

IRELAND AND THE JUBILEE.

Speech of Mr. John Dillon Protesting Against the Commemoration of the Queen on the Celebration of Her Diamond Jubilee.

Mr. Dillon's speech in the House of Commons on the Diamond Jubilee address to the Queen cannot fail to become historic. We give it in full below:

Mr. J. Dillon said—This address if passed without any word of protest (Tory cries of "Oh, oh!") would be regarded as the unanimous action of the Commons of Great Britain and Ireland, and no Irish representative would be deemed to speak the views he holds here unless he could allow this address to be passed without protesting against it. What are the reasons on account of which this address has been submitted to the House of Commons to-day? We are asked to pass it as if it were the address of the Queen at the sixty years' jubilee of her Majesty the Queen.

At this point of the hon. member's remarks a number of members on the Conservative side of the house left their places and walked out. The incident was greeted with Nationalist cheers and cries of "Go," and for some time considerable uproar ensued.

Mr. Dillon, continuing, said—That reign has undoubtedly brought to Great Britain and her self-governing colonies almost limitless and unbounded prosperity, while it has brought to the country for which I speak neither prosperity nor peace nor cause of rejoicing. Sir, I think I can show justification for the course which I feel bound to take on behalf of the party for which I speak. I could find it in the words of the address which is meant "to assure her Most Gracious Majesty profoundly of the joy with which her people celebrate the most prosperous and auspicious reign in the history of this nation." Sir, I speak for a section of this nation (Nationalist cheers), and I say how can they share in that joy when the nation that has sent them here to speak has, during the whole of that reign, had no share whatever in the prosperity which the address proposes to celebrate to-day?

The Irish people alone throughout the broad domains of her Majesty are denied the occasion of rejoicing. Speaking as I do here to-day I feel bound to oppose this address, because it is part and parcel of the jubilee and rejoicing at the sixty years of blessing and prosperity which have undoubtedly been enjoyed by Great Britain and her Colonies, but which have been denied to Ireland. And I take leave to paraphrase the language used by the First Lord of the Treasury in moving this address when he said we should ill represent—speaking as he did, or endeavoring to speak for the whole House of Commons—that we should ill represent the country at large if we abstained from taking a large share in the rejoicings on this present occasion. Sir, I think we should ill represent the vast masses of Irish national feeling if we abstained from saying very frankly and honestly to her Majesty that her Irish subjects could not rejoice on this occasion, and see no reason why they should. I frankly and fairly admit the contentment and prosperity that have been enjoyed by the people of Great Britain and of her Majesty's Colonies, but in that the Irish people had no share (Nationalist cheers). We have listened to the catalogue of advances given by the Leader of the Opposition which had been made by Great Britain and the Colonies since her Majesty came to the throne. When the Queen came to the throne Ireland had a population of over eight millions; to-day her population has fallen to four and a half millions. Great Britain, when the Queen came to the throne, had a population of 17 millions, and while in these countries the population has doubled, the population of Ireland has been reduced and at most deemed (Nationalist cheers). Great Britain increased in wealth and prosperity and the population while her taxation was reduced. In Ireland the population was reduced almost by one half, while the taxation was increased (Nationalist cheers). I fully recognize the great progress which has been made by the Colonies in public liberty, which no man could too greatly exaggerate. What a contrast between the condition of those colonies and the condition of Ireland! (Loud Nationalist cheers). In this country your liberties have been widened, and all the nation has been taken within the area of the constitution; and that is the reason that England and Great Britain are so loyal to-day. Would the Premier of Canada be here to-day had Canada been left in the same position she occupied sixty years ago? (Loud Nationalist cheers). At the beginning of the Queen's reign Canada was in rebellion. To Canada since you have given liberty, and she has sent you her Premier, Mr. Laurier, to assure you that Englishmen, Irishmen, and Scotchmen in Canada have made the prosperity of Canada. In Ireland the 60 years of her Majesty's reign have shown no progress, but pointed to the persistent denial of liberty (cheers). During that reign 62 Obedience Acts have flowed from its benches (cheers). While 60 years ago when Queen Victoria came to the throne no Minster stood up and dared

to propose perpetual coronation for Ireland, in the year 1887, the 60th anniversary of her Majesty's coronation, you select that year to fix round the neck of Ireland perpetual servitude which no Minister would dare propose, then (cheers). To-day we are asked to rejoice and to take part in this Jubilee of the 60 years of the reign of her Majesty, and now to-day we are asked to look back for those 60 years, to look the hand that has chastised us, and put a collar round our necks, and thank her Majesty, because an act was passed at the 50th year of her reign, which places for ever, so far as this house is concerned, the fundamental right of the people at the absolute mercy of the Lord Lieutenant (Nationalist cheers). During those 60 years many thousands—I might say tens of thousands—of Irishmen have been committed to jail as political offenders because they have tried to do their duty by their country, and numbers had been cruelly executed under the pretence of law because they tried to defend the liberties of their country; and even at the present moment there are lying in the jails of this country political prisoners, as there have been for the past 60 years (cheers), political prisoners whom we now ask you to release in order to in some degree mitigate the bitterness and anger of the Irish people; and you refuse to do what the Czar of Russia did on the occasion of his coronation, when he released upwards of 1,000 prisoners. You expect us to rejoice in spite of the fact of the cruel and unjust and monstrous evolutions of tens of thousands of our people in Ireland and that at the present moment tens of thousands of our people are starving on the roadsides in Ireland. You ask us to rejoice, although it is a fact which no man can deny that through bad laws, badly administered, famine has become endemic amongst our people and thousands have been driven across the Atlantic to (cheers), and you ask us to rejoice although we have not the slightest reason to rejoice (renewed cheers). The party for which I speak have considered their action, and have decided in accordance with a resolution passed a month ago that, considering the deep seated feeling of the Irish nation, they could have neither hand, act, nor part in these celebrations. We have not decided to move an amendment to the address, nor can we support any amendment to the address, because we desire to have no part in it at all. We feel that the best method of giving expression to the feeling of our people is to vote against the adoption of the address. To-morrow the streets of this great city will witness a mighty procession to celebrate what I fully and frankly acknowledge the people of the country and the colonies ought to celebrate as a great national festival. It is the representatives of the Colonies and the troops of this country represented. The navy of the Queen and most of the crowned heads of Europe will be represented. How will Ireland be represented? (National cheers). Ireland will be represented by the R.I.O. (oh, oh, and cheers, and counter cheers)—fittingly and amply represented by that force which has no other justification for existence except to keep down and suppress the people of Ireland, and whose chief occupation is to assist at the tumbling down of the homes of the people. (National cheers). They will ride behind the carriage of the Sovereign, the only officials of the Irish people (Tory cries of "Yes"). I want you joy of these representatives, and I think this is the attitude of the Irish National Party and the Irish nation; and all I have to say in conclusion is this, that this is the great and mighty empire, and that Ireland by your oppression has been reduced to the condition of an impoverished, diminished, and weak nation (cheers). You, no doubt, have the power, if you desire to use it, to deny to the Irish people the rights given to Canada, New Zealand and Australia. Those rights, the results of which you see in your streets to-morrow, you have the power to refuse us; but you cannot, and this house cannot, draw us to rejoice at the wheels of your triumphal chariot, (loud Nationalist cheers). You may conquer by force, hold down, and keep continually in poverty the nation for which I speak to-day; but you cannot conquer the hearts of the Irish people, and you cannot and will not make them join in your rejoicing. (loud Nationalist cheers).

Dr. Conaty Honored by the Pope. New York, June 30—Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Conaty, rector of the Catholic University at Washington, has been elevated by the Pope. He is now Mgr. Conaty, domestic prelate to the Holy See, with the title of Right Reverend. Few medicines have held their ground so successfully as Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. During the past fifty years it has been the most popular of all cough-cures, and the demand for it to-day is greater than ever before. Prompt to act and sure to cure. Criticism is the child and handmaid of reflection. The death is announced of the once famous Captain Boycott, of Lough Mel, County Mayo, who in the Land League days added a word to the English language. He was agent for Sir Hugh Montgomery's estates when the eminent lawyer from Uster came to his aid.

VEN. ARCHDEACON CASEY.

Festal Tribute of the Convent Children Tributes to the Archdeacon.

Parish of St. Peter's, July 2.—Ven. Archdeacon Casey, a silver jubilee and not on with the coronation and 100th anniversary of the death of the late Archbishop of Dublin, was the subject of a fittingly moving tribute of the children of the parish of St. Peter's, on the occasion of the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The children of the parish, under the leadership of their pastor, the Ven. Archdeacon Casey, gathered at the parish school, and sang a beautiful offertory, which was followed by a beautiful offertory.

The gifts received by Ven. Archdeacon Casey were numerous and magnificent, and were from all parts of the country, testifying to his wide-spread popularity. His Lordship Bishop O'Connor sent a beautiful silver casket.

The Sodality choir of the cathedral presented a silver casket. The Sisters of St. Joseph's Hospital, oak box mounted in silver, containing silver candlesticks, silver holy water bottle, silver crucifix and silver plate for visiting the sick.

The Murray St. Separate school presented an address and a beautiful book.

The Sisters of the Congregation of the Sacred Heart, an elegant silver mounted clock.

Mr. Fed Malachuk, a Franciscan crucifix of rare beauty and design.

The Ladies Aid of St. Peter's cathedral, a silver letter case.

Rev. Father Davis, of Madoc, a missal. Rev. Father Conway of Norwood, a beautiful silver casket.

From the mother and sisters of Ven. Archdeacon Casey, a magnificent silver casket.

From the Sisters of Mount St. Joseph, a fancy cushion and perfume bottles for dressing.

From Mrs. McCarthy, town, a silver cigar case.

From a friend, "A gem from Key-west Florida," a basket manufactured of shells.

From the Sisters at Lindsay, fancy scarves and silver ladle.

From Rev. Dr. Teofy, president of St. Michael's College, Toronto, solid silver gift.

From the Sisters of St. Joseph's, Co. Down, a solid silver basket.

From the pupils of the Lako school, silver fruit dish and spoon.

From Mrs. Carroll, a silver mounted whisk.

From Sister Mary of Calvary, Holyoke, full set for sick calls.

From the priests of the diocese of Kingston in attendance at the celebration, a purse of gold.

Ven. Archdeacon also received many floral tributes from friends.

AT THE CONVENT. The festal tribute to the Ven. Archdeacon Casey by the children of the parish of St. Peter's, on the occasion of the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, was a fitting climax to the eventful day in Rev. Father Casey's priesthood. It was an affectionate tribute musically expressed of the fond love borne to the spiritual father—a priest beloved and respected. That Ven. Archdeacon Casey appreciated the homage of his young people goes without saying.

The hall of the convent presented a beautiful scene, the walls being richly and luxuriantly decorated. From the centre of the ceiling strings of flowers and overgreens ran to the corners, making a very pretty effect. The children were seated on a platform over which was a banner bearing the words "Our Father's Silver Jubilee." Nearly all the little ones were attired in dresses of white and as they sat in the presence of the large audience no one could dispute his lordship the bishop's remark that "they were all flowers of the diocese."

His Lordship Bishop O'Connor, Ven. Archdeacon Casey and over a dozen clergymen entered the hall shortly after eight o'clock and were received by the people standing.

The programme was not long, in fact it was so brief for the majority present acquitted themselves better and the Sisters never merited unstinted praise so deservedly. The perfection of the training is really marvellous. The singing showed that the best qualities of the voice had been developed and the instrumental music was an excellent sample of the results of a course at the convent. But above all was the marching of the girls, which would have been very creditable to any battalion of the best drilled men. It was a surprise to everybody and the little ones were rapturously applauded.

Miss Broun read a beautifully worded address, expressing the public love for Ven. Archdeacon Casey and extending congratulations to him upon his silver jubilee. As in many other portions of the programme, the address concluded with the wish that their beloved rector would live to enjoy his silver jubilee.

Ven. Archdeacon Casey on rising to respond had a countenance beaming with smiles, and he was loudly applauded. He felt that of all the congratulations said to-day none were sweeter to his ears than the words of the children of the parish of St. Peter's, and especially of the convent. They had tried by every means possible to make it a joyful day for him. The decorations told of their affection for him. The work undergone to produce such an entertainment was deserving of credit. He could not express his feelings adequately. His heart was too full for words. He returned thanks to the good nuns who had trained the children. He remarked that he came next to Peterborough 25 years ago when their parents were children at Notre Dame and he assured them that their lot to-day was cast in pleasant places compared with 25 years ago. There were better accommodations and means of study. Their teachers' aim was to prepare them to be young women fit and capable for a place in the world and the sisters had given their life to that object. The children had presented him with flowers, which spoke a language not only to his heart but to his mind. They had first entered into bloom—that was something new. Archdeacon Casey alluded to the devotion of the children to the Almighty and expressed the hope that when 25 years more had passed in their lives the same devotion might remain in their hearts. It seemed long

to the womanhood was reached, but it seemed to him only a short time since he was ordained. Time passed quickly. Make well of it. They had said they hoped he might live to celebrate his golden jubilee. It seems so great a time to have lived that one might not be well to maximize. In closing Ven. Archdeacon Casey again thanked the children for their fitting tribute.

His Lordship Bishop O'Connor said that he was glad to be the object of the affection of the children of the parish of St. Peter's. He was glad to be the object of the affection of the children of the parish of St. Peter's. He was glad to be the object of the affection of the children of the parish of St. Peter's.

Mr. D. J. Leahy, better known as "Daddy Leahy," said that during his years with the congregation of St. Peter's Ven. Archdeacon Casey had won their affection. This spontaneous outburst of feeling on his silver jubilee must have been gratifying to him. The entertainment reflected great credit on the Sisters, and Mr. Hayes took occasion to remark as an officer of the 67th that if the girls could drill so well as had been exhibited, what could the boys do?

The most enjoyable entertainment concluded with the hearty singing of "God Save the Queen."

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