

## DEPUTATION TO MORLEY

Erasmus Smith Schools Matter  
Before the Chief Secretary.

## JUSTICE WILL NOT BE WITHHELD.

Mr. Morley recently received a deputation introduced by Mr. Healy and Father Humphries urging that legislation be introduced to regulate the expenditure of the Erasmus Smith Endowment fund. This fund, as was pointed out in our columns some time ago, is derived from the rents of certain lands left by one of Cromwell's friends for the education of the children of the tenants of the estate. Heretofore Catholic children had been excluded from the benefits of this will, although, of course, they form a very large proportion of the population. The judges who considered the case disagreed.

Mr. Morley, in reply, said:—Mr. Healy and gentlemen, I have listened with a great deal of interest and attention to the very able, clear, and pointed opening statement of Mr. Healy, and to the fuller and more elaborate statements of the Rev. Mr. Humphreys, and to all that has been said. I do not say that the statement of Father Humphreys was too full.

Father Humphreys has a perfect right to come to any person sitting in the chair where I am upon this question, because Mr. Justice O'Brien goes out of his way to say in his Judgment "that he must say, in justice to Father Humphreys, that he had exhibited a zeal and ability on this question far surpassing anything on his experience shown by anybody on any public question of late years." That being the opinion of Mr. Justice O'Brien, I think we may take it that Father Humphreys has a full right to be here, and to express to the Government the claims and the arguments by which he supported them.

Mr. Morley then reviewed the judgments which had been given and pointed out the difficulties in the way of arriving at a satisfactory conclusion.

Gentlemen, you have not come here for a trifling or frivolous or a sentimental grievance. There is a substantial sum to be disposed of. What are the proposals? Mr. Healy said that when a jury disagree the case is heard again. Here we have a case where two judges of great eminence differ, and one suggestion is that a new judge might be appointed. Of course that would have to be done by a new Bill. But I don't know whether that strikes one at the first glance as a probably good way of dealing with it. The second suggestion of Mr. Healy is that these funds should be placed at the disposal of the Intermediate Education Board, with the restriction that they should be applied in the nine counties concerned in the trust. That again is worthy of consideration.

Mr. Healy—For the children of the Erasmus Smith tenants on these estates.

Mr. Morley.—Yes. When these two judgments first appeared, and when was attention was therefore drawn to the importance of the case, I wondered whether it was not within the power of the Executive Government of their own motion to prolong the Endowed Schools Commission, which, as you are aware, expired last year, to prolong it in the endeavour to solve this question, but there appeared to be no object to be gained by a further reference of the same scheme to the same two judges, and we had not the power to add a third judge to the Commission in order to rehear the case. I will not at this moment undertake to say what solution—whether either of those indicated by Mr. Healy—can be devised, but it does seem to me to be quite impossible, after such a dictum as that of Mr. Justice

O'Brien, that the question can remain where it is. Mr. Healy knows pretty well the difficulty attending the bringing in of Bills, and that although a Minister may promise to bring in a Bill it may be out of his power to redeem that promise. Therefore, I do not promise immediately this Session to bring in a Bill, but I will make this admission to you that the subject is one which cannot remain where it is, but, in my judgment, no time ought to be lost—whether that time be long or be short—by any Executive Government with a sense of what is due to equality in this matter. And having in my mind the construction that has been put on the "intentions of the pious founder" over the whole surface of England, whoever sits in this chair will be bound, as I feel bound, at the earliest possible moment to bring forward some proposal which will cause a rehearing and reconsideration of the scheme. Some way must be found by the Executive Government to do this act of justice to persons from whom it is too long withheld. As to Mr. Healy's illustration of the unfair advantage that was taken when the Corporations were reformed by the withdrawal of certain small privileges from the Corporation of Dublin that, alas! is only too familiar and illustration of the policy in dealing with this question, which has been so unfortunate and disastrous in its effect upon the well-being of this country. I will give my very best attention to this matter with a view of taking practical steps upon the views I have stated.

Mr. Healy said he desired before he withdrew to thank Mr. Morley on behalf of the deputation for the kindly and sympathetic hearing which he had given to them. Every gentleman, priest and layman, who had heard his masterly statement would go home in a position to give to his people assurances that justice would soon be brought to bear on the administration of these funds.

The deputation then withdrew.

## THE MARKETS.

TORONTO, February 27, 1895.

Wheat, white, per bush.	\$0 63	\$0 64
Wheat, red, per bush.	0 61	0 62
Wheat, goose, per bush.	0 60	0 60
Oats, per bush.	0 35	0 37
Peas, per bush.	0 63	0 64
Barley, per bush.	0 45	0 48
Turkeys, per lb.	0 10	0 11
Dressed hogs, per cwt.	5 25	5 50
Chickens, per pair.	0 50	0 65
Geese, per lb.	0 07	0 08
Ducks, per pair.	0 60	0 75
Butter, in pound rolls.	0 15	0 20
Eggs, fresh, per doz.	0 24	0 25
Cabbage, new, per doz.	0 35	0 50
Radishes, per doz.	0 75	1 00
Lettuce, per dozen.	0 40	0 50
Onions, per bag.	0 75	0 85
Celery, per doz.	0 40	0 50
Rhubarb, per doz.	0 55	0 60
Turnips, per bag.	0 25	0 30
Potatoes, per bag.	0 60	0 70
Beans, per peck.	0 30	0 60
Beets, per bag.	0 55	0 60
Carrots, per bag.	0 35	0 40
Parsnips, per bag.	0 50	0 60
Apples, per bbl.	1 75	3 00
Hay, timothy.	11 00	13 00
Straw, shawl.	7 00	8 00

## AT THE CATTLE YARDS.

The following were the prices at the Western cattle yards to day:

Butchers' choice, picked, per cwt.	3 00	3 50
Butchers' choice, per cwt.	2 75	3 00
Butchers' medium, "	2 50	3 00
Hulls and mixed, "	2 50	3 35
Milk cows, per head.	22 00	40 00

## CALVES.

Per head, good to choice.	4 00	5 00
" common.	2 00	4 00

## SHEEP AND LAMBS.

Butchers' sheep, per head.	2 00	3 50
Lambs, choice, per pound.	0 03 1/2	0 04 1/2
Lambs, inferior, per pound.	0 02 1/2	0 03 1/2

## HOGS.

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