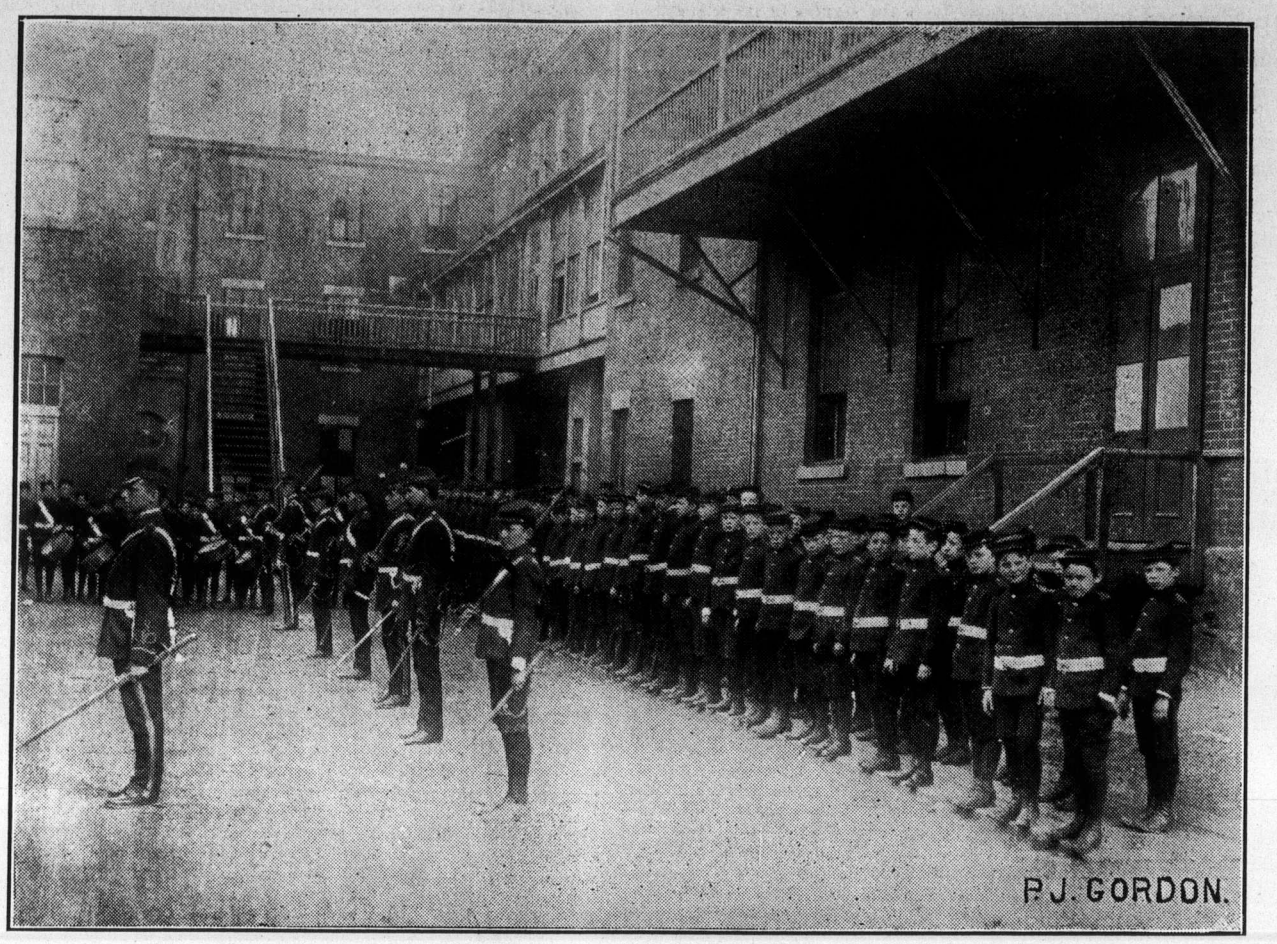
Our Irish Canadian Cadet Corps of St. Ann's Parish.

The martial spirit shown by the Irish race at all periods of history and in all countries is strikingly in evidence in what we may term—miniature form—in St. Ann's parish, Montreal in the ranks of the Cadets. Organized about four years ago by the Rev. Redemptorist Fathers for the better protection of the boys who leave school too young to be admitted into the Young Men's Society of the parish. Many boys go to work about the age of 14, and as they are not eligible to the Senior Society until the age of 18, these little fellows were lost sight of, and as a consequence, became in some instances, victims to the evil influence met with occasionally in the workshops and factories. It was with a view to safeguard this class that the Cadet corps was organized. It presents many attractions, and is perhaps the only means by which youths in their teens can be held together in society. Their Sunday meetings keep them in reach of their clergy who take advantage of this opportunity to keep alive in their minds the principles taught them in the school room, and the necessity of strict adherence to their spiritual duties in order to preserve themselves from the dangers to which they are exposed. It requires labor and money to carry on the organization, but the zeal and devotedness of the Rev. Redemptorist Fathers and the Christian Brothers have proved equal to the occasion. The generous co-operation of the parents, and the interest taken in the boys by our representatives have contributed much to make the undertaking a success. Thanks to the influence of Hon. Dr. Guerin, M.P., and Ald. D. Gallery, M.P., the Dominion Government has furnished arms for two companies. St. Ann's Temperance Society furnished rifles for the School Company; and Sergeant-Major Philips has induced the Militia Department to grant arms for a 4th Company, and thus form the corps into a regular battalion.

At present the corps numbers nearly 200 members, and it is an edifying sight to see them march to Church on the 3rd Sunday of every month under command of their respective officers, and headed by their own fife and drum band.



ST. ANN'S CADETS—MONTREAL—BATTALION IN LINE—OUTLINE OF SCHOOL, ARMORY AND GYMNASIUM.

Every opportunity is afforded to the members to spend their leisure moments in a useful and practical manner. The manual exercises of the drill and the gymnasium develop the physical powers, while the well filled libraries and reading rooms stored with literature of a high class is calculated to enrich the mind with all that is good and noble. In the recreation rooms of which there are a number, every kind of innocent amusement is furnished to the members. In no district of this city have boys such advantages placed at their disposal under such favorable terms as beneath the roof of the educational establishment of St. Ann's School, armory and gymnasium, an outline of which we present as a background to a picture of a full muster of the Cadets which was held recently for the special purpose of obtaining photographs which are reproduced in this issue for the study and admiraton of readers of the "True Witness."

The Redemptorist Fathers and the Christian Brothers of St. Ann's parish have reason to be proud of their work, and proud of the manner in which the youth of the parish have profitted by it, and of the way in which the boys have shown their appreciation of the efforts made in their behalf.

Irish men, and women too, would learn many lessons if they took the trouble to make themselves familiar with the efforts which are being made in that veritable bee-hive of our race in Montreal in behalf of the boys.

The young cadets of to-day will be the men of the future; if we of the older generation have any pride of races, any of that deeply characteristic sentiment of our forefathers which is so manifest in every page of Irish history, depicting sacrifices and acts of heroism they have made for faith and country, it is time that we should take a more unselfish and enthusiastic interest in all that concerns the educational and social status of our rising generation.

ST. ANN'S CADETS—MONTREAL—FIFE AND DRUM BAND.

1. Thos. Fennell.
2. D. Behan.
3. P. Korb.
4. E. Curran.
5. J. Gallery.
6. A. Burns.
7. E. Shanahan.
8. T. Curran.
9. J. Keenan.
10. J. Smith.
11. H. Murphy.
12. J. Greene.
13. T. Rossiter.
14. W. O'Brien.
15. J. Shields.
16. E. McCarthy.
17. W. Gallagher.
18. C. McDonald.
19. P. Guilfoyle.
20. N. Dupuis.
21. E. O'Brien.
22. J. P. Kennedy, B.M.
23. M. Fennell.
24. J. O'Reilly.
25. H. Hyland.
26. F. Liston.
27. J. Fennell.
28. T. McEntee.
29. E. Ryan.

The Week In Ireland.

THE CASTLE ATTACKS. — The United Irish League is no longer the sole object of the Castle attack. The Lord Lieutenant and his advisers have developed a new plan of campaign, and in addition to fighting the popular organization, they have now decided to make an onslaught on the councils constituted under the Local Government Act. The first of these bodies to receive the attention of the Coercionists is the Millstreet Urban Council, three of whose members are charged with the awful offence of referring to landgrabbing at a recent meeting. This development of the Castle policy will be watched with interest, and we have no doubt that one of its first results will be to make every County and District Council in the country more determined than ever to stamp out the pernicious system of landgrabbing. If Mr. Wyndham, Chief Secretary for Ireland, hopes to intimidate the representatives of the people by his latest form of attack he will have all his work cut out for him.

COERCION IN THE SOUTH. — Dublin Castle has opened its attack on the popularly-elected bodies. The chairman and two members of the local District Council have been summoned to attend a Coercion Court at Millstreet, the offence with which they are charged being that they were concerned in the passing of a resolution, referring to landgrabbers and graziers, at a meeting of the Council held last February. The defendants are :—Messrs. J. J. Corkerry, J.P.; M. Fitzpatrick, and P. J. Rahilly. The Clerk and Assistant-Clerk of the Union have been supoenaed to produce the minute book, in which, it is alleged, the minute was inserted

COERCION IN CLARE. — Messrs. A. Newton Brady, R.M. (chairman), and P. J. Kelly, R.M., sat at the Coercion Court under the Crimes Act, held at Ennis on 12th May. Mr. P. J. Linnane, J.P., chairman of the Ennis Urban Council, and vice-president East Clare Executive United Irish League; Timothy Flanagan, J. P., chairman of the Corofin District Council; M. Griffey, and M. O'Brien, District Councillors; Joseph Sullivan, and two others, were convicted of having taken part in an alleged criminal conspiracy to compel certain parties not to continue in the occupation of certain lands. Mr. Flanagan was sentenced to four months' imprisonment, with hard labor, Mr. Linnane to three months without hard labor, Mr. Sullivan to three months, and the others to two months with hard labor, except in the case of Mr. Griffey. Mr. O'Regan was discharged.

The result of the case, and the severity of the sentences, which was not anticipated, caused a good deal of sensation through town.

HIGH SHERIFF TROUBLES.— A private meeting of the Nationalist party in the Corporation was held in the members' room, City Hall, Dublin, on 12th inst. Alderman Davin presided. The following resolutions were carried unanimously :—

Resolved—"That we, the Nationalist members of the Corporation, forming, as we do, the vast majority of the Municipal Council, hereby solemnly repudiate the impudent assertion of Councillor M'Cabe, High Sheriff of Dublin, that it is incumbent on him in the face of the refusal of the Lord Mayor to attend the coronation ceremony, to proceed to London himself in order to represent the citizens; and that while endorsing the action of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, we hereby repudiate the authority of the High Sheriff, Councillor M'Cabe, to represent the citizens of Dublin at the approaching coronation, which action is not only a betrayal of the Nationalist party which elected him but a mean endeavor to obtain from the British Government a shoddy title as the price of his betrayal."

"That the name of Councillor P. J. M'Cabe be expunged from the roll of members of the Nationalist party in the Corporation."

It was decided also to request a special meeting of the Council to be called that they might as a body deal with the High Sheriff.

COERCION IN TIPPERARY.— At Roscrea, on 13th May, before Messrs. Horne and Dease, R.M.'s, the hearing was resumed, under the Crimes Act, of the prosecution of the following persons for having taken part in an unlawful conspiracy :—Messrs. Edward Delany (Oldcastle), Philip Kennedy (Shanacloon), James Sheedy (Longford), Cornelius Greed (Gorteen), Laurence Tierney (Cloonakenny), and Michael Coady (Kylemanagh). The defendants were charged with having, between January 1st and April 30th, at Clonakenny, being a proclaimed district, taken part in an unlawful conspiracy to induce one Denis Connolly not to work as herd for John Hodgins, who had taken a farm of land at Borrisnoe, formerly occupied by Miss Lloyd. They were further charged with conspiring to unlawfully induce John M. Hodgins not to occupy the said farm, and with conspiracy to induce persons not to deal with Connolly or Hodgins.

After the usual police evidence, the magistrates having deliberated, the Chairman said Edward Defany was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labor in each case—three months in all, and ordered to find bail, himself in £20, and two sureties of £10 each, to keep the peace for twelve months, or in default to go to gaol for three months without hard labor; Cornelius Greedy was sentenced to three months with hard labor, two to run concurrently, with the same bail rule; a like ruling in the case of James Sheedy; Philip Kennedy, same sentences; Michael Coady, put under the same bail rule only; and Laurence Tierney, although found guilty, was let go on account of his old age.

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