did not know which way to go until they fell in with a party of white men, guided by an Irishman named Fitzpatrick. Father de Smet was the chief man of the party and they were taking him to the country of the Flathead nation. The two parties then traveled together for a long distance. The leader of the immigrants in after years became a Governor of California, and in his reminiscences published some years ago in the Centennial Magazine, he declared that Father de Smet was the most admirable character and saintly man he ever met in all his life. When the Pottawatomies were removed from Chicago in 1838, to Council Bluffs, the young missionary attended them and founded the mission of St. Joseph. He soon secured the fullest confidence of the red men. He met the advance guard of the Mormons encamped in the land of the Omahas, and the description he gave Brigham Young of the Salt Lake Valley he believed induced him to settle there with his Mormons. Father de Smet made many voyages to Europe in the cause of Indian missions, returning on one occasion by way of Cape Nome and the Pacific to the Columbia river, with supplies for his northern stations, and thence overland to St. Louis. He suffered incredible hardships, but was always cheerful and buoyant under difficulties. In the years 1867 and 1869 he was the only white man in the United States who possessed the absolute confidence of the Western Indians, and was able to travel hundreds of miles through hostile territory unharmed.

The crown lands department is not forgetful of the Irish. It has recently added four new townships to the public domain and named them Fitzgerald, Niven, Clancy and White. They lie along the present eastern boundary and are an addition to Algonquin Park. They are well-timbered and contain from 70,000 to 75,000 acres. The writer would like to know who the Irish-Canadians are that have earned the distinction of having those townships called after them.

Wales, I notice, is having a religious revival. This is nothing new for Wales. The Welsh are Celts and are a very religious and moral people, though Protestant. They are greatly given to singing and sentiment. Their religion is a mixture of Calvinism and Methodism.

Mr. John Emerson, Mayor of Calgary, is a sensible man. Interviewed by a Winnipeg Telegram representative, he said: "About the school question? We have none, and we desire none, and we do not take kindly to the effort made by Eastern papers to create one. The Territories have the best school system in Canada and all are satisfied."

### A Great School

An educational institution which can show an actual daily attendance of 468 students gathered from all parts of the Dominion, and whose graduates are eagerly sought for by business firms, may reasonably be termed a great school. The one business training school in Canada which enjoys this standing is the Central Business College of Toronto. The catalogue issued by this well known school is an interesting production and may be had on application to the Principal, Mr. W. H. Shaw.

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### BARRIE CORRESPONDENCE

We clip the following item of interest from the Barrie Advance:  
 "To have lived fifty years on one avenue of the town comes pretty near to being a record. Yet this is the proud distinction attained by Mrs. John Moore, of Mary street, whose jubilee her neighbors fittingly celebrated at a merry party on Thursday evening at 'Graygables.' About 30 were in attendance and passed a very enjoyable time in social intercourse and music. After light refreshments had been served, Mrs. Moore was agreeably surprised at being made the recipient of a well filled purse of gold in the name of the neighbors of Mary street, to commemorate her long term of residence among them. The presentation was accompanied by many expressions of good will and gratitude in which Mrs. Moore's countless acts of goodness and mercy at times of sickness and trouble were felicitously referred to by those who had experienced the touch of her helping hand. Mrs. Moore, although taken completely by surprise, thanked the donors for their kindly remembrance of her, and after numerous wishes for her future welfare and happiness, the gathering dispersed, well pleased to have done honor to the venerable guest of the evening."

### Johnston—Carolan

On Wednesday, March 1st, the marriage of Miss Mary Frances Carolan and Mr. William Herbert, past-president of St. Mary's Literary and Athletic Association, took place at St. Mary's church. The ceremony was performed by Very Rev. Vicar-General McCann and the Blessed Virgin's Sodality, of which the bride was a popular member and active worker, supplied the music sung throughout the Mass. The bride, beautifully gowned in white silk, came in with her father, who was attended by her sister, Miss Dora Carolan, prettily attired in cream crepe de Paris.

The groom's brother, Mr. Chas. Johnston, acted as best man. Breakfast was afterwards served at the home of the bride's parents, 623 Queen street west. Many good wishes and a large number of presents were tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston before their departure for their new home in Montreal.

### World Famous Bells

The fame of the McShane Bell Foundry Co., of Baltimore, is rapidly extending from one end of the country to the other. They have recently completed at their works, for the E. Howard Clock Co., of Boston, a very fine Peal of four Bells to be erected in the City Hall at Cockey, Washington, to be rung by clock-work. These bells are tuned to the intervals of the famous Westminster Peal.

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My friend Hon. John F. Finerty, of Chicago, president of the Irish National League of America, met with a sad accident in Chicago lately. He slipped on an icy sidewalk and fell breaking his collar-bone and one of his thumbs, laying him up for some time. He is a tall man, and a fall like that to him is a serious matter. I understand, however, that he will be fit for business again in a week or two.

WILLIAM HALLEY.

### SCHOOLS

#### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.

Boys who received Testimonials of merit for Excellent Department and application to study during the month of February:  
 Senior Fourth Form—Joseph Bauer, Leo Wade, Edward Foley, Michael Moad, Charles McCurdy, William Maloney.  
 Junior Fourth Form—Wm. Ayers, Thomas O'Brien, John Cicci, Edward Lane, John McMan, James Nicholson, Wm. Monahan, Alfred Scully, John Skain.

Senior Third Form—Harold Landreville, Thomas Shannon, John Wigglesworth, John Cronin, John Lane, Edward McCool, Albert Cain, Francis O'Brien, Arthur Vonzuben.  
 Junior Third Form—Francis Hickley, Fred White, John Bannon, Francis Corcoran, Joseph Deferari, Wm. Thompson, Peter Hailey, Joseph Skain, Wm. Hand, Francis Shanahan, Joseph Feeley, Edward Condoner, Hugh Callaghan, Gordon Fensom, Francis Akrey, Michael Feeley, Albert Massey, James Cronin.

Boys who obtained the highest number of notes in monthly competition:  
 Senior Fourth—1, Leo Wade; 2, Wm. Overend; 3, Joseph Bauer.  
 Junior Fourth—1, Wm. Ayers; 2, Thomas O'Brien; 3, John McCrohan.  
 Senior Third—1, Harry Sullivan; 2, Thomas Shannon; 3, Leo Ryan.  
 Junior Third—1, Fr. Hickey; 2, F. White; 3, A. Lawrence and P. Hailey tie.

#### ST. FRANCIS' SCHOOL.

The monthly distribution of testimonials of merit was held at 1.30 p.m. on Monday. Rev. W. McCann and Trustee D. A. Carey were present and made brief speeches. The following received excellent testimonials:

Form Fourth, Sen.—W. Carroll, W. Kelly, N. Mackintosh, A. Gentle, S. Jamieson, H. Weaver, J. Carey.  
 Junior Fourth—1, Johnson, F. McGinn, F. Bero, F. Carey, H. Smith, W. Kirk, C. Corcoran.  
 Senior Third—F. Glynn, W. Rutledge, R. Halligan, B. Donovan, E. Glynn, S. Byrne, J. Finley, C. Durand, L. Lambrick.

Result of Monthly Examination:  
 Sen. Fourth—1, W. Carroll; 2, W. Kelly; 3, N. Mackintosh.  
 Jun. Fourth—1, A. Johnson; 2, F. McGinn; 3, G. Bero.  
 Sen. Third—1, F. Glynn; 2, W. Rutledge; 3, R. Halligan.  
 Junior Third—1, Leo O'Leary; 2, J. Britton; 3, F. Kelly.  
 Senior Second—1, F. Kearns; 2, J. Flynn; 3, F. Bolger.

Testimonials:  
 Junior III—F. Durand, C. Finley, J. Brennan, T. Belleisle, W. Kennedy, J. Jamieson, J. Dempsey, T. O'Brien, E. Broderick, F. Kelly and Wm. Hennessy.  
 Senior II—F. Kearns, F. Bolger, N. Carroll, G. Kelly, A. Keating, F. Byron and F. Gentle.

### Western Assurance Company

The fifty-fourth annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Western Assurance Company was held at the offices of the Company on Friday, the 3rd inst., the President, the Hon. George A. Cox, being in the chair.

The Financial Statement, a copy of which we to-day publish, showed that the premium income for 1904 had been larger than that of any previous year in the Company's history. In common with most other fire insurance companies, the "Western" suffered from the conflagrations at Baltimore and Toronto, but the action of the shareholders in writing off a portion of the capital after these disasters and subscribing for new capital to the amount of \$500,000, combined with the favorable experience during the latter months of the year, resulted in the Company's maintenance of its strong financial position. The security which it offers its policyholders now amounts to \$3,077,511.

The Board of Directors, which was re-elected unanimously, at a subsequent meeting again chose Hon. Geo. A. Cox as President and Mr. J. J. Kenny, Vice-President and Managing Director.

## CHEVALIER HENEY

Interesting References are Made Regarding the Progress of the Past Towards the Living Present.

Ottawa, March 2.—The Board of Trade meeting last evening was made memorable by the presentation to Chevalier John Heney—who has been a member since the year of its inception, in 1857—of an address embodying the feelings of respect and good wishes which the board entertains toward him. Mr. Heney replied in tones that showed that although he has passed eighty-four years his mental abilities are still unimpaired and his physical strength is still in condition to beat back the ravages of time. Three other veterans of Ottawa's business life and growth, Dr. George Hay, Sir Sandford Fleming and Mr. D. O'Connor, added their messages of congratulation to Mr. Heney on the valuable services he has rendered to the city and their wishes for future happy years of life to him. References were made to Dr. Osler's much quoted remarks concerning the period of man's usefulness in this vale of misery, but only to the discredit of the savant's judgment with such instances of living arguments to the contrary.

Before calling upon the secretary to read the address to Mr. Heney, Mr. Murphy stated that noticing a short time ago that Mr. Heney was retiring from business it had been thought advisable to mark the board's appreciation of his valuable services in some way. The record has shown that he had belonged to the board since 1857. Since coming to Ottawa in 1843 he had proved himself in all ways a faithful citizen and since he became a member of the board an active worker in it. Mr. Murphy honored that in the distribution of the address the advisers of the King had not seen fit to mention Mr. Heney as worthy of an honorable title.

Secretary Cecil Bethune then read the following address, signed by the officers and council of the Board:

### THE ADDRESS.

Chevalier John Heney, Esq.:  
 Dear Sir,—On the occasion of your retirement from active business life, your fellow-members of the Ottawa Board of Trade, with which institution you have been connected for almost half a century, desire to congratulate you upon so long a life, distinguished both by valuable and honorable public service and by private business success.

In offering this, our sincerest expression of esteem for our oldest member, we feel that by your connection with the Board since its organization in 1857, and our predecessors in its membership have been honored.

Whether as a member of this Board or as a representative of the public in the City Council for thirty-seven years or in your personal and family relations, you have held the esteem, respect, and to an unusual degree, the affection of your fellow-citizens of all classes and creeds.

During your long and active life you have seen many and great changes in this city and you have every right to reflect with pride upon the fact that you have, yourself, by your large contribution of honest, unselfish and unwearied public service become entitled to be identified in the public mind with the great improvement and advance of this city since you witnessed the laying of the corner-stone of the Parliament Buildings.

It is a gratification to all that at the great age of eighty-four you remain in vigorous health and good spirits, and we hope you have yet many years of happiness in store in the city with whose advancement you have been so actively identified, and that the membership roll of this Board will long continue to have your name at its head.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trade of the City of Ottawa:  
 D. Murphy, President; James W. Woods, First Vice-President; Peter Whelan, Second Vice-President; C. A. Douglas, Treasurer; A. W. Auld, D. M. Finnie, S. McLennaghan, Jas. Ballantyne, A. W. Fleck, John McKinley, C. J. Booth, W. P. Hinton, John R. Reid, W. H. Dwyer, Geo. S. May, P. D. Ross, Cecil Bethune, Secretary.

### MR. HENEY'S REPLY.

Mr. Heney, in reply, said that he had experienced many favors in his life but none over which he felt so much as this.  
 He had lived almost all his life in Ottawa, and had done everything he could to help the city since the days of Bytown up to the present time. His purpose in this regard had never faltered and he felt well repaid. In days gone by he had looked upon the city with pride and in the trust that it would grow to something important. When first he came to it there had practically been only six months' connection with the outside

world. He and other citizens had faced such a problem, and as a result the Ottawa and Prescott railroad had been built. It had been a difficult matter, but he had never wearied in this, or other movements for the development of the city. He would go home a proud old man over what had been accomplished, and the kind address he had been presented with for his part in it.

At that time one hundred miles of railroad was worse than a road to the sea now, but the road to Prescott was completed, and the journey could be made in a day instead of a week. Then a main sewer was constructed, and later the water works, which raised a fear in the minds of many that paying for them would rob them of their savings, but which prevented smallpox and such diseases to a great extent.

### WOULD BE A GLAD MAN.

He would be a glad man going home for the honor done him. From a boy he had tried to love his neighbor as himself. He had worked with all creeds and classes for the good of the city, and from that stand he had never varied.  
 Mr. George Hay, the only surviving member of the original charter members, was then called upon. He jestingly remarked that had he been in his usual condition of good, cautious, Scottish sense he would probably not have ventured out to address such a gathering. But to honor his friend, Mr. Heney, he had come, not for the sake of the other gentlemen gathered. (Laughter.) For many years he had known him, for although he was not quite so old as Mr. Heney, he had come to Ottawa, or rather Bytown, in 1844. He would recommend Mr. Heney to keep early hours as he did, for chloroform is in the air. (Laughter.)

Mr. Hay then confessed that on the next anniversary of Waterloo he will reach his eighty-third year.  
 In the days when Mr. Heney and he had come to Ottawa the people did little travelling. Then it was possible to get goods from Montreal as quickly by train (slits) as by railroad via Prescott. At times it took a month either way.

A body of the nature of the Board of Trade had a serious duty to perform towards the city. They could influence affairs to a greater extent than they sometimes thought. The Ottawa Board, however, had some members worthy to rank with those in any Board of Trade in the world.

### THE TWO IRISHMEN.

The speaker concluded by wishing long life to the 'two Irishmen' (Mr. Heney and Mr. Murphy).

Sir Sandford Fleming expressed great gratification at being present to greet two of the fathers and founders of the Board of Trade. He had come here in 1845, and so had been in Ottawa almost as long as either of them.

Mr. D. O'Connor also expressed his pleasure at being present to do honor to one of the most respected citizens of Ottawa. He knew no one who had received more respect from all classes of citizens than Mr. Heney. From his earliest days he had been an active worker in the city's interests, and had been so popular that not even with Dr. Osler's chloroform would anyone have been able to get rid of him. (Laughter.)

Mr. J. J. Heney then thanked the meeting on behalf of the family for the honor they had done his father. The other speakers had known him as a good citizen, but he had known him as a good father. He had brought to the Board meeting with him John Heney III., who, if he lived as his grandfather had done, would live a useful and honorable life.

Chevalier John Heney was born in the County of Cavan, Ireland, on April 16, 1821, and so will have reached his eighty-fourth year in six weeks. When 22 years of age he left Ireland for Canada and on November 1, 1844, he arrived in Bytown. Here he secured employment with a namesake of his, John Heney, with whom he remained for six years.

He then embarked in business for himself in the boot and shoe line. Until 1868 he carried on this business most successfully when he left it and engaged in contracting. As a contractor he has been engaged in works in various parts of Ontario, Quebec and the Northwest Territories.

Throughout his long residence in Ottawa the Chevalier has taken a prominent part in municipal politics. In 1851 he was elected to a position on the city council as representative of Byward and with the exception of two years he sat there continuously.

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