

MONTREAL'S GREAT MASS MEETING.

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to promote it; that all the worst passions of the human heart were entered into the service, and all the most depraved ingenuity of the human intellect was turned to devise new contrivances of fraud.

It is time that the Irish people should have their rights and have them they should. The people of Ireland for years have suffered from coercion. Even Mr. Gladstone himself has attempted to govern the people by miracle and failed, as he deserved to do, but now he comes bearing the olive branch of peace and confessing his former error, and we should heartily congratulate him. He is backed by all the fair-minded, honest and intelligent men of both Europe and America. (Applause.) This is upon the authority of Joseph Arch a few days ago on the floor of the House of Commons. The Irish people have no ill feeling against the English people, but it is English misrule that they have only defence, and this defence we of this continent will support. (Applause.)

If local self-government in an enlarged degree is a benefit to other countries why not to Ireland? If it is a good thing for Canada to have self-government, why will it not do for Ireland with some of the same? (Applause.) New South Wales has self-government to a large degree, successfully managing the affairs of the colony. If it is good there, why not elsewhere? (Applause.) What is the local self-government for that country without disturbing her relations to the Imperial Government; indeed, so that it shall be to the mother country as the several states of the Union are to the Federal Government; so that in respect to all local matters of purely domestic policy, the Irish Legislature may determine without interference, leaving all questions of a National and Imperial character to the English Government.

It has been accused that the Irish could not be given Ireland; this is not so. Let us get hold of it. (Applause.) Only a few years ago Irishmen were imprisoned for giving utterance to sentiments which Mr. Gladstone now uses in the House of Commons. Ireland was never made for a pasture, her land is too rich, the climate too salubrious. It should be made a centre of manufacturing power. Over \$500,000,000 goes annually from the shores of this continent to aid the suffering poor of Ireland, this money finds its way out of Ireland and into the pockets of rapacious landlords by whom it is spent in the cities of Europe. (Applause.)

Resolved, that we also extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Charles Stewart Parnell, for the great victory which he has achieved, in so full a measure, their great labors and sacrifices for the freedom of Ireland.

He could wish no more pleasant lot than to move such a resolution as this. It was very gratifying to the people, and the presence of so large and enthusiastic an audience whose hearts sympathize with Ireland in her efforts for legislative independence, under their great leader, Parnell. If there is any part of the British Empire from which such words as these can fitly come, it is from Canada. We have to our credit here. The representatives of the people are supposed to represent the wishes of the people. In 1882 the Hon. John Costigan made a series of resolutions asking that the same privileges be granted to Ireland that were enjoyed by Canada. (Applause.) These resolutions were laid on the table, but the people, and it is to be hoped had more influence in bringing about the present measure. He was proud to be counted as an Irish Canadian, but prouder still would he be if it might be said of him that he was one of the little band of eighty-six patriots who were struggling by constitutional measures for legislative relief under the leadership of Mr. Charles Stewart Parnell. (Applause.) He is a truly great man, who has never been defeated, never baffled; a man who has risen by his own merit until to day he occupies a place where he is said to have been the ruler of England. He has fully reviewed the history of Ireland and said it ought to be governed by Irishmen. It must be or they would know the reason why. The struggles of Irishmen had no means been in vain. The sun is about to shine forth on all the hills and upon this beautiful land and the epitaph of Emmet will soon be written. (Applause.) For this measure of reform Mr. Gladstone deserves well and when he passes away his name will remain green in the hearts of all Irishmen. He closed his speech as follows:—To the dramatic opening of the Irish Parliament on this soil, and to its speedy legislation, we shall look for the fruition of long cherished hopes, to them we shall look for industries restored, manufactures established, happy homes and attire free, the tenant on his own land, and progress in art and science diffused among all. We shall also look to see that loftiest expression of feeling and emotion—the music of the nation—which, in the past, had an undertone of sadness and longing, breathing in the future joy and thanksgiving, and keyed to the harmonies of the abiding grandeur and prosperity of the people. (Applause.)

HON. G. C. CURSON, M. P. was the next speaker. He extended thanks for the reception given him. For years the people of Ireland have been struggling for home rule. Much good and hard work has been done, but nothing had been accomplished until the intervention of Heaven, came Mr. Gladstone to the Irish people. He had confessed that they had been wronged and asked that those wrongs be now redressed. If Scotland had suffered as Irishmen had they would have adopted the same measure. Wherever a friend of liberty is found, there is found an advocate of home rule. The whole enlightened world is looking on to see the result of Mr. Gladstone's measure. The Bill may not carry. He was afraid it would not, but at least it would serve to pave the way to what was bound to follow. Home Rule might be delayed, but it was

sure to come. Ireland must be given her rights. (Applause.) History shows the names of Irishmen who have shed their blood in defence of their rights. So long as Ireland is misgoverned just so long will there be a ferment and just so long will England in consequence be troubled. Give the poor of Ireland a chance to own the land they live on and give them a voice in the administration of Irish affairs and you will find they will fight as the old flag as loyally as any subjects of the empire. (Yes, yes) He hoped to live to see the day when Parnell would be ruler of Ireland. (Applause.)

MR. C. J. DONOVAN, in supporting the resolution, said that while he would heartily and cordially cheer all resolutions so enthusiastically adopted by the meeting, if he had himself chosen that in support of which he should speak, his choice would certainly have fallen upon this one. He felt while listening to the address this evening that he was quite ready for Heaven yet, for we were told that there is more joy in Heaven over one sinner doing penance than over ninety-nine just men who need not penance. Without wishing for a moment to insinuate that at any period of his career the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone had been a sinner, it must at least be admitted that in giving freedom to Ireland to the gospel of Home Rule he had so eloquently expounded the other evening, and he [the speaker] must admit that, sincerely rejoicing over the great work of the Grand Old Man had put his hand to Ireland, there was a deeper, more heart felt feeling of joy for that work was to grow with success the labors of those who had made it possible—Parnell, McCarthy, Michael Davitt [Great applause.] If there was joy in his heart over their most recent convert, not doing penance but making reparation, he must confess there was greater joy over Ireland's eighty-six patriots who needed no penance and had no reparation to make. If, as had been eloquently said to-night, when the grave should close over the remains of England's greatest statesman, his name would live in the hearts and memories of men, as that of the man who gave freedom to Ireland, had proved himself not merely the deliverer of that land, the consolidator of the British Empire, but a great benefactor of humanity (applause) to whom was it due if not to those who had gone before him making straight his paths, making the way a straight highway, leading him on by step—aye, sometimes though he did not want to go—up to the very portals of that temple of Ireland's freedom which he was about to throw open. And if the Irish people to-night congratulated and thanked him who stood on the threshold of the promised land and had them enter would they not be well advised indeed did they forget the Moses who had led them through the desert and the struggle. After an eloquent tribute to the Irish Nationalist leaders, Mr. Doherty concluded a powerful address as follows:—As an Irishman I rejoice in the great victory which has been won, because I believe it is a good thing for Ireland; (applause) were I an Englishman I would rejoice in it with a two fold joy because I believe it is a better thing for England; being as I am a Canadian and a British subject I rejoice in it with a three fold joy, because I believe it is the best thing for the Empire. (Enthusiastic applause.)

The motion was then put and carried unanimously amid the greatest enthusiasm. The following resolution was then moved by MR. B. J. COUGHLIN. Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Parnell. In making this motion Mr. Coughlin said that he considered that these words sent to Mr. Gladstone would do much to strengthen his hands. The bill was bound to carry in time. The English were no longer governed by the ignorant but the intelligent classes of the nation. The motion was seconded by Mr. J. L. Lemple in a few eloquent and well timed remarks, after which the motion was carried.

CAPT. M. B. KIRWAN upon being called upon said he was a wild man of Ireland who believed in Home Rule of the most advanced type. He was loyal, but this loyalty was first to his God and then to Ireland and the green flag. (Loud applause.)

MR. ALFRED PERCY being loudly called upon said that he had usually been opposed to the Irish cause in Montreal but now he was with them heart and soul. He hoped to see Home Rule, if Gladstone would go to the people with his bill he would come back to Parliament stronger than ever. He wished he was an Irishman, and he was of the opinion that if he lived in Ireland he would have hung long ago. The Irish had been wronged and those wrongs must be righted at whatever cost. He was willing for his part to take up the sword in his defence.

MR. DENIS BARRY followed and was given a very enthusiastic reception. He said that he was very happy to be present on an occasion like the present one to express his appreciation with the noble stand taken by the Hon. Mr. Gladstone on the question of Home Rule for Ireland. (Cheers) As an Irishman and son of an Irishman, he felt that justice at last was being done to his native land and the native land of his area. (Applause.) The time that Irish men had been hoping and praying for for generations was now arriving, when the English nation was about recognizing, he hoped the justice of Ireland's demand for the right of making her own laws in a parliament composed of Irishmen. (Applause.) The demand was a just one and every lover of

JUSTICE AND FAIR PLAY could not deny that Ireland was only asking what she was entitled to and he was sure that the sentiment of the world was in favor of granting to the Irish nation the inalienable right of all peoples to make laws to govern themselves. (Loud applause.) He spoke of being proud of being a British subject, but thought that he was entitled to demand from the British Government and British people the same measure for the granting to the Irish nation England demanded of Irishmen. (Cheers) But though loyal to the British Constitution he did not like the idea of being treated in consequence of being an Irish man as inferior to an Englishman, Scotchman or any other nation-

ally living under the eagle of the British flag. (Loud applause.) He did not matter to the Greco nation was great and powerful! What did it matter to the Roman? What did it matter to the Irishman, if still a slave, that the British flag floated on every sea and that the sun never went down and that the sun never set? Euphorically nothing. (Tremendous cheering.) It is said that Irishmen were not fit to govern themselves, but this was a cry raised by the enemies of Ireland and of Irishmen and was utterly unfounded. (Hear, hear.) Look at all parts of the world where Irishmen had gone to and without hesitation he could say and without fear of contradiction, that there were no citizens more industrious and more law-abiding than Irishmen abroad. (Cheers) In this prosperous country of Canada there were thousands of Irishmen who could compare most favorably with other nationalities here in respect for the laws under which they lived, and who contributed as much as any other class of the Canadian population to the peace and prosperity of this Dominion of Canada. (Applause.) Look on the other side of Line forty five and will be found among leading men in all the walks of life Irishmen or the sons of Irishmen. Look at Australia and other colonies of the British Empire and you found the sons of Ireland amongst the most loyal and prosperous of the people inhabiting any law-abiding nation, but as a consequence of the laws under which they lived and the manner in which these laws had been administered by those who looked on an Irishman as not an equal of his English fellow-subject. (Cheers) He warmly sympathized with the Hon. 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