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tawa, on the 17th March, 1908 In the Russell Theatre, Ottawa, on

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St. Patrick's night, the largest and most representative audience that had language soft, harmonious, powerful, assembled for some time, listened to exact; they were chanted by bards fillthe following address by the wellknown writer and lecturer, J. K. Foran:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentiemen: The Irish race holds publice to day! From this, the capital of our fair Dominion, to the ends of the habitable globe, wheresoever an Irish heart beats, its pulsings are filled with happiness to-night. By the Hudson, that the Mississippi, whose waters lave the green slopes along which rest so many rapid rolling Rhine and over the Alof Erin rejoice to-night.

But in Ireland, there is rapture, and tongue. joy, and pride. In Ireland of the fern-clad hills and the verdant vales, Time we meet the gathering mists on D'Arcy McGee; Canada whose voice, where the streams are a rhythm and the brow of the hills, and the clouds through her representatives in Parliathe rivers a song, where the yielding of the Pale collect around the breast ment, and time and again wafted recarpet of earth is clad with a myriad of the mountain. Century after censolutions over the ocean, askof flowers and the cliffs, while defending the coast, are entwined with the gayest of ganlands; in the grand old gayest of Patrick's clerk Pridgets land of Patrick's glory, Bridget's the Future. The few stray beams the safe-guards of our matchless con-

the garments of sorrow and has assumed the vestments of joy? How that will scatter for all time the last will easily distinguish each special remnant of those clouds; and it is for tone and note. They will arise from rejoicing? that the smile has removed this very reason that the Irish race all sides. From the sturdy, "fair the tear? that the shadows, although has greater cause than ever in the play," loving British element, with they are not wholly vanished, are years that are gone, to rejoice and be its faith in the constitution, its pride golden, like the flush of the dawn on the eastern hills? and that the wail tional festival. of sorrow is replaced by the chant of

bright anticipation to-day. scribes a child seated on the knee of world there is not a region in which dian prosperity even as do Mount Sir an old woman and listening to her it wields a greater influence than in Donald and Mount Stephen tower susing the songs of the land; then the old woman dies and the boy asks his of the earth to-day—be they kings, the French-Canadian element. Here mother to allow him to go to the presidents, or emperors—not one is I pause! What a vista opens out before the grave of the dear old nurse, to pluck more in harmony with that spirit What a vista opens out before the a flower or drop a tear; the mother than is the peace-loving, peace-createye of the imagination, through the instead of feeling agrieved, says, "Go, ing monarch. I care not what party mists of years what a panoramma un-

go and kneel at the grave of the old

It is in this spirit that I ask you to come with me, for a moment, to the grave of Granuale, that I may Heart-broke, disconsolate, answer my question.

tory, extending from the day of creative miracle down to the present, the ly aloft. They were radiant in the sunlight of fame, while away down the declivities of the years the mists hovered thickly around the mountain's ant are giving place to a more sane find deVaudreuil informing the King breast; and the valleys below were and happy condition of affairs; and of France that Captain McCarthy above, that pierced the rifts in the cause are united and have bridged the in Illinois. And he only surrendered clouds, were dimmed by distance, broken and feeble.

In the ages long gone, when the full floods of learning and freedom flashed upon the hill-tops of learning for any success, be to the hill- Canada, or elsewhere. And those tinent was fired by Commandant Mcand freedom flashed upon the hill-

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great deeds, noble records, just laws, sublime poetry and wonderous reli-The laws were written in a ed with the combined genius of the improvising poet and the inspired musician; the teachings of the masters were embalmed in the Celtic tongue

and generation to generation. saintly asylums of Erin. And from her seven hundred years of sorrow and out those homes of piety and erudi- misery, of fasting and waiting is alflows on to the Empire City where so tion the missionaries and educators of most at an end. She has reached many of the race have carved their Europe went forth to instruct the naway to prosperity and happiness; by tions of the then known world. gloom of Friday and the glories of "From the peaks of the Alps to the Sunday. banks of the Loire" did they travel; that long period of sackcloth has exof the American Irish Brigade; by the they snatched up the torch of Chris- isted and is going by, so surely will Missouri, whose yellow waves chant tian civilization from beneath the it be followed by a national Easteran eternal requiem for the immortal hoof of the barbarian's charger, and, an Easter morning when the Angel of Meagher; across the furrowed face of before he could trample it in the dust, the Atlantic, in Paris, the City of Light, where gather to-night the descendants of Limerick's heroes; by the bio, from Oxford to Paris, they taught to a glorious resurrection. And in and the great ones of the age bowed the Te Deum of greattitude and repine passes; in Italy the beautiful, in before them and their science. That joicing that will then ascend no voice Austria the proud, in Spain the chival was the glorious period when the sun will be louder, none stronger, none walric; in Rome, dear old, antiquated shone grandly upon the higher sum-Rome, made dearer still by the treasured graves of Irish Chiefs upon her guage of the Celt was the medium of home of so many Irish exiles, the no-Jeniculum—in Rome, that contains the heart of O'Connel; in all lands, in all climes, under all suns the children law-maker and the law-expounder, all the hand of one of the brightest

grace and Columbkille's heroism, there that come through the fog are scat- stitution; Canada with its mixed pois exultation to-day.

"And why," will you ask me, "is it that Ireland, so long the log are scats of light tell our fair Dominion.

"And come through the log are scats of light tell our fair Drink and Tobacco Habits our fair Drink and Tobacco Habits."

"The North of the Isles has cost of the Isles has cost of the glory beyond, were the low. But those skafts of light tell our fair Drink and Tobacco Habits."

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remnant of those clouds; and it is for tone and note. They will arise from

the world that permeates almost ev- sterling Scottish element; men from Harken to me for a few brief mo- ery nation. It is the Genus of Con- the Lowland moors and the Highland ments—my remarks will not be long— stitutional Liberty. Not only is it and I will strive to tell you the cause of so much expectation, remainless and leave to be found moving through the more of so much expectation, remainless and leave to be found moving through the more dividized countries of the remainless of the of Europe, but it flits down the Nev- Wallace and of Bruce, the recollec-There is a lovely poem, written by sky Prospect, it knocks at the very tions of Bannockburn and even Cullo-Martin McDermott, in which he degates of Therhan. And in ail the den; men who rise in range of Canamy child, for fond of the old woman is in power, what individual leader is folds itself to my vision! Side by you must have a great love for me." at the helm of state, what influences side I see the men of the famous Irish This glorious Dominion is a good are brought to bear either for or Brigade, with the heroic regiments of mother to us; she is the land of our against the cause of Ireland; the re- France, marching over the fields of future; to her we are bound to con- sult is inevitable, the spirit of the Europe "From Dunkirk to Belgrade" secrate all the gifts, energies and tal- twentieth century demands it, gov- I lean my ear against the air of the ents that God gave us. But, out of ernment for the people by the people past and I hear their combined cheers 365 days of a year, dedicated to the is the order of the day, and just as as Saxe flashes his sabre and Lord advancement, glory and prosperity of certain as the sun shines and the Clare leads on his dragoons, in head-Canada, it is but just that we should grass grows in spring, so sure is it long charge between the woods of Detake one day to lay aside the troubles that the breadth of modern democracy Barry and the immortal hamlet of and cares of life, to retrace the wil- will scatter the clouds and legislative Fontenoy. derness of Atlantic's waves, and to autonomy will fall to Ireland's share, changes; it is Ireland in the vortex of mother Erin. And Canada, instead must bring about that long-sought-for France, inspired by Wolfe Tone, comof being jealous, will say: "Fond of result; there are other infallible signs ing to her rescue. the Old Land, they must be true to of the times. Some sixty years ago

in our thoroughfares;

our streams;

Soul-bowed, irresolute,

dreams." above all the leaders of the National still holds out in the Fort deChartres, dangerous chasm that menaced for the the fort at the express command of

just cause of a whole race. leaders must have a supreme head; Carthy of the old Brigade. greater act of heroism to forego one's harp into vibration, sang the sordirection of a leader than it is to rush Connell, and the sympathies of his

fire and cleaving steel. Again have we a potent sign in the In 1847, when the exile ships darkrecognition that Irishmen are receiv- ened the face of the ocean, when the ing the world over. Time was when scarlet bird of fever hovered above the Irishman was an object of ridi- them and dripped death from his cule and misrepresentation. Was there crimson wings; when the hundreds of a crime committed, none could be Ireland's children were flung dying guilty but an Irishman; was there a upon the banks of the St. Lawrence, freak at which folly would blush, none could perpetrate it but an Irishman; the artist painted him in caricature, the ballad-singer chanted him in burlesque, and the cunning politician eked grapher, will make your out a precarious livelihood by the photograph day or night.

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We are now in the season of Lent, a period of fast and penitence preparand transmitted from tribe to tribe atory for Easter. Just as surely as Lent shall pass away as certainly will Civilization, bleeding and crushed on it be followed by Easter. So is it the Continent, fled for a refuge to the with Ireland. The Lenten season of the stage of Saturday-between the And just as certainly as Constitutional Freedom will come spoke and wrote the sweet, soft Celtic lights that ever flashed from Erin across the Atlantic-the poet, histor-But as we descend the slopes of ian, orator and statesman, Thomas

To-day the giant breath is at hand voice of Canada and in the chorus we jubilant on the occasion of their na- in its achievements and its desire to see its beneficent results in every To-day there is a spirit abroad over quarter of the Empire. From the

Again the picture And there are yet other causes that a fated struggle, and the soldiers of

And still again, it is on this side of down on the valley of the St. Charles -there where de Levis took his last, In the vast mountain range of his- Ireland but lives in the by-gone of but victorious, stand-there, do I see one hundred and nine of the Irish Brifuture, as it had done in the past, the the King. Thus the last defender of French strongholds in America was Without leaders no people can hope an Irishman, and the last cannon disfor any success, be it in Ireland, in charged for French honor on this con-

and that one must enjoy the unstint- A century later the French-Canadian ed confidence of all. It is often a National Poet, Cremazie, touched his special opinions and to submit to the rows of Ireland, the praises of O'up a battle-slope in face of scorching people for the exiles of Erin.

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burial for the dead, and opened their arms and their hearts, their doors and their hearts, their doors and their hearts, adopted the orphans and carved for them pathways to usefulness and prosperity in this land of the future.

Let me tell you one incident in my own life and in that of the French-Canadian poet, James Donnelly. It will illustrate my thought and will be an act of justice to the dead bard.

One day I asked Donnelly how it came that he, who was such a splendid English scholar, did not write poetry it, that language. His reply was characteristic. "Gratitude, my show, gratitude!" he said. "All that ed at 9.30 a.m., when the procession and receptors are solded in the procession."

Monic culture and melody of Moore, that, the dedge or co-operation of the patient it would be the greatest discovery of the age, since not a drunkard or a tobacco user, in a very short time, would be found in the land.

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French-Canadian literature." at should flow into the great ocean St. Patrick and St. Bridget.

glorious Dominion.

the Niobe of the Isles, has cast off clouds of the ages to be driven away. Yes, on that day will be heard the chereaus, the Bourgets, and their the breast of the Royal Prophet, to flocks, rushed down to the fever give him the imagery of Ossian, the sheds, brought help to the sick, con- vigor of Mangam and Davis, the har-

"All that ed at 9.30 a.m., when the procession possess I have received from the of religious and clergy entered the French-Canadians; my livelihood, my chapel, singing the hymn, Veni, Creanames of those who were admitted to education, my very future, and I tor Spiritus. The ceremony was perprofession are: Miss Alice Dertinger, ave made up my mind that if, with formed by His Lordship, Rt. Rev. F. La Salette, in religion Sr. M. Anashatever gifts God has given me, I P. McEvay, D.D., Bishop of London, tasia; Miss M. Hayes, Raleigh, in re-

in the end one magnificent stream drawn from the lives of St. Joseph, Lourdes; Miss M. Laporte, Drysdale,

our Canadian nationhood.

And for the Irish people themselves Rev. M. J. Brady, P.P., Wallaceburg, Canada; we should pury deep in the assisted by Rev. Father James, O.M. of relatives and guests were present to witness the happy event. After ices, the divisions of the Old World; lan, Chaplain, St. Joseph's Hospital, the ceremony His Lordship, the visitshould cut down forever the tree Chatham. At the Communion the ing clergy and the guests were invited antagonism that, like the Upas of four novices advanced to the altar to the Auditorium, where a short enthe New; devoted to the old mother, Denis Florence McCarthy wrote: the Atlantic. On every lip to-day Java, spreads its branches to the sky, railing, and in the presence of the tertainment was given in honor of His I must find in them loyal and loving "List! scarce a sound can be heard is the praise due to Lord Grey for but wilts and withers the soil that Most Blessed Sacrament, each read Lordship, it being the feast day of his patriotic project of nationalizing gave it birth. By the memory of in clear, distinct tones her solemn his patron saint. A complimentary Look! scarce a ship can be seen on the battle-fields around Quebec. There, Grattan, of Curran, of Emmett, of Act of Profession, whereby she bound address was read and presented by where the statue of Belonna looks Lord Edward; by the memory of Da- herself to the perpetual observance of Miss Marion A. Peck, and Miss Laura vis, of Tone, of Mitchel, of Martin, of the four vows of the Institute, Pover- A. MacDonald sang very sweetly the Smith who joined hands with their ty, Chastity, Obedience and the In-beautiful old Irish melody, "Come Catholic fellow countrymen in the struction of Youth. At the end of Back to Erin." A few other vocal Smith who joined hands with their ty, Chastity, Obedience and the Instruggles of fully a century, let us Mass the povices again presented and instrumental selections completed gade (that had been drafted into the slay the hydra of bigotry and dis- themselves at the altar railing, and the programme. The address was To-day the hum of industry is heard Bearn and Carrignan regiments) do- union and combine with other races with holy and significant ceremonies handsomely illuminated and bound in in the noble task of building up this were invested by His Lordship with green crush velvet with gold ornamenthe black veil.

may be allowed, without presumption, to discard their beautiful bridal robes the students and guests in his usual address the Power above-the Pow- and veils and now returned attired in graceful and happy manner. that reaches from end to end, that whets the sword of Justice and guides the ceremony over, the newly several of the clergy, visited St. Josthe prophet's pen-I would ask Him professed and the postulants prostration on this land, to lead by the trusher rulers and statesmen in the ways while the clergy and choir sang alter- tees, the staff of Ursuline religious wisdom that they may be enabled raise her to the position of a dainty little maidens strewed flowers with a joyous feast day chorus by the

and the polished buckle in the belt of so participated in the ceremony: Rev. was made further memorable by the Empire that engirdles the world. I J. Mugan, Ridgetown; Rev. P. Lang- delightful little address which he would also ask Him to raise up a lois, Tecumseh; Rev. C. Parent, Til- made to the pupils, expressing his harper, a mighty bard, to cleanse his bury; Rev. H. Robert. Windsor; Rev. high esteem of their school and the lips with fire, as He did those of Fr. Eusebius, O.F.M., Chatham. The excellent work being done there.

sheds, brought help to the sick, consolation to the agonizing, Christian monic culture and melody of Moore,

wer left anything of worth behind me assisted by Rev. B. Boubat, Windsor, would leave it to swell the volume and Rev. J. Tobin, London. ligion Sr. M. Gabriel; Miss M. Leech, London, in religion, Sr. M. Celestine; Having reached the sanctuary, His Miss E. Tompkins, Ridgetown, in re-Yes, gratitude; and out of that sen- Lordship blessed the veils and candles ligion Sr. M. Francis Xavier. Those ment should spring union; two such of the religious; after which he ad- who received the white veil are: Miss aces should flow on side by side till dressed to those present a forcible and F. Fallon, London, in religion Sr. ey blend, as do the Ottawa and the appropriate discourse, based on the Mary Victorine; Miss E. Widrig, New-Lawrence above Montreal, form- eloquent examples of virtue and zeal port, Ky:, in religion Sr. Mary in religion Sr. Mary Loretto.

The altars and the chapel were beautifully decorated and a large concourse tations. At the conclusion of the And, if one in my humble position Meantime the postulants had retired programme, His Lordship addressed

Queen on this American continent, over the prostrate religious. children and several other songs were make her a home of good principles. The following reverend clergymen al-

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