CITY ITEMS.

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ST. BRIDGET'S T. A. AND B. SOCIETY.—The grand annual concert of this Society was held Tuesday night of last week in the Mechanics' Hall, in presence of a large number of people. The first-Vice President, Mr. Heffernan, occupied the chair, and with him upon the platform, were, Rev. Father Lonergan, Rev. President of the Society, Rev, Father Salmon, His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Edward Murphy, Captain Kirwan, Mr. W. E. Doran, of St. Patrick's Society, Mr. A. Brogan, of St. Patrick's Temperance Society, Mr. George Murphy, of St. Patrick's Benevolent Society, Mr. J. E. McEvenue, of the Irish Catholic Union, Mr. P. J. Brennan, of the Young Irishmen's Literary and Benevolent Society, &c. &c. St. Patrick's Day having been played by the Hibernian Independent Brass Band during the entry of the President and guests. Rev. J. Lonergan delivered an address, taking as his subject, "Irish poetry, and its influence."

Professor Wilson presided at the piano very efficiently. Miss Crompton's songs were especially praiseworthy, this young lady bidding fair to take a prominent position in the musical world. If we express our appreciation of the other musical items on the programme, in one word, it is not because they are not worthy of detailed criticism, but because want of space forbids it. We may say, however, that the clog dancing was admirable, while the Chevalier Cronan was immense. Captain Kirwan's speech was a magnificent effort, being an eloquent tribute to Irish institutions, and the people's constancy to, and affection for them.—*Herald.*

ST. PATRICK'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, MONTREAL.—The grand annual concert and ball of this society took place Monday evening last at the City Concert Hall, and was largely attended. Shortly after 8 p.m. Mr. G. Murphy, President of the society, accompanied by Messrs. M. P. Ryan, President St. Patrick's Total Abstinence Society; W. E. Doran, Vice-President St. Patrick's Society; P. Flannery, President St. Ann's Temperance Society; Thos. Heffernan, President St. Bridget's Temperance Society; P. J. Brennan, President Young Irishmen's Literary and Home Rule Association; M. C. Mullarky, President Benefit Association; A. Brogan, Treasurer Irish National Society; John Lynch, of the St. Gabriel Society; J. E. McEvenue, of the Catholic Union; &c., &c., entered the hall, the Independent brass band playing "St. Patrick's Day." After a few remarks of welcome from the President, the concert was proceeded with, and gave eminent satisfaction as was testified by the repeated applause. Mr. J. J. Curran, Q.C., addressed the audience at the commencement of the second part of the concert, but it was not till the programme had been completed that Mr. O'Connor Power arrived in the hall accompanied by Captain Kirwan, editor of the TRUE WITNESS. Mr. Power, after apologizing for his late appearance, having only just arrived from Ottawa, addressed a few words of congratulation to the audience, after which the hall was cleared and all proceeded to dancing, which they kept up till a late hour.

ST. PATRICK'S TOTAL ABSTINENCE AND BENEFIT SOCIETY.—OFFICE-BEARERS FOR 1877.—President and Director, Rev. L. W. Leclair; 1st Vice President, M. P. Ryan; 2nd do, A. Brogan; Treasurer, James Dillon; Secretary, S. Cross; Asst do, F. P. Connaughton. *Executive Committee*—Edward Murphy, Chairman, J. Conaughton, B. Emerson, W. Donnelly, M. Sharkey, J. Killoran, C. Moffatt, J. McInemey, J. Clark, E. Burns, G. Hamilton, J. Kelly. *Vigilance Committee*—J. Pigeon, J. McCarthy, A. Emerson, H. O'Neil, A. Lavery, P. F. Manning, T. Carmody, P. Meagher, L. Lavery. Grand Marshall—Thomas Daly, Asst, do, Edward Costello.

AN EVENING WITH "TOM MOORE."—Last week the Mechanics' Hall had a very large, fashionable and select audience gathered within its walls, for the purpose of spending a pleasant evening in company of that "Poet of all circles and the darling of his own" Tom Moore. In no better hands could the biographical address of the poet rest than in that of his warm-hearted countryman, the Rev. Jas. Carmichael, who like Moore with his lyric poems, holds his audience, and especially an Irish one, slaves to the pathos that never fails to spring out when the subject is the "Green Isle." The rev. gentleman briefly reviewed the subject of Irish melodies and their history, and then gave a most interesting account of "Ireland's darling." He showed how some of his songs do not make an impression because wanting a voice and soul like that of that peerless songster, the late Catherine Hayes. In Tara's Halls," when she came to the line

"'Tis when some heart indignant breaks."

her voice was the embodiment of indignation, and you heard the strings crash and the harp fall. This Scotch and Irish peculiarity arises from the fact that each kingdom possessed one great lyrical poet. The highest, the grandest type of poetry is no doubt English, the softest, sweetest, homeliest is Scotch and Irish. The sister kingdoms cannot boast of a Milton; but as long as there is feeling in Irish and Scotch hearts, Moore and Burns will reign on undisputed thrones. The Rev. gentleman went on to describe the success that attended the publication of the melodies which at one time would have cost any one attempting to sing them the jail. He concluded by an eloquent tribute to the memory of Robert Emmet, in connection with the song "Oh Breathe not his Name." The musical portion of the choice programme was beautifully rendered, especially the harp accompaniments of Madame Chatterton-Bohrer, who surpassed all previous efforts, while the playing on the piano of her husband was very fine. Mesdames Thorneloe and Saunderson were almost unrivalled in the interpretation of ballad music. The gentlemen were all up to the mark. The concert was a success financially and intellectually.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HOME RULE LEAGUE.—The annual meeting of this association took place on the evening of the 7th inst., in St Patrick's Hall, Mr. Murphy, President, in the chair. The balance sheet was submitted, and showed that $200 had been received during the year for subscriptions. Mr. Murphy, in a brief speech, referred to the late elections in Ireland, particularly to the election of a Protestant Home Ruler. One remarkable feature of that election was the presence and support given by Catholic Bishops. Captain Kirwan advocated the claims of the association to the support of all patriotic Irishmen. When he lived in Ireland he did his best to form public opinion to the requirements of the country. At home he conformed to the will of the majority of the Irish people, and he denied the right of the Irish abroad to dictate a policy to the Irish in Ireland. It was the privilege of the Irish abroad to follow the path marked out by the Irish at home, and he thought it a patriotic action to cheerfully follow whatever banner the Irish in Ireland elected to adopt. Home Rule was that banner to-day, and he felt a special pride in doing one man's share in furtherance of its principles. He alluded in complimentary terms to the Home Rule Associations in Great Britain, and dwelt upon what they had done to advance the Irish cause in Great Britain. He hoped to see more earnestness thrown into the movement, and expressed a wish to see a general "clearing out" of the Whigs of the party After the transaction of some routine business, and the award of votes of thanks to the chair, and to the St. Patrick's Society for the gratuitous use of their Hall during the past year, the meeting adjourned until the 16th instant, when the election of officers will take place.—*Gazette.*

No change in the Market reports this week.

PERSONAL.

O'MAHONEY—John O'Mahoney, a prominent Fenian, formerly Head Centre, died on the 6th inst. A meeting of the Irish Nationalists was afterwards held to make arrangements for the funeral. It was decided to take the remains to Ireland for interment, a free passage across the ocean being proffered by the Williams & Guion line. A committee was appointed to make preparations for a public demonstration before the remains are carried away.

POWER—The appointment of L. G. Power to the Senate has caused discussion in the papers. Some of them charged P. P. Power, M. P., with threatening to go into opposition, if the Government did not appoint his son. Mr. Power has published a letter denying that he did so.

DEVLIN.—Chas Devlin, brother of B. Devlin M. P., has been elected Mayor of Aylmer.

HARRIS.—Mr. John Harris, Guelph, executor of the estate of the late Thomas Heffernan, was Wednesday of last week presented with a valuable silver tea service, on receiving his discharge (as executor) by the heirs.

POWER.—Mr. O'Connor Power, M. P., for the County Mayo, was present at the opening of the Dominion Parliament to learn the workings of the Federal and Provincial Governments and the relations they bear to one another, in view of his position as a leading Home-ruler in the Imperial Parliament. He was present at the speaker's dinner, and dined with the Governor General. On Sunday morning Mr. Power had a private interview with the Governor General, which lasted two hours and we believe that the subjects discussed were Home Rule and the Land Laws, and we are sure that Mr. Power's earnest advocacy of both, were not lost upon his Excellency the Earl of Dufferin. Mr. Power is to lecture at Boston on Sunday next.

ROSS.—Hon. J. J. Ross, President of the Executive Council of Quebec, replaces temporarily Hon. Mr. Chapbau as Provincial Secretary.

CANADIAN ITEMS.

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Work on Cann's wharf at Huntsville is steadily progressing.

Diphtheria has this winter been very prevalent in Chatham.

LITERARY.—We have received a copy of a literary sheet entitled *The Compass*, published at Quebec.

Of twenty-three cases of Diphtheria at Isaac's Harbour, N. S., within three weeks, fifteen proved fatal.

A salmon trout weighing 36 pounds was caught with a hook in a lake near Goderich a few days ago.

Mr. Sylvester Doyle, who had his leg taken off by a train of cars near St. Mary's, has been taken to his home in Goderich. He is recovering.

In consequence of the strike of the section-men on the Midland Railway all the passenger trains on the road have been cancelled.

A by-law to raise a loan of $4,500, to purchase lands in Walkerton for a Northern Fair and other purposes, is to be submitted to the electors of that town on the 17th inst.

The Guelph February fat cattle fair, held on the 7th was well attended. The prices paid were from $3.50 to 4.20 per cwt; in some exceptional cases $4.50 to 4.87½ was paid.

Mr. Sewell writes to Quebec that the winter steamer Northern Light is a perfect success, and that her performances have given the utmost satisfaction in Prince Edward Island.

The Court of Queen's Bench, Toronto, has decided against the late contractors of the Coteau Landing Railway in their suit with the Company, and the Directors will in all probability proceed with the construction of the road immediately.

The Exchequer Court cases that were fixed for the 15th instant at Halifax have been postponed until after the 15th of March, on account of the Supreme Court being engaged in business of public importance, which will require their attention until after that date.

The application to quash the Dunkin by-law in the county of Lambton was heard last week in the Court of Queen's Bench, and granted on the ground that in the township of Warwick the law had not been complied with which requires three days' voting to be held in a municipality where the number of electors on the assessment roll is over eight hundred.

ST. PATRICK'S TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY, QUEBEC.—The quarterly muster of this body took place at St. Patrick's Church Saturday morning and was unusually large. The members were headed by their new band, formed in November last, whose progress, under the leadership of Sergeant Walsh, of B. Battery, afforded much pleasure to the friends and well-wishers of the society.

CANADIANS IN LONDON.—The following Canadian visitors have registered their names at the offices of the Canadian Government, in London, during the week ending 25th January, 1877; Col. Gallatly, H Shorey, Montreal; W. Elice, Quebec; M. B. Almon, S. J. Allen, J. H. Allen, Halifax; Rt. Rev. J. Walsh, D.D., London; Rev. E. B. Kilroy, D.D., Stratford; Rev. D. Macleod, Chippewa; Mrs. D. Campbell, G. H. Burnham.

ST. PATRICK'S LITERARY INSTITUTE, QUEBEC.—A very enjoyable meeting of this association was held on Saturday evening; having for its object the encouragement of the younger members in reading and recitation. At least a dozen boys between the ages of six and fourteen years, were prepared with some excellent selections of prose or poetry, and one and all acquitted themselves in a manner which reflects the greatest credit upon the association, and the promoters of these exercises. After the readings by the younger members were concluded, Dr. Jennings read a portion of the poem "Evangeline." by Longfellow, which was received with much favor. Mr. Murphy, President of the Literary Club, also read a beautiful poem, which concluded the entertainment for the evening.

NEW AGENTS.

Mr. J. H. Daly, Jr, of Rawdon is our duly authorized Agent in his locality and neighborhood.

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Per P K, Springtown—High Falls, J B, 2.

Per Rev K A C, Orillia—W K, 2.

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BIRTH.

STARNES.—In this city, on the 6th inst., the wife of Mr. Charles Starnes, of a son.

DEATHS.

FITZGERALD.—At West Frampton, P. Q, January 29th, Miss Catherine Fitzgerald, daughter of Thomas Fitzgerald, Esq. This young lady taught in our village school for some time, where, by her many virtues she won the respect and love of the numerous children attending her class, and the entire confidence of their parents. We thought ourselves secure in having a teacher that not only by word, but by example, laid the solid foundation of virtue in the hearts of those little ones, but God seeing she was ripe for Heaven took her to Himself. She leaves a sad void in the hearts of many, her own family may well feel disconsolate at her loss. Her remains were followed to their last resting place by a train of mourners nearly a mile long, where, at her grave, the children of her class took tearful farewell of their beloved teacher. Of your charity pray for the repose of her soul.—*R.I.P.*—J. M. D.

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