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PRICE FIVE CEN'TS



ada met with the irreparable loss of in the cause of truth, ready to make her noblest son in political life, The any sacrifice for the sake of God Right Hon. Sir John Thompson. To- and country, then vice itself pays day we present once more his genial reluctant homage to virtue, and the countenance to our readers. He is self-wrapt bustling world is forced not forgotten, nor likely to be. are, seldom, if ever heard of, because admire, but has not the courage to they were mere creatures of circumstances. Sir John Thompson will live in the hearts of his people, his memory will be cherished, his virtues extolled. A few extracts from eminent personages have been given as the best tribute to the memory of the great Irish Canadian Premier of Canada.

Search through his life, ask those who knew him best, and there is but one testimony: thoroughness of work, intensity of purpose, singleness of aim, conscientiousness and a Church : prevailing sense of the presence of God, marked all he did and said;

Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen, in the "Outlook," N. Y.

"When a man is struck by the years after a long career, after a career which has summed up and care of usefulness to himself and to his country, there remains a feeling ficial purity and unbending uprickteven above the poignancy of grief, was that which seems into more than the property of the poignancy of grief, was that which seems into more than the property of the poignancy of grief. even above the poignancy of grief, ness, that whilst vast interests were that after all, death has dealt kinds in his keeping and many subtle in solution was passed. We Redincard only secures an approach to political ly with him. Such was the death of Sir John Macdonald, But when a man is struck down, when he has hardly reached the summet of middle life, when he has achieved the full measure of his power, when his friends and his country could look to him for years of useful work, then sir, death carries with it a sense of inexpressible bitterness. Such was the death of Sir John Thompson. In that respect it was one of the saidest perhaps the saddest, that our history records. In other respects 1 look upon it as one of the most gler-This Canadian Minister, this colonial statesman, died under the roof of the old Norman Kings, when he had just been sworn in, as a member of the Privy Council, of that mighty empire, of which the old Norman Kings laid the foundaring. but which has reached dimensions. which their wildest dreams of imagination never contemplated." Right Hon, Sir Wilfield Laurier, in the House of Commons of Canada,

It requires something more than century; but when amidst the selfishand the turpitude, by which public purity, unsurpassed in abnegation of Halifax.

On the 12th December, 1894, Can- | self, brave enough to face every peril to pause, and pay at least, the sem-Many public men come and go and blance of fealty to what it must imitate.

> Sir John Thompson's life cannot get be written. Twenty years most elapse before the documentary eviddence, that will place him on a still higher pinnacle of fame, shall, be give en to the world. In the meantime has renown will go on increasing, cay by day, as his speeches and writings are studied and quoted. He will be known to posterity as a great and good man, a patriot, a statesman. and a devoted son of the Catholic

Hon. Mr. Justice J. J. Curran's midress at the Catholic Summer School. Plattsburg, New York.

fluences at work to render him to had stated his willingness to act by mited action amonest frich to true to the commonweal, still to duty was neglected, no obligation to the public shirked, and the hand which had wielded almost unlimited power were found free from weone doing, from oppression, and from taking a bribe at the hands of any man. A life such as that of the late Premier is not intended to be written merely in a family register to be perused only by intimate friends. It is to adorn the annals of a sation brother of Rev. P. M. O'Leary, he with the blessing, which all received is to adorn the annals of a sation brother of Rev. P. M. O'Leary, he beginned in the blessing which all received beginning to the satisfactory of the satisfactory and to be an example and instruction to future generations. All through the history of the past twe find that the Creator spoke to his by the living examples of those in whom general principles of manly virtues, which might be gathered from various sources, had been har-moniously blended. The concrete action of their well-regulated lives one else. Though we often run up few weeks. was calculated to exercise a greater against one another on deck -- the influence over many. Many lessons may be learned from the life of Sir John Thompson, on which it is well and friction. Our first trouble were to ponder on this day of our grief. what is commonly called greatness so that we may derive therefrom the nesday morning, when a heavy sea to arrest the attention of this dying | consolation of realizing that though | arose, which broke over the vessel the dead speaketh, and though reness and cold calculation, the deceal moved from the scene of his earthly activity the magic of his influences life is too often degraded, a charact- survives and is productive of good pitiable sight, almost impassible er appears that is alike good and to his fellow-men: His Grace Archgreat, a character marvellous in its bishop O'Brich-funeral oration at

ful of the high duty and noble purdid not desire the position of chair- letter what he considered a remarkman of the conference, but he felt able thing coming from bim, and it that if he had asked any other gentle- certainly was the first phrase of the man to take his place he would, perhaps, show some loss of faith in the purpose of their meeting. He believed that the heart of the Irish people yearns for some settlement of the question. He believed that the time had gone by long since when it could with any justice be said that any question of principle stood behind this matter. They had differed in the past, but if these differences were going to be continued on mere per- | nor, he said : sonal grounds, through mere suspicions or distrust of each other, would belie the real spirit of patriotism which was wont to exhibit itself in the Irish Party."

Based upon the following resolution Mr. Healy made some very starring remarks. The resolution readthis wise:

ence with the conference, arrange and confer with Mr. Redmond and party with a view to bringing about a reunion of Irish National repres-

Without entering into the details of Mr. Healy's speech we cannot refrain from selecting a couple of extracts that deal with matters immediately connected with this special resolution. After indicating that this was the resolution adopted on the 4th April last at the unity confer- al movement. There were many kinds ence he said that :

took would be one to which no one could take exception -- namely, to propose again at that meeting a resolution which had already had the unanimous sanction of the entire body of the representatives who were present-not the resolution as originally passed. The course he suggested was one that could not offend the susceptibilities of anyone. Mr. Power had expressed his apprehension lest some proposal should be the National political situation in operation, the cost of which in made distasteful to him or his would be on the distinct unders provements, based on the per in sion lest some proposal should be friends, and be (Mr. Healy) wished to assure him that he would be the last to sanction anything of the hand and he thought the fact that a count were done they could successfully ber of their colleagues had not seen immate their difficulties." fit to attend the meeting was b. it- The chairman then put the self reason why no resolution of a character obnoxious to them or any being the only dissentient. gentleman connected with them; On the proposition of Mr. Heep selves practically to the proposal all are and Harrington. ready carried. The proposal was too only a moderate one, but it had so remarks made by the previous 193k It is a matter for legitimate con-ratulation that in the public life or every member of the conference. The gratulation that in the public life of resolution had a further merit which as secretary, which was accorded alone would not have induced from acles of good.

Mr. Healy), to repropose it; but pose of the Irish representation. He Mr. Redmond had added in a public kind he had ever known Mr. Redmond to use. Since the unhappy split occurred he had said he was anxious and willing to co-operate in the restoration of unity amongst the Irish Party, or some words to that el-

Having referred to the fact that they had no official announcement of the cause of the absence of Messra. J. F. N. O'Brien and T. P. O'Con-

"Mr. Redmond's party might be small or they might be great; they might not represent the people or any section of the people, but hitleerto it had been found that however small a party may be for good it was always extremely dangerous for mischief against a cause such as theirs. Consequently they had a right "That a committee of this confer- to decide upon their own judgment, the power of and not upon the judgment of Mr. O'Comor or Mr. O'Brien, however respectable their authority may be. He repeated that there could be no possible objection to the course he had suggested and following up his action in April last, he begged to move the adoption of the resolution."

"Mr. Arthur O'Connor said in the course of his speech that he came there to support anything that would lers and barges. be for the rehabilitating the Nationof unity, but in his opinion there His view as to the course they could be only one true unity, and tween Windmill Point Basm or sha that unity should have a special purpose. It should be a unity depending upon some object worths in itself externally, and independent of all parties. In conclusion, he said that if they wanted a united party. they should be a united party Home Rule lines, and Home Rule after of 3.000,000 bushels" capacity. should be foremost. He suggested and that if the committee were appeared. Warehouse: so that the full storeed for the purpose of reladditioning ! standing that the claims of Ireland and Home Rule ; hould be made the immediate object of pursuit in secbeing done. He could not support it son and out of season, and if the

tion, which was carried. Mr. 15 .

should be adopted or suggested at the following gentlemen were esquite conference. Therefore, ideal pointed on the committee as Market was that they should confine these Dillon, Healy, Blake, Elmontic, escaped

Mr. Murnaghan also emphasized the

with his party upon it, but that fact presentatives, it will have done our

# CONNORS ELEVATOR PROJECT. ++++++++++++++

the undertaking now under consider- feet in depth, reserving a roadway of the proposition made to the Harbor front. Commissioners of Montreal by the conditions laid down by the former

the St. Lawrence trade route to at least \$1.500,000."

fer made. The proposal reads as infe-

"We respectfully submit that off the space asked for is necessary and will be required, so as to provide spectfully ask a grant by suitable prompt and satisfactory accommedation for the trade generally, which forty years, of the sites and spaces adequate facilities and proper vaces will attract to this route, and aid of which we propose to provide a number of specially adapted steam-

"We ask for the lower parties, sh out 1,200 feet and including the rower end of the Windmill pier lying beand the canal and canal basin, vitte privilege of unloading and loading vessels and barges in the canal ( is in without interfering with the 100 ther and ordinary use of the court for the purpose of erecting thereon a first-class steel or combination claya first-class modern freight will be reputed and utilized in their prices of materials, will, it is exrected. To go less that \$1,100

Also on the optionate in, on the while in process of a ryater from with stillers of trick, say about Bookeen conright to immuove and we to as the work of eon tire by the There has seen to been within the more strature describe consideration. proight varietionses, of heirawhole space granted. Seat structures based on present prices, it is exceeds some time as the dreft of the ed will cost at least \$1.566,000.

Change No. 11 leads.

The result of the deliberations of ! The above clause was entertained the Harbor Board in connection with provided the plans be submitted to the Connor's elevator scheme, furnish the Minister of Public Works for apample evidence of the importance of proval. It was proposed to offer the this port and of the magnitude of syndicate 1,000 feet front and 200 ation. To briefly tell the story of 40 feet in the Commissioners' water

THE EAST END SITE -- As he in considering the proposal, we could gards the east end of the harbor not do better than reproduce the of the following clause was entertained, the space, location and capacity of the elevators and freight warehouses "We hereby respectfully and a applito be determined by the commissionplication for sites at Montreal, carers: "Also space for at least one which to erest and operate first cross slarge elevator and freight houses, or modern grain elevators, and first or in connection with one of the alclass modern freight warehouses, with ready erected or proposed new piersuitable appurtenances, improvements in the eastern portion of the Larger and equipments, the enterprise have of Montreal, Said structures it is exing for its object the development of feeted will cost, at present prices

> The next clause had reference to the length of the lease, and read -. For these purposes and uses we reconveyance for the term of at least above described generally, with the privilege of renewal for a further term of years. the Covernment or Harbor Commission, at the expiration of the term or extended period or sooner if the public interest so demands, to take over the property and improvements at a valuation for be agreed or fixed by appraisal or arbitration."

> While the syndicate which offer, to begin work this autumn, is not entirely satisfied with the several restrictions imposed by the Harbor Board, still fair progress has then , made towards a settlement of the contract; so much so that at the close of the last meeting of the conredsioners the Mayor, seconded by Mr. Grathern, moved at the Workes dis meeting that the countries ... agreed apar between the communities and two tractors of the dependence of the expendence are proportional to the expendence of the expende has est appear and constituted the state of the contrate it was not betrooping a sold by the attenders to converges on the Historic Course

Janes of the Committee of the Comhas the figure of other took extend to be subsections of populations, are present at the

# THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

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Leary goes on to say:

dear old Sardinian rolls so- strait there has not been the least unplease just south of Newfoundland on V.odtime and again, smashing in two boats and knocking things about generally. The deck offered a most and dangerous, the rain country down in torrents, Sensickness was the order of the day, the great page ority of us being down. Still in the very worst storm I had to officiate at the first burial at sea. A poor rellow, Deslauriers, of Captain Rogers' company; was found dead from heart failure early in the morning and was buried in the afternoon, It was a most impressive sight, despite the dangerous lurching of the ship, the lowering black clouds, the wind howling and the sea running mountains high aye, even sweeping the deck now and then, I shall never forget it. I read the usual prayers over the body, which was sewed up in a canvas bag and shrouded in the Inion Jack. After the last words, requiescat in pace,' a blast of thetrumpet, 'the last post,' then a pluage into the sea, and the first victim was gone.

On Sunday, the weather being a little clearer, we had service at 9.30 attended by about 120 or more. It was very simple, morning pravers, the reading of the Gospel of the day, followed by a sermon in English and French, Unfortunately, an allusion that I thought proper to make to those dear ones, already so far, far away. whose prayors were undoubtedly being offered up in many a church for our safety, almost brought the ceremony to an abrupt close. During the

man Catholic Chaplain with the Revelopensair concert, most enjoyable, and al Candians now in South Africa has above all picturesque. It was the parishioners assisted, Deceased we received an interesting letter from the Ottawa congany's turn, and cour! creatures not by revelation only, but chaplain. After briefly describing to trund Rogers managed everything to respected for her many noble quair leave-taking at Quebec, Father " - pany, To-morrow will be our second ther Fallon, and members of the 11 Sunday out, and as I have to proven I mily of deceased the "True Waters "Every one seems to be in good an appropriate instruction I shall offers its deep sympathy in the best humor with himself and with or in have to say an revoir for an along they have sustained, -R.I.P.

> have got off my letter this morning, of Mrs. Patrick O'Brien, formerly of Irish priests, who did so much in but we passed on by Cape Vincent. time to make a sketch of each of the the residence of her son. Mr. Prank ary country of Newfoundland, and two islands, which I send you, Keep ers. The scenery is volcanic, wild and been ailing since July; still large all reward in the person of the Rev. grand in the extreme, no traces of vegetation whatever, In the higher of St. Vincent was a British man-ofwar and several transports, coathic, ; also a French warship, and man, other vessels. The weather is steadily ly growing warmer as we approach the equator. Temperature of water 81 degrees, temperature of atmoxphere 86 degrees this morning at 8.30 o'clock, most of the day close on 90 degrees. We can hardly realize we are in mid-November, and what will it be next week. We had our different services in the following ord-9.30 o'clock, Roman Catholic; 10.30 o'clock, Presbyterian: 11.30 casey, an estimable old lady, Mrs. D. Nova's rugged coast. Father Walsh o'clock, Anglican, Will try to soul .... o'clock, Anglican, Will try to soulthis by some passing transport returming Sunday night. We have just been told that we may expect to meet transports returning to-morrow so here goes. It is now 11.20 o'closs: and we are all about adjourning for the night after a quiet impromptu concert among the officers. Needless to say that the 'Old Folks at Home. was the theme. Your affectionate

P. M. O'LEARY.

A POINTER .- The Irish people in particular, and the English-speaking Catholics in general, cannot assist the "True Witness' in a better way, particularly at this season of the year, than by patronizing those who advertise in its columns. Mention the "True Witness" in making your

## DEATHS. RECENT

FALLON-The many triends of this Alex, D. J. McDon dd - proff, . . Mentreal Water Works Department Herember 19th after a brief Weeks, The remains were brought to More treal, and deposited in the Core ties last, at which a large number of

MRS. PATRICK O'BEILS ... Well Sunday, Nov. 12 .- I thought to regret to have to chronicle the death Sutton. The sad event took place in O'Brien. West Farnham. Descriptioned such a Christianizing and opwas in her sixty-sixth year and had lifting influence, passed to his eterndeath was a surprise to a large notarber of her friends.

which was the bone of the deep and was born in the year 1829. In 1855, for many years. The parish priess, he offered his services for Newfoundfor many years. The parish priesa, Rev. Father Brassard officiated, The land to the late Right Rev. Dr. Rev. Father Brassaru one was Messrs. Mullock by whom he was chief mourners were her sons, Messrs. to the priesthood. In his early years to the priesthood of the priesthood in er, Mark O'Brien, Sutton, Frank O'- in the ministry he was stationed in Brien, West Farmham, and her daugh- the external parts of the diocese of ter, Mrs. T. Cronin, Worcester, and St. John's, where he underwent all Miss L. O'Brien.-R.L.P.

residence of her son-in-law, Mr.P. J in their humble cabins along Terra Thompson, nee Ellen Kehoe, at the in storm and stress of weather, in ripe old age of 87. She was one of open hoat or over the trackless barthe early pioneers who emigrated to ren, amid the winter's snows or Harbor Grace, Nild., from County the autumnal gales, he was ever Kerry, friends. Until lately she was in the cause, and when he was transferred lest of health, and had fondest and to the comparative calm and comfort ald Emerald Islo; having remembered the late Eather O'Connor, some faeeing and hearing in her younger Ireland's great emancipator, Daniel O'Connell. The funeral which took place on Wednesday morning. was very largely attended. The remains were brought to St. Anthony's thurch where a solemn Requiem Mass was chanted for the repose of her soul, by Rev. Father Sinnott. Among the chief mourners were, Masters John Joseph and P. J. asey, ir., P. J. Casey, sr., E. und

Agnes Falion, sister of the Roy, Lt., Rev. Gregory McDonald, Samuel, see Fallon, and of Mr. J. Fallon of the and Rev. R. F. McDonald, Source . announced, It occurred at New York Decembed studied medicine at the trawill regret to learn of her sters) aversity of New York, and graduated which occurred at Alton, III, on about four years ago, He jointed at aversity of New York, and graduated Grand Forks, North Dakora, von e he built up a fine practice. For few weeks previous to his death to Cemetery, A solemn High Wass was had been ailing slightly. He found has chanted at St. Patrick's on Tue day (was threatened with diabetes, and a the hope of favorable results from a change of climate, he left. Grant well known in this city and litrary Forks, about three weeks ago, with the intention of coming to his partive-Province, On his way he crited are a his old friend, by Potter, of New York, and placed himself under a s treatment, A few days showed that his ease was beyond control.

WALSH. - During the past month

another of the noble band of five old spreading the faith in the mission-John Walsh, P.P., Portugal Cove. The deceased gentleman was a mi-The funeral was held at Sution, tive of Mooncoin, Co., Kilkenny, and tke hardships whuch fall to the lot of those eleries who spread the Word of God and the consolations of reli-CASEY.-There passed away at the gion among the fisherfolk, scattered Ireland, nearly fifty years | ready at the call of his flock, Wherago. A few years since she came to ever he went he made bosts of friends his city, where she made hosts of for he spent himself in the Master's rightest recollections of the dear of Portugal Cove, on the demise of teen years ago, everyone felt that it was a fitting recognition of his quarter-century of unsparing self-sucrificing labors. For years past Pather Walsh was in poor health, but still the call of duty always found him ready; twice within the last few weeks he had to be conveyed to his carriage and supported therein while he attended two sick calls, During his last illness he was the recipient of the constant ministrations of Rev. Father Clarke, of Torbay, who prepared him for death, the harbinger

# DUBLIN UNITY CONFERENCE.

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conference of the members of Parlia- various leaders to give expression to ment representing different sections of the Irish Parliamentary party was held in the Mansion House, Dublin, It was summoned by Messrs. T. Harrington, J. Jordan, P. J. Power, and T. J. Healy, chairman and secretaries respectively of the Conference held in April last. The object of the Conference was to consider the best means by which unity could be

brought about in the Irish Parcy. The members of Parliament present were Messrs. James Gibney, O. Ma-Alecse, Jeremiah Jordan, T. C. Harrington, T. J. Healy, James P. Far-rell, C. Engledew, J. Hammond, Donal Sullivan, T. M. Healy, T. D. Sul- of all their people throughout the livan, Maurice Healy, James Daly, Murnaghan, P. French, Arthur O'- struggle and which, above all, was Connor, P. J. Power, M. J. Minch, alienating from them the sympathy Daniel Crilly.

Mr. T. C. Harrington occupied the chair, Numerous letters were read from members of Parliament, who er opportunity offered to the Irish were prevented, for one reason or Party than that presented at the another, from attending. Although present moment, and in no time had recital of the rosary which followed. the meeting was small and the re-

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Upon Thursday of last week a portance, still it gave occasion to views and opinions that well deserve publicity.

The chairman, after reading lengthy letters, amongst them one from Mr. Redmond, explained how he came to accept the chairmanship of the meeting. And, not the least significant of his remarks, he added that:

. "He hoped that in what they didthough they were hampered by some difficulties—that still they might do something towards healing up old sore which was imperilling the National movement, and which to a great extent was losing for the Irish people the friendship and sympathy the world, who were looking at struggle and which, above all, was of their own race in every part of the globe. In the memory of the oldest member there was never a greatthe Irish representation being so many a husky voice made a brave sults not of any very perceptible im- hopolesely inefficient and so neglect- effort to respond, but in most cases Christmas purchases.

McDONALD. The death of Dr. to him of eternal joys.

T. Casey, J. Holland .- R.I.P.