

ment, which removes all the points of difference between the two countries, has been reached, is made clear. The Secretary of State, Mr. Knox, has issued a statement to the effect that intermediate rates have been accorded to a sufficient number of American imports to remove the imputation of undue discrimination and that the American minimum rates will be granted to Canadian imports after March 31.

The *Rosary Magazine* contains many recent incidents which may be of interest to many people. An article entitled "Cardinal praises the President," shows the high esteem in which President Taft is held by Cardinal Gibbons. He says the President is not only a man of strong Christian character, but a man of kind and gentle disposition. Another article entitled, "Redmond on the Irish Question," may be of importance to loyal Irishmen. The Irish Parliamentary chief says: "Though we are surrounded by uncertainties and grave anxieties, still I feel that we Irishmen have reason to be proud of the position into which our cause has emerged from all the disappointments and defeats and sacrifices and sufferings of the past; and even if the worst should happen, and we have to enter upon a new period of acute conflict with the present Liberal party, I have no fear whatever for the future. The very stars in their courses are working for Home Rule for Ireland, and it is now merely a question of time.

The "*Leader*" contains a short summary of "St. Patrick's Day in Ireland." The writer, James O'Leary, tells us very briefly but concisely how the Irish spend St. Patrick's day. He says, "Early morning breaks. In fields here and there can be seen eager groups of children and grown-up people gathering shamrock, then off to early mass. In the afternoon some attend the procession and enjoy themselves in various other ways, and finally can be heard the praises of the shamrock."

"It grows through the bogs, the brake, and the mireland,
The dear little, sweet little Shamrock of Ireland."

The *Canadian Messenger*, as usual, contains many little items of interest to Catholics. According to it, the signs of a great quickening of the Faith in France are almost certain to come true. The Lenten course in the Cathedral of Notre Dame, in Paris, was followed by large congregations, larger in fact than for many years. The same consoling news is given from other parts of that unhappy nation. The Messenger also states that Father Conrady, the well known missionary to the lepers, who passed through Canada a couple of years ago, has contracted the disease and is dying in the leper colony near Canton, China.