

THE IRISH CONVENTION.

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Canadian and U. S. Delegates Endeavor to Unite the Factions.

On Motion of Justin McCarthy Bishop McDonald Was Chosen Permanent Chairman.

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Pублик, Sept. 1.—The first session of the Irish National convention opened at noon today in Lestner hall, which was well filled with delegates.

It was estimated that the Irish race was represented here today by from 600 to 700 delegates, but it is hoped that at least 1,000 more will arrive during the day.

They came from Ireland and Great Britain as a rule, but the United States, Canada, Australia and South Africa are also represented.

Inscribed on the tickets of the accredited representatives was the following utterance of the Irish statesman, Henry Grattan: "You have done too much not to do more; you have gone too far not to go on." You are in that position where you must silently advocate your country's rights or publicly restore them.

The walls of Lestner hall were appropriately decorated for the occasion and patriotic sentiments expressed by deceased statesmen of Ireland hung upon the walls.

John Dillon, M. P., chairman of the Irish parliament party, previous to the opening of the convention, expressed the opinion that its success was already assured and that the attendance would be twice as great as they had expected to hope for.

He said that the delegates represented four-fifths of the Irish nationalists, and that there was a good number of Parnellites present, in spite of the opposition of the leaders of the latter party to the convention.

The press continues to belittle the convention, claiming it to be fraudulent and asserting that the delegates are knaves. The feeling among the foreign delegations was that all sections should unite.

With this object in view, a meeting of forty foreign delegates took place last night, thirty-five of them being from the United States and Canada, at which it was proposed to appoint a committee of seven.

This resolution was unanimously adopted. The meeting was presided over by E. C. Davis, secretary of the Kerr Thread Company of Fall River.

Letters were received from several manufacturers in Philadelphia and New York, stating that they will agree to any curtailment deemed best.

CHAMBERLAIN'S ARRIVAL. Danvers, Mass., Sept. 2.—The Rt. Hon. Jos. Chamberlain, secretary of state for the British colonies, accompanied by his wife and private secretary, arrived here tonight for a three weeks' visit to his father-in-law, the Hon. Wm. C. Endicott.

In an interview with a representative of the Associated Press Mr. Chamberlain said his visit to the United States had no political significance and was simply for the purpose of visiting Mrs. Chamberlain's parents and for relaxation and quiet.

He expects to stay three weeks and did not expect to visit Canada during his visit.

HUNDRED FAMILIES HOMELESS Norfolk, Va., Sept. 2.—Fire broke out about 11 in White's foundry in Water street. One hundred families, white and colored, have been made homeless by the conflagration.

In the wind was the only thing that saved the property of the old Dominion Co. and that of the Clyde line. Loss estimated at \$200,000; insurance not known.

CABLED FROM LONDON. London, Sept. 2.—Principal Peterson of McGill university will sail tomorrow for Montreal.

Sir Donald A. Smith, the Canadian high commissioner, is entertaining friends at Glencoe.

JOURNALISM IN SACKVILLE. Different people have different ideas concerning the sort of recreation they would like. As a rule, however, they prefer a something entirely new from their ordinary routine—in fact that is what the doctors prescribe.

But there are exceptions to every rule, and A. H. McCready, formerly of the Daily Sun staff, is a living example. Mr. McCready has for some time past been holding down all the desks in the office of the Sackville Post. He has been working hard, and has been turning out an excellent newspaper.

Lately it appears to have occurred to him that he needed a little recreation. He has therefore bought another newspaper, and will amuse himself by occupying some more desks. He has bought out the Westmorland Free Press, also published at Sackville, and will hereafter issue it from the same office as the Post. This arrangement will no doubt be very convenient.

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Board of Trade Delegates to the Maritime Meeting—The Cold Storage Question.

Chatham, N. B., Sept. 1.—A meeting of the council of the Chatham Board of Trade was held at the Cyprus club rooms this afternoon. It was presided over by the president, W. S. Lobbie, who announced that a part of the business of the meeting was to appoint delegates to the Maritime Board of Trade to be held in St. John during exhibition week. Appointments were made as follows: Delegates, W. S. Lobbie, J. D. E. F. MacKenzie, M. S. Hocken; substitutes, W. B. Snowball, R. A. Murdoch, R. Flanagan.

Provincial Secretary Tweedie, who was present with Surveyor General Dunn, presented to the board the subject of cold storage. He referred to the general use into which cold storage was coming as an auxiliary of the shipping business in food commodities; and also the act passed at last session of the legislature empowering the government to aid cold storage enterprises in the province. A number of gentlemen of Ontario and New Brunswick were about to secure letters patent under the new Brunswick Joint Stock Act, and had applied to the government for aid in the promotion of their enterprise. They propose to establish a central cold storage station at St. John, and four other points, and other parts of the province. Woodstock and Moncton being already selected as two of these, while another point proposed was either Chatham or Newcastle. Of the \$500,000 capital of the company, \$150,000 is preferred stock, and the government had been asked to guarantee the preferred stock to the extent of five per cent per annum for seven years. Under the arrangement entered into by the company with the government, the company agrees to cover above the working expenses in 10 per cent of interest, and to that extent relieve the government of any charge, and it was expected that the enterprise will be paying one after the first year, or later.

Mr. Tweedie went quite fully into the particulars as to the proposed cost of the central and auxiliary stations, and also the advantages to be derived from their establishment, and desired the board to consider the matter, so that they might be prepared to meet and discuss the subject with the chief promoter, Mr. Johnson, who is shortly to visit Miramichi.

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Ottawa, Sept. 2.—The dinner tonight to Lord Chief Justice Russell was one of the most brilliant functions of recent years.

The premier presided. On his right was Lord Russell, the guest of the evening, and to his left Sir Frank Lockwood. Others seated at the table of honor were: Sir Richard Cartwright, Sir Oliver Mowat, Mr. Fox, Mr. Crackenthorpe, Speaker Pelletier of the senate, Chief Justice Sir Henry Strong, Hon. L. H. Davies and Hon. R. W. Scott.

There were also present: Hon. Dr. Borden, Hon. A. G. Blair, Hon. J. W. Tarte, Hon. Mr. Patterson, Hon. J. I. Longley, Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Sheriff Sweetland, Ottawa; Senator Bernier, Senator Longheer, Sir A. P. Caron, Sir C. H. Tupper, Senator Miller, Hon. D. Tisdale, Mr. Speaker Edgar of the commons, Hon. A. B. Vall, Senator Masson, Hon. E. G. Prior, Hon. Hugh John, Macdonald, Hon. G. E. Foster, Hon. J. F. Woods, Hon. W. H. Montague, Mr. Justice Burdidge, Judge Mosgrove, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Hon. Wm. Mulock, Hon. C. A. Geoffrion, Sir Henry Joly, Mayor Cornwell of Ottawa, Hon. J. M. Gibson, Senator Power, Dalton McCarthy, M. C. Cameron, M. P.; R. L. Borden, M. P.; J. McAllister, M. P.; L. P. Brodeur, secretary speaker of the commons; Mr. Choquette, M. P.; M. O'Carra, C. C.; L. A. C. Angers, M. P.; Senator Adams, N. A. Belcourt, M. P.; B. M. Britton, M. P.; J. H. Bergeron, M. P.; Senator Baker, H. G. Carroll, M. P.; L. A. Chauvin, M. P.; K. M. Cowan, M. P.; O. Desmarais, M. P.; N. E. Davin, M. P.; J. A. C. Ethier, M. P.; T. B. Flint, M. P.; T. Fortin, M. P.; Hon. Sydney Fisher, J. A. Gilles, M. P.; Hon. W. B. Ives, Mr. Justice King, Senator Kirchoffer, P. Langelle, M. P.; J. Laverger, M. P.; H. J. Levesque, M. P.; Wm. Lount, M. P.; G. V. McInnes, M. P.; J. A. McGillivray, M. P.; W. W. B. McInnes, M. P.; D. McNeil, M. P.; A. Morrison, M. P.; A. McNeil, M. P.; C. F. McLoane, M. P.; E. L. Newcombe, Senator O'Donohue, M. P.; Poullot, M. P.; R. Prefontaine, M. P.; Senator Poirier, M. P.; J. F. Quinn, M. P.; P. V. Savard, M. P.; Mr. Justice Schlegewick, Capt. Sinclair, Senator Wood and Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, solicitor general.

SIR LEONARD TILLEY MEMORIAL.

A Bronze Statue to be Erected on Some Public and Suitable Site.

Shortly after the death of Sir Leonard Tilley, the Loyalist society of St. John, N. B., of which he was president, started a movement, having for its object the erection of a suitable memorial to his memory. The temperance and other societies with which was connected, as well as the general public, were invited to send representatives to a joint meeting to take the subject into consideration. A meeting was accordingly held, and the representatives of the various societies were organized into a general committee, with power to add to their number, to take charge of the undertaking and to carry it to successful completion. The committee, after due deliberation, had the honor to be created on some public and suitable site in the city of St. John.

The memorial is to be a bronze statue of a man, and was as a citizen and statesman a man whose name is known to every Canadian, and for two terms was lieutenant governor of New Brunswick. He was one of the best of the people, and for his eminent public services Sir Maurice's Queen was graciously pleased to create him a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. A descendant of a loyalist, he was distinguished by his great energy, his British institutions and methods of government, by his conscientiousness in the discharge of his duties, and by his untiring efforts to promote the best interests of his country. The life and labors of such a man deserve to be kept in remembrance. We desire that our people generally may have a share in the erection of a monument to his memory; that the active sympathy and co-operation of so great a number of people may be obtained in the undertaking; that the great object will therefore be gratefully received; but those old friends of Sir Leonard, who cherish his memory and value his services to the country, are invited to subscribe as liberally as they can to the proposed memorial. We venture the opinion that by thus honoring the memory and emphasizing our appreciation of the services of our distinguished man, we are placing object lessons to encourage the youth of the province to emulate his virtues. The mayor of St. John, who has taken a lively interest in the movement, from his beginning, has kindly consented to act as treasurer of the fund; and all subscriptions forwarded to him will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged.

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