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## THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

Most Successful Convention Since Inception of Order in Ontario Held at St. Thomas Last Week.

The eighth biennial Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was held at St. Thomas on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of August. Sixty delegates from every part of the province representing every division in the Order, were in attendance. There was a strong delegation from Toronto, as well as from Ottawa, Peterborough, Stratford, Kingston, Pembroke and Arnprior. The opening of the Convention took place at 10 o'clock on Monday, the 22nd of August in the beautiful city hall, which was handed over to the Order for the holding of sessions by the St. Thomas city council. Provincial President M. J. O'Farrell took the chair at the opening and introduced Mayor Maxwell, who in an eloquent address gave the Delegates a hearty welcome to St. Thomas and invited the Celtic visitors to visit the various institutions of the city. The mayor and council of St. Thomas were the recipients of a vote of thanks moved by Dr. Coughlin of Peterboro and C. J. Foy of Perth, for the use of the council chamber. After Mayor Maxwell's address the delegates attended High Mass, which was celebrated by the Rev. Father West and at which an eloquent sermon on Ireland and Hibernianism was preached by the Rev. Father O'Neill of Bothwell.

After the introductory proceedings the Convention got down to business, and from that until the closing of the Convention, matters concerning the order were given the undivided attention of the delegates. The reports of the President, Secretary and Treasurer show the Order to have made great strides since the Ottawa Convention two years ago. The strength of the Order in the Province is now over 2,500. The most important business transaction was the increasing of the insurance from \$300 to \$500. The fact of there being 2,500 members in the order in this province and a surplus of cash in the bank of something like \$3,500, gives the Order a sound foundation and at the next Convention it is expected that the insurance will be increased to \$2,000. It was the intention to increase the insurance to \$1,000 at this Convention, but some of the wise ones thought it advisable to move slowly and \$500 was placed as the limit for the present. The delegates passed a resolution thanking the Hon. John Costigan for the great service the veteran statesman has rendered Ireland in the Canadian House of Commons. Speaker after speaker eulogized the Hon. Mr. Costigan, evidencing the feelings towards him for his magnificent services to the Old Land. Another Resolution which was carried unanimously, was a vote of confidence passed in the Irish Parliamentary Party under the leadership of Mr. John Redmond, M. P. The election for the various offices were keenly contested. Each candidate for office was elected by a small margin. The principal interest centred in the election of President. The friends of the two candidates, Mr. P. M. Falvey of Toronto, and C. J. Foy of Perth, worked ardently during the three days of the Convention. Mr. Falvey was elected by a majority of five votes. The other officers elected were Vice-President, J. J. Lynch of Peterboro; Secretary, Thos. C. O'Dowd of Hamilton; Treasurer, R. J. Slattery of Arnprior; Medical Superintendent, Dr. C. B. Coughlin of Peterboro; Solicitor, Frank Slattery of Toronto; Insurance Secretary, Treasurer, Frank J. Walsh of Toronto; Trustees, James H. Lowery of St. Thomas, W. B. O'Mara of Pembroke, and C. J. Foy of Perth. In the early stages of the Convention Peterboro and Toronto were the contesting places of the next Convention, to be held in August, 1906. A canvass of the delegates, prior to the election, proved conclusively that Peterboro was the most favored and the Toronto delegates withdrew the Queen City at the last moment and Peterboro was unanimously selected.

The visiting delegates cannot speak

too highly of the treatment received from their brethren in St. Thomas. Everything possible was done to make things pleasant for the visitors and in this the mayor and council of St. Thomas lent their valuable assistance. On the evening of the 22nd a grand banquet was tendered at the Grand Central Hotel to the visiting delegates. The large dining room was comfortably filled.

The complimentary banquet given by the local branch of the Ancient Order of Hibernians to the convention delegates and held in the Grand Central Hotel was a most successful one. It was an inspiring sight that greeted the eyes of all as they entered the spacious banquet chambers, and beheld the tables, tastily arranged and laden with the choicest dishes, tropical fruit, ferns, roses and Shamrocks. At each were placed a Chinese napkin, toast and menu card.

Miss host Donley deserves special credit for the splendid spread prepared and for the systematic manner in which details were carried out by the young ladies in charge of the tables. It was after ten o'clock when Toastmaster P. L. M. Egan took the chair and announced the commencement of the proceeding. The programme and toast list was a lengthy one and true eloquence, that filled the hearts with love for old Ireland, flowed in Ciceronian style. It was an early hour, (in the morning) when the banquet was brought to a close. Mr. Lewis Egan filled the chair in a most creditable manner and made a most capable chairman. After the guests had satisfied the inner man, and done justice to the fine spread, the toast list was opened, with a short, but splendid address of welcome by the chairman. He then called on those present to drink to the health of the King and the Pope.

After this toast had been drunk the toastmaster called upon Rev. Father West, who stated that he felt pleased and honored to be present. He considered it a great pleasure to meet gentlemen from all parts of Ontario. The delegates demonstrated that they were true Catholics by attending church in a body. To be a good Catholic means to be a good citizen, one follows the other. We live in a beautiful and progressive country, in fact it is the garden spot of Ontario. He hoped that the order would meet here again in the near future and that its membership would be increased a hundred fold and closed his remarks by wishing the excellent organization every success because it was one loyal to both Church and State. Mr. R. A. Ayromg made a neat speech. He stated that it was his maiden effort and asked to be excused from making a speech. He was pleased to be present at such a fine banquet. He had only been a resident of the city a short time but was delighted with the place, and closed by thanking the chairman for having given him an opportunity to address a few remarks to those present.

Rev. M. J. O'Neill considered this a great day for Ireland, the green home of our forefathers. Ireland is making steady progress and it does not take a practiced eye to see the situation has changed and that there is a great future in store for Ireland. It gave him great pleasure to respond to the toast of Ireland which he wished some day to see as free as she deserves to be, and closed with an eloquent quotation from the works of the Southern poet priest, Father Ryan.

F. J. Walsh stated that it was difficult to speak after the eloquence of Father O'Neill. He recounted his recent trip to Ireland and dwelt on the beauties of Erin. One would have to visit the old land to fully appreciate her beauties. While there he visited the graves of numerous Irish patriots and statesmen, including the graves of O'Connell and Parnell. The population of Ireland was fast decreasing. In 1841 it was eight and a half million and in 1904 four and a half million. Tenants find it impossible to support themselves on the small farms, two-thirds of which are only ten acres. He spoke pathetically of the sorrowful scenes attending the departure of emigrant ships. He was much impressed with our city.

Col. Farke considered it one of the greatest privileges since coming to this community to be present. He felt that he should be regarded as a citizen of our city. St. Thomas was a great railway centre, also the centre of the Talbot settlement and one of the most fertile sections in Canada. As a representative of the United States of America and of Irishmen in the United States, he desired to mingle his congratulations with the rest. Canadians have a country of which they may well feel proud. They enjoy the greatest liberty possible and consistent with the administration of law and order and without any disparagement to the United States he had never seen laws executed as they are by the legal department of the Government of Canada. He paid a tribute to King Edward, who was apparently desirous to do justice to his Irish subjects.

His Worship the Mayor expressed his pleasure at being present and referred in complimentary terms to the previous speakers. He enlarged on our city and the rapid and steady progress she is making at all times. He hoped the delegates would have time to see all those things for themselves. He was attracted by their spirit of patriotism, for to be a loyal citizen meant the foundation of all success. He closed by trusting that the Convention would assemble again in a few years when our population had reached the 20 thousand mark.

Mr. O. Farrell eulogized the Order which was first of all Roman Catholic Orders. Its motto, "Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity," should appeal to all true Irishmen. He was pleased with the presence, and support of the local clergy and hoped they would always merit it, and closed by thanking all for the hospitality shown the delegates.

Mr. Frank Slattery, in one of the

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most eloquent addresses of the evening, expressed appreciation for the hospitality shown the delegates. All were assembled to do honor to Ireland who had sent her children to every country on the globe. He regretted to see Irishmen leave Ireland, but if they must do so, he wanted them to come to Canada and not to Col. Burke's country. He eulogized Canadian institutions for the interests of the ladies. However, without bloodshed, eighty per cent. of Canadians wished Ireland to have the same freedom enjoyed by Canadians. He was invited to speak in St. Thomas some time ago, but regretted that it was not possible at the time to accept the invitation. Mr. Slattery also had a good word for our city.

Mr. Foy fittingly responded to the toast of our visiting delegates and Mr. James Lowry capably looked after the interests of the ladies. The toast to the press brought Mr. M. H. Buchner of the Times and Mr. J. A. Killingsworth of the Journal to their feet.

After this toast had been disposed of Mr. Jas. McManus proposed the toast to the Bench which called for an eloquent speech from His Honor Judge J. D. Donahue, who stated that he was delighted to be present, in his old home, and spoke in glowing terms of the generosity and tolerance of the citizens, including all classes, in the city of St. Thomas. He was in entire sympathy with these social gatherings of the various nationalities for the man who failed to reverence the land of his forefathers would surely be a traitor to the land of his adoption. He closed by wishing the convention and Order of Hibernians every success and hoped that his judicial record in his new home would not be such as to cause Irishmen to blush for him as a descendant of Irishmen.

As the hour was very late the banquet was brought to a close with a few remarks from the chairman, after which the delegates rose in a body and sang "Auld Lang Syne."

- TOASTS**
- "Eria Go Bragh!"  
Chairman, P. L. M. Egan, County President.
- The King—Was drunk in silence.
  - Canada, Our Home—R. A. Ayromg.
  - Ireland, a Nation—Rev. M. J. O'Neill and F. J. Walsh.
  - Our American Cousins—Col. Burke.
  - Our City. It's All Right—Mayor Maxwell.
  - Selected—Mr. Frezell.
  - Our Organization—Bro. O. Farrell and Frank Slattery.
  - Visiting Delegates—C. J. Foy.
  - The Ladies—J. H. Lowry.
  - The Press—Buchner, Killingsworth.
  - Sister Societies—Bench—Judge Donahue.
  - Recitation—Mr. Robin.
  - Songs—A. P. Conley, J. Salter.
  - God Save Ireland.

**Ottawa United Irish League**

The Ottawa branch of the United Irish League has decided to withdraw from affiliation with the parent body in Ireland and become associated with the American body. An effort will be made to bring John E. Redmond to Ottawa before he returns to Ireland.

**Death of St. Michael's Janitor**

Mr. David Buglass, for several years janitor at St. Michael's, died suddenly Tuesday morning of heart failure. Deceased was of Scottish birth, 41 years of age, and had been in this country for several years. Mr. Buglass bore an excellent character, and was a familiar and popular figure at the hospital, both with the medical profession, the patients and the authorities of the hospital.

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## WILL OF LATE J. J. LONG

Large Bequests to Education and Charity

Barrie, Sept. 6.—(Special).—The will of the late J. J. Long of Collingwood was filed for probate today. He left an estate valued at \$419,815.50, made up as follows: Household goods, furniture, etc., \$500. Life insurance \$36,000, \$25,000 of which was placed with the Canada Life.

Moneys secured by mortgages on Collingwood and Toronto properties, \$5,098.03. Bank and other stocks, \$138,012. Loan company stocks, \$16,744. Insurance stocks, \$11,688.75. Miscellaneous stocks, \$90,244.50. Gas and Electric Light stocks, \$72,987.84. Industrial enterprises, etc., \$68,812.50.

He also held 2,500 shares in the Canadian Birkbeck Co., and 1,400 shares of the Confederation Life. A number of timber limits in British Columbia are included in the estate, but they have no realizable value.

**CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.**

Among the more prominent bequests are \$2,500 to the Marine and General Hospital, Collingwood; \$10,000 to St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto; \$5,000 to the House of Providence; \$5,000 to J. M. Hopkins, providing he was in the company's employ at the time of the testator's death, and \$5,000 to Miss M. E. Hefferman, also provided she is in the employ of T. Long & Co., and \$500 to Miss Margaret Boyle on the same conditions; \$1,000 each to Margaret Walsh, Catharine Walsh and Edmund Walsh, children of his sister Catharine, and \$100 to their children, Thomas and Michael Walsh, \$200 to the parish priest for masses, and within three years, \$25,000 to be placed with the Trusts Corporation for the education of Roman Catholics for the priesthood, and in event of any dispute, the decision of the new Archbishop of Toronto is to be final.

The will forbids the investment in any speculative concerns. The business of T. Long is directed to be carried with any extension or charges deemed advisable, but this interest is to be wound up within four years, and fifty per cent. of the residue to be divided among the family of Thomas Long, 25 per cent. for the family of Michael Long, and 25 per cent. for the family of his sister, Mary Byrnes.

The executors are his brother Thomas, John M. Hopkins, the bookkeeper of the Long Bros., and William John Sloan, a salesman, also in the employ of the firm. After the death of his brother the Trusts Corporation of Ontario is appointed sole executor.

## Catholic Truth Society

The annual Conference of the English Catholic Truth Society will be held at Birmingham on the 29th of September, and the two following days, and it is expected to be of exceptional interest, as his Grace the Archbishop of Westminster has promised to take part in the proceedings. The Conference will be preceded on Sunday by great gatherings of the Catholic clergy and laity, on the occasion of the re-opening of St. Chad's Cathedral after its restoration. The Archbishop, who it is thought probable by that date will have received the highest Pontifical honor in the shape of a Cardinal's hat, will address a mass meeting of Catholics from all parts of the Midlands Counties, in the town hall, on Monday evening. The first session of the Conference will be held on Tuesday morning in the new temperance hall, when papers will be read by the Rev. Dr. Barry, the Rev. J. Gerard, and Professor Windle, of Birmingham University. This society is proving itself a mighty force in keeping the Catholic intellectual flame burning clearly in England.

## The Case of Bishop Geay

A Paris correspondent says: While awaiting for the reopening of the Chambers, there is no cessation of newspaper discussion over the struggle between France and the Holy See. Investigators have been sent by the leading journals to question Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish clergymen about the prospect of separation looming through the Bill which Aristide Briant, one of the Jaures' clique and a deputy and journalist, has drafted. Most of the parish priests of Paris did not seem to view the prospect of separation with anxiety, and some of them said point-blank that they would be glad of it if it released the Church from the tyranny and oppression to which it is now subjected in this country. The Protestant clergymen said to the investigators that they were not

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afraid of separation, which would only cause them to make new financial and other arrangements. One of the Protestants, Pastor Vigier, who is evidently no great admirer of M. Combes, went a little out of his way in saying that the Catholics would undoubtedly suffer. He also remarked that the Pope had a case, as he was determined not to yield on a doctrinal point, while ready to make all possible political concessions." A Jewish clergyman who was interrogated, believed that the separation would not affect the Paris Rabbis, but it would be bad, however, for those in the provinces. At the same time, as the Talmuud does not prevent the Rabbis from following trades and handicrafts, many of these ministers, if deprived of their state stipends, would be able to recoup themselves by working at a business. Other newspaper investigators have gone off to the Laval diocese to question the priests there about the case of their Bishop, Mgr. Geay. Some ecclesiastics who were questioned said that the Bishop was a splendid character, beloved by his clergy, whom he always treated in the noblest manner. They felt, however, that as a Bishop he ought to have resigned long ago. He was weak, and stories circulated in the diocese like those that were formerly circulated in the dioceses of Nice and Monaco. One country parish priest was very explicit, but he did not blame the Bishop for any acts attributed to him. He said, however, that Mgr. Geay made a mistake in having around him priests like the Abbe Dissard, who is, or was, chaplain of the Carmelite convent in Laval. Of all the priests questioned, only one, Vicar-General Barrier, seemed to stand up for the Bishop unreservedly. He said that Mgr. Geay was denounced through pure hatred and spite by the Royalists of the region because he forbade his priests to belong to the "League of Christian Education," of which the President is the Royalist Senator M. Lebreton. Thus, according to Vicar-General Barrier, Mgr. Geay has been simply and solely a victim of politics, or was he the innocent victim of one of those too pious laymen whom an ex-priest, M. Ledrain, now a writer for the Paris Press, recently denounced as the terror of the clergy, especially in the provinces? Anyhow, in the diocese of Laval, all the priests questioned, with the exception of the Vicar-General, informed the Paris investigators that, while deeply sympathizing with Mgr. Geay, they were most firmly resolved to bow before, and to abide by, the decision of Rome.

## PERSONAL

Among the victims of an accident on the C.P.R. at Sinaljuta was Miss Agnes M. Shirley, a school teacher. Miss Shirley was a daughter of Mr. Thomas Shirley, who was 24 years of age. Although born at South March, she had spent considerable time in Ottawa. She received her early education at county schools, and afterwards took a course in the Ottawa Collegiate Institute, graduating with honors. Later she took up her studies in the Normal School and secured a certificate from the late Dr. McCabe, who was principal at that time. She secured a position in an Assiniboia school and held only recently been offered the principalship of the Strathcona school.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has greatly benefited from his stay at the summer residence of Hon. Senator Casgrain, at Carleton, Que. He has become very deeply tanned, and has regained his old-time strength and vigor.

The late Miss Shirley is survived by her parents, two sisters, Mrs. Arnelia, of Arnprior, and Miss Clara at home, and three brothers, John, Robert and Thomas, all of South March.

P. E. Ryan, formerly secretary of the Temisaming Railway Commission, has entered upon his new duties as Secretary of the G.T.R. Construction Commission.

Mr. Frank Breen, the well-known contractor of St. Catharines, dropped dead on the street on Monday. He was 85 years of age. Heart disease was the cause.

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