

DEAN HARRIS AND THE VET- ERANS OF '66.

St. Catharines, July 26.—The Veterans of '66 of St. Catharines have reason to be proud of the success of their camp-fire yesterday. It exceeded all the expectations of many, and had it not been for the rain the demonstration would have been unprecedented. The streets were crowded during the afternoon and the hotels packed; while one wondered where the people in the park came from. It was the best natured crowd that ever congregated and it was the sole object of the local vets to give to their guests a good time. They succeeded. A large refreshment tent was erected in the park and veterans were treated to all they could eat and drink without price.

During the afternoon the three splendid bands played in the pavilion and band stand. The ladies attracted a large number of people all afternoon, and the two city bands also pleased many people with the excellent quality of music they provided.

It was about 9 o'clock when the programme was begun. Rev. Dean Harris spoke from a bench in the pavilion and interested a large crowd of people for some time. He said: "I deeply appreciate the compliment which your committee has paid me in requesting that I should address you to-day, and I recognize this honor not solely that you have paid me the compliment of inviting me to participate in your festivities this afternoon, but chiefly because I deem it a great privilege to be permitted to publicly give expression to the feelings of respect and veneration which move me to speak of your illustrious dead. It is an act not alone of piety, but of policy, also, to resurrect every few years from the graves in which time has laid them, the memories of our great men. There is something at once noble and sublime in the spectacle of a people assembling in their strength to give voice to the reverential feeling of affection and attachment which binds them to the forgotten dead of other days. It is a law of our nature that great men are never alien to any people nor absolute to any age. The qualities which make them conspicuous above the men of their time are such as appeal to all humanity. In the midst of turmoil and distraction a few quiet, Titanic men have stood undaunted. No thunder of threatened calamity could daunt them, no tidal wave of momentary passion sweep them from their feet, no whirlwind of the soul could carry them from the rock of honor on which they stood. But, while this is true of the few who have gone down to their graves, what of the moulding of the many who remain, what causes course to produce—not indeed greatness in a nation, for greatness is the heritage of the few—but the stability of character and fixity of purpose in the many which conspire to produce a great and permanent nation. I think I am not passing the limits of permissible prediction when I assert that no great nation began its course under happier influences or brighter hopes than our own. Never in the history of the world did the human elements conspire more auspiciously to produce a great and heroic people, than when they set in motion the tidal wave of immigration which brought to our country the stalwart method of Scotland, Ireland and England and collected them into a united people. To the enthusiasm and marvellous brilliancy of the Irish and Scotch Celtic England contributed the Norman and Saxon stability; which fused with the impetuous Gallic nature, added manly vigor, strength and a restraining influence. Still none of these national elements may claim priority or precedence in the up-building and foundation of our great Dominion. That place belongs of right to our French-Canadian fellow-citizens, who also belong to the indestructible Celtic race. They were the first to put the brambles aside, and look into the darkness and shadow of our forest. They won Canada from a wilderness, and redeemed it from the savage. They consecrated our soil in tears and blood, and moulded it by the devotion and heroism of ten generations. Their valleys are crowded with the figures of knightly men and saintly women, of martyrs faithful unto death and of dauntless explorers, fearless as those who centuries ago set out in quest of the golden fleece. In the presence of heroic men like Cartier and Champlain, of warriors like Maisonneuve and Dulac, of explorers like La Salle and Vercandoye, of martyrs like Lallemand, Jogues and Brebeuf, and soldiers like Montcalm, Frontenac, De L'Isle and De Salaberry, we stand to day with uncovered heads. And yet the race is still full of its old vitality. All Canada honors judges like Routhier, poets like Fréchetto, orators like Chapleau, statesmen like Laurier, patriots like Joly, historians like Garneau, and writers like Chauveau and the Abbe Casgrain. Perish the hand and mute be the tongue that would attempt to separate these people from us, and strong may be the hand and loud the voice that makes for the eternal union of these people with ourselves! I speak to-day on behalf of national

unity, and with the poet I plead for national oneness, so

Let us be strong and united, One country, one flag for us all; United, our flag shall be freedom, Divided, we each of us fall.

Bear with me for a moment if I raise my voice in behalf of religious toleration. No nation, no commonwealth, no country may hope to be prosperous if the spirit of religious bigotry and religious intolerance animates its national body. The history of other days proclaims aloud this one and emphatic prediction, that the only hope for the prosperity and development of a great people lies in the practical good sense of a nation that proclaims aloud and afar that a man's conscience is above all civil and political law, and that his religion is a matter of such tremendous seriousness that it rests only between his God and himself. For thirty years I have labored to break down religious animosities, and have publicly protested against opening graves in England, Ireland or Scotland and calling up the spirit of animosity and intolerance which should have been permitted to return to the dust with the bones with which they were interred.

Your common hope is God's great love, Your Saviour, too, is mine; And of us from His throne above Looks down His love divine.

If we stand by these great principles of national unity and religious freedom no power on earth can make us slaves, for in the language of the Scotch poet: "We stand a wall of fire Around our dear loved land."

The utterances of the Dean were received with prolonged applause.

Spain Sues for Peace.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The Spanish Government has sued for peace, not directly through the great powers of Europe, but by a direct appeal to President McKinley. The proposition was formally submitted to the President at 8 o'clock this afternoon by the French Ambassador, M. Jules Cambon, who had received instructions from the Foreign Office at Paris to deliver to the United States Government the tender of peace formulated by the Spanish Ministers. At the conclusion of the conference between the President and the French Ambassador, the following statement was issued from the White House:—"The French Ambassador, on behalf of the Government of Spain and by direction of the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs, presented to the President this afternoon at the White House a message from the Spanish Government looking to the termination of the war and the settlement of terms of peace." This was the only official statement made public, but it sufficed to put at rest all conjecture and to make clear and definite that at last Spain has taken the initiative toward peace.

DIFFERENCES OF OPINION regarding the religious interests and external remedies—Dr. Thomas' Excelsior Oil—do not, so far as known, exist. The testimony is positive and concurrent that the article relieves physical pain, cures lameness, checks a cough, is an excellent remedy for neuralgia and rheumatic complaint, and it has no nauseating or other unpleasant effect when taken internally.

Obituary.

William Healy, who had been for some weeks suffering from pleurisy, died at his residence, Macpherson avenue, on Sunday last. Mr. Healy was very popular amongst his acquaintances in North Toronto, and his death at the youthful age of 37 has caused all who know him very sincere sorrow. He was by trade a marble-cutter, and when taken ill was doing business in that line on Lombard street. His funeral took place on Tuesday. It was large and representative of the men of which Mr. Healy was not an unworthy descendant. Father Francis Walsh said the Requiem Mass at St. Basil's, the solemn services being joined in by many sympathizing friends. After the obsequies the remains were conveyed to St. Michael's Cemetery, where they were interred. May they rest in peace.

Two Cent Postage

OTTAWA, July 22.—The Imperial two-cent postage rate will, it is expected, go into effect on January 1st next, and simultaneously there will be a reduction of two cents per ounce. The loss in revenue to Canada will at least be three-quarters of a million per annum.

The 48th Highlanders.

M. J. Parks: How long are the 48th Highlanders in existence—who is their Colonel, and has he been their only one?

The regiment was formed in 1891, 1st Colonel, John I. Davidson; present, A. M. Cosby.

DYSPEPSIA OR INDIGESTION is occasioned by the want of action in the biliary ducts, loss of vitality in the stomach to secrete the gastric juices, without which digestion cannot be effected. The principal cause of Bileache, Fermele's Vegetable Pills taken before going to bed, for a while, never fail to give relief and effect a cure. Mr. F. W. Ashdown, Ashdown Ont., writes: "Ever since I was taking the lead against ten other makes which I have in stock."

When you tell your friend a story and he doesn't laugh, wait until he tells it and have the laugh on him.

Leo XIII. and the War.

The Rome correspondent of The Catholic Times, Liverpool, gives the following account of the reception of the Spanish naval disaster off Santiago.

The news of Admiral Sampson's victory at Santiago and of the complete destruction of the Spanish fleet has, naturally enough, produced a great impression at the Vatican. The first rumors were disbelieved, and up to the last it was thought that the newspaper versions of the battle were, if not another canard, at least greatly exaggerated. When, therefore, on Tuesday morning Cardinal Rampolla communicated the official announcement of Admiral Cervera's total defeat to the Holy Father, Leo XIII. appeared to be greatly moved, and immediately wired to the Queen-Regent, offering to do all in his power for Spain in her present critical position, and exhorting the Queen to place her trust in Providence. Since then an active interchange of telegrams has been going on between the Vatican and Madrid, and it is certain that the Pope is striving to bring about a speedy termination of the war. The Spanish Ambassador to the Holy See, Marquis Raphael Merry del Val, has had several interviews both with the Holy Father and with Cardinal Rampolla, and is in continual communication with his Government. The Queen Regent assured his Holiness that should any honorable overtures tending to the speedy cessation of peace be made by Europe, they would be received with favor in Spain. Leo XIII. immediately acquainted the Emperor of Austria and the President of the French Republic with the situation, and it is hoped that, as the result of all this diplomatic activity, an armistice will soon be concluded which will practically mean the beginning of the end. The Pontiff, while deploring the war between two Christian nations, has never, during its whole course, departed from the line of strict neutrality adopted by the Holy See, and has imparted very precise orders to the clergy on this matter. The Supreme Pontiff is in the position of a father who sees two of his sons fighting; the fact itself is sufficient to grieve him intensely. He would the victory of either combatant be a source of pleasure to him, but if the idea be worsted, and the father be accused of undue partiality if he strives to stop the unnatural fight and appeal to his other children that they, too, may intervene and bring about reconciliation and peace?

Dewey's Canadian Connection.

The grave of Mrs. Laura Dewey Day, a kinswoman of the hero of Manila, is near Ottawa.

Respecting this lady, Mr. Henry J. Morgan, the Ottawa historiographer, has written to a contemporary: "In a letter appearing in your column respecting the family of Rear Admiral George Dewey, reference is made to his descent from Thomas Dewey, who came from England to Boston, Mass., in 1688, becoming a freeman of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay in the following year. It may interest some of your readers to know that a member of the same family lived for many years in the province of Lower Canada. Some years ago I copied the following inscription from a tombstone which is still standing in the Protestant cemetery, situated on the Alymer road near this city: To the memory of Laura Day, who died Sept. 16, 1848, aged 65 years. "I know that my Redeemer liveth." In this faith she died.

"This lady, whose maiden name was Dewey, was descended also from the aforesaid Thomas Dewey, the Admiral's branch descending from Josiah Dewey, who was the second son of Thomas Dewey; while Laura Dewey was descended from the fifth or youngest child of the same. The family came originally from Sandwich, County Kent."

Church of the Sacred Heart, Rome.

The following pages were omitted from Miss Margaret L. Hart's sketch of the places visited by Rev. Father Cruise while in Europe this year:

While in Rome the Church of the Sacred Heart was visited. In connection with this, is the association for the relief of the souls in Purgatory. By means of its monthly review the objects of this society are cast abroad of a hundred. The order of the watchful devotion of this shrine has lately been greatly increased by a most singular manifestation. It happened that on the 2nd July of last year, the Feast of the Visitation, that a fire broke out at one of the altars, the lace, embroidery, flowers, and other inflammable material were at once destroyed, but on the fire being extinguished instead of the beholder being confronted by a blackened and charred expense, something at least phenomenal was seen. The picture which formed the centre piece was surrounded by an aureole of flames, and as the altar has for its background a prothetic face, rising amidst fiery red and yellow rays, touching all hearts by its piteous appeal, the eyes raised in supplication, words of the lips seem to come the words "have pity on me, have pity on me, at least on my friends, have pity

on me." The picture in its lurid and flame-like setting has been photographed and is the object of much wondering comment. Many eminent men have viewed the scene, but as yet no judgment has been given of the miraculous nature or otherwise of the singular event. Among the visitors who came away greatly impressed were Mgr. Merry del Val and Archbishop Langens. As this circumstance is but recent, Father Cruise has probably been the means of its first publication on this continent.

Lord Minto to be Governor-General.

LONDON, July 25.—The Earl of Minto has been appointed Governor-General of Canada in succession to the Earl of Aberdeen. Gilbert John Elliot Murray Kymmoor Elliot, fourth Earl of Minto, was born in 1815, has been in the Scots Fusilier Guards, was a volunteer in the Egyptian campaign, and commands the south of Scotland volunteers, with the rank of Colonel. He is a Liberal and retired from the army in 1870.

The Elliots are borderers of Teviotdale. Minto, from which the family takes its name, is a little village of Roxburghshire, near Jedburgh. In the days when every borderer of note lived in his keep and talked over his battles to the harriers and rangers of rival families Teviotdale was the most disturbed part of the border country, and the King's writ was something less powerful than the word of a Scotchman or a Howe. It was in this country that "Jeddard justice" had its origin, and men were hanged first and tried afterwards. Since civilization and law came to confine the borderer's amusement at home to over-strait limits the Elliots have gone far over the world to find an outlet for the restless spirits of the borderer.

Minto is situated in one of the most picturesque parts of Teviotdale, Scotland, and is mentioned in Sir Walter Scott's "The Lay of the Last Minstrel."

E. B. A.

St. Helen's Branch No. 11, Toronto, continues in a very prosperous condition as shown by this Quarterly Report. And the meetings are well attended, the members taking great interest in the work of the Association, fully discussing all questions laid before them. And under the order of "Recreation" have several members capable and willing to make this a pleasing feature of each meeting. The membership is also steadily increasing there being two initiations at the last meeting and two at the previous one, and good prospects for the future.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

The members of St. Helen's Branch having been invited to the funeral of the death of the mother of one of their members, unanimously adopted the following vote of condolence. Whereas it having pleased Almighty God to call from this life the beloved mother of our respected Brother William F. Heaslip. Resolved—That we the members of St. Helen's Branch No. 11, E.B.A. do hereby tender our worthy Brother our most sincere sympathy in his sad and very sudden affliction. And we pray that the ever Blessed Virgin will obtain from him the grace to bow in humble submission to the Divine will. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the great mercy of God rest in peace.

Resolved—That a copy of this resolution be entered on the minutes and sent to Brother W. F. Heaslip, and to the G.S.T. for mention in the official organ.

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LATEST MARKETS

Toronto, July 26, 1898. On the curb in Chicago at the opening to day September wheat was quoted at 67 3/4; at the close September wheat was quoted at 67 1/2; puts on September wheat 67c, calls 68 1/2; puts on September corn 3 1/2; calls 3 1/2.

The receipts of farm produce on the street market here to-day were small; prices were generally unchanged. Wheat white standard . . . 75 \$ 00 do red . . . . . 80 81 do . . . . . 80 80 Barley . . . . . 30 33 Oats . . . . . 30 32 Rye . . . . . 41 00 Buckwheat . . . . . 45 00 Potatoes . . . . . 67 00 Hay . . . . . 7 00 00 do new . . . . . 5 50 60 00 Straw . . . . . 5 50 60 00 Hog new . . . . . 6 00 60 00 Dressed hogs . . . . . 6 50 67 50 Butter, lb rolls . . . . . 13 14 do tubs, dairy . . . . . 11 18 Cakes . . . . . 85 85 Eggs . . . . . 11 11 Turkeys . . . . . 8 10 Potatoes (new, bush) . . . . . 6 70 Beef (quarter) . . . . . 7 00 83 00 do fore . . . . . 6 00 60 Lamb . . . . . 8 00 Mutton . . . . . 5 7 Veal . . . . . 6 7

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The Health of the Pope.

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