

DEATH OF PARNELL, OCT., 1891.

Ireland's great champion, Parnell,
To worldly strife has bade farewell.

SHORT ROUTE TO THE ORIENT.

Having predicted the building of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, in a poem I published in August, 1858, I felt proud to see the wonderful quick passage of the mails from Japan to Liverpool, via this road.

Jules Verne, that brilliant son of France,
Astonished all with wild romance ;
Around the world in eighty days,
This tale it doth no more amaze.

For the Canadian Pacific
Runs her cars at speed terrific ;
Her steamers swiftly plow the seas,
Which gives to us our cheap, fine teas.

For she is bound to lead the van
With her short, quick route to Japan ;
And proudly she may glory vent
In highway to the Orient.

From a small sprout these leaves they grew,
And bard now bids you kind adieu.

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Ingersoll, October, 1891.