

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

LE CANADIEN SNOWSHOE CLUB.

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Snowshoe Club, held in their hall, the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year:—I. A. Beauregard, President; O. Bourdon, 1st Vice; E. Marquette, 2nd Vice; A. Gibeau, Secretary; J. A. Belanger, Assistant Secretary; J. H. Doucet, Treasurer; Committee, Messrs W. Pilote, E. Ritchot and J. N. Laberge. The club badges, which are very neat, the colors being red, white and blue, bearing the letters C B L C, and a pendant pair of miniature snowshoes, were distributed to the members at a reunion held at Lampkin's, Cote des Neiges.

PRESENTATION.

On his return from Quebec where he had gone to visit his parents and old friends, the Rev. Father Fahey was the recipient of a very beautiful gold watch and chain, valued at \$160, the gift of his friends of St. Ann's Parish. The idea of this presentation was hardly conceived when the Rev. gentleman's name was inscribed on one of the best time pieces in the store of Thomas Allan & Co., St. James street, which shows the esteem in which Father Fahey is held by those who know him. Though young in the Ministry, it has been remarked that he is capable of fulfilling the most responsible positions with satisfaction to his superiors and credit to himself. It is the earnest hope on all sides that he may long live to wear in happiness and prosperity this mark of appreciation which he has so justly earned among the good people of St. Ann's.

THE TRAPPISTS AT OKA.

The Trappists who came from France last summer and established their first Canadian monastery on the farm donated to them by the Society of St. Sulpice at Oka, on the Lake of Two Mountains, are progressing very favorably and are meeting with every encouragement. From all appearances they will not be under the necessity of sending to France or any other foreign land to have their ranks recruited, as aspirants from our own population are already seeking admission into the Order. A young Montrealer named Michael Brunet has the honor of being the first. He has just been received into the novitiate by the Rev. Father Superior, who gave him the habit of the Order. He has taken the religious name of Brother Victor. The ceremony of the reception was very touching. Among the clergy present were the Rev. Abbe Bonelot, curé of Notre Dame, and the Rev. Father Leclair, curé of Oka. These two gentlemen are among the most devoted friends of the Trappists.

AN IMPORTANT REMOVAL.

The extensive hardware manufacturing of Mr. H. R. Ives & Co., it has been reported for some time, are about to be removed from the city to Longueuil. Mr. G. Glassford, an old resident of that place, was interviewed by our representative this morning in regard to the matter, and in the course of the conversation which followed Mr. Glassford said that it was a fact that proceedings were in progress for the removal of the business to Longueuil. The large foundry and premises lately occupied by Jodoin & Co., has been secured, and if Mr. Ives was received in a liberal manner as regards a bonus, a very strong company would in all likelihood be immediately formed to carry on the manufacture of hardware on a scale hitherto unprecedented in Canada. Owing to local dissensions at Longueuil, a committee to attend to the matter, was not appointed at the last meeting of the Council, but as the municipal elections take place in the first week in February no definite steps will be taken before then.

LAND LEAGUE FUNDS.

The following sums have been collected by Messrs. W. P. Nolan and Thos. Stack:—Robert McCreedy, \$25; R. J. Davis, 10; James Skelly, 10; R. McShane, 5; John McEntyre, 2; Francis Dolan, 2; James Leblanc, 1; Cash, 1; E. Irwin, 1; P. Tansey, 1; J. A. Sadlier, 1; W. P. Nolan, 1; T. P. Tansey, 1; P. Finn, 1; Michael Stack, 1; Richard Power, 1; J. H. Sample, 1; B. Gunning, 1; W. McNally, 1; T. Carroll, 1; J. Nolan, 75c; Cash, 50c; Maurice Curran, 50c; John J. Durack, 50c; F. Bayard, 50c; B. Emerson, 50c; Maurice Hussey, 50c; Geo. Bland, 50c; Cash, 50c; Thos. Deery, 50c; J. Neville, 50c; Cash, 50c; Cash, 50c; Patrick Kavanagh, 25c; Total, \$75. The following sums have been collected by Mr. M. Harlan:—E. P. Romyne, \$2; A. McCambridge, 5; A. Brennan, 5; W. White, 1; M. Peron, 2; A. Donovan, 3; Michael Connors, 1.50; John Connors, 50c; Jas. O'Dea, 25c; Michael Murphy, 1; M. Phelan, 50c; John White, 2. Mr. J. Donnelly's name was omitted from the published list of collectors through inadvertence.

A PROVINCIAL LOTTERY.

Efforts are being made by Rev. Fathers Labelle and Lacasse to organize an extensive lottery of a provincial character, for the purpose of furthering the interests of colonization. An offer to this effect has been made to the Government, and it is proposed to have two annual drawings of \$500,000.

It appears that the conditions offered the Government are that it should take the lottery under its patronage and receive a revenue therefrom of ten per cent., which could be used to defray the expenses of the charitable institutions of the Province, the remainder of the profits to be expended for colonization purposes. Mr. O'Connell, in conversation with a *Gazette* reporter, said "That the Government favored the project and although he was aware certain parties did not look favorably upon lotteries, still he was convinced that when the object was charity and colonization—he was certain that the Government's proposed action would be endorsed. From enquiries he had made from various bankers he learnt that from \$45,000 to \$50,000 left the Province annually for lotteries in the United States and elsewhere. The Government had the offer under their consideration, and looked upon it favorably, as it partook of a charitable and national character."

ST. GABRIEL'S T. A. & B. SOCIETY.

On New Year's Day the annual general meeting of the above Society was held in their hall, St. Gabriel Academy, for the election of officers, the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, and general business of the Society.

This Society is to be congratulated on the fair progress which it has attained in the past year, and the very perceptible temperance influence which its organization are bringing to bear in its immediate neighborhood. The Treasurer gave his financial statement for the past year, which was most satisfactory. The Secretary also reported a fair increase in membership.

The following are the officers elected for the year 1882:—President and Rev. Director,

Rev. J. J. Salmon; 1st Vice-President, John O'Neill; 2nd Vice-President, John Cogan; Secretary, P. H. Herbert, re-elected; Treasurer, Peter Doyle, re-elected; Librarian, Thomas Doyle; Grand Marshal, Edward Kelly, re-elected; Assistant Marshals, Thomas Harrington, John Bolster. The following compose the Executive Committee:—Messrs. James Harrington, William Murphy, Jeremiah McCarthy, Michael Hennessy, Hugh McGreevey, Timothy Sullivan, James McCarthy, Thomas Clark, James Burns, Edward Myles, John Lyons, Charles McCauley.

In connection with the above the Society wishes to announce to its friends, and the many friends of temperance, that their annual religious celebration will take place in St. Gabriel's Church on Friday night, 6th instant, at half-past seven, and invite all who can conveniently attend.

MONTREAL BRANCH OF THE LADIES LAND LEAGUE.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT AND LARGE ATTENDANCE. Last Thursday evening the members of the Montreal Branch of the Ladies Land League gave a concert in the Weber Hall, No. 228 St. James street. Long before the hour appointed for the opening of the entertainment (8 o'clock), the hall was crowded and every available seat occupied. There were on the platform besides the lady-President, Miss McDonnell, Messrs. J. C. Fleming and F. A. Quinn, and Mrs. J. B. Lane, the Secretary.

Miss McDonnell opened the programme by speaking a few words thanking those present for the numerous attendance and explaining the objects of the League and the present concert. Miss McDonnell then introduced Mr. J. C. Fleming, who proceeded to address the audience.

Mr. Fleming gave a brief review of the present state of affairs in Ireland. He hoped the crisis would pass over and leave the Island free to carve out its own destinies. If this came to pass—and Irishmen on this side should try and make it to pass—then would we be relieved of great cares and obstacles which at present lie in our path through life. The speaker also alluded in feeling terms to the death of Mrs. Patterson (Annie O'Brien Davis), the founder of the Montreal Branch of the Ladies Land League. At the conclusion of the address Mr. McGulick stepped on the platform and treated the audience to a song delivered in good style. Miss Brady followed with "The Little ones are Waiting." The next on the programme was a recitation by Miss E. Hayes, which did not fail to delight the listeners. M. J. McDonnell was received with great cheering on his appearance. He sang a favorite song with feeling and was encored again and again. Two little girls, the Misses C. Lane and B. Hayes, then spoke an amusing dialogue, which purported to be between two Irish ladies, one of whom rather looked down upon the Ladies' League as not being sufficiently high-toned for her, and the other defending it and giving her companion a piece of her mind in regard to what she thought of those women who were ashamed to stand by their convictions. The little ones were so naive and spoke so well that they could not but obtain the favor of the audience.

Mr. F. A. QUINN was then called forward by the President, Miss McDonnell, to deliver an address. He said that when he had been requested to deliver an address at the concert by the ladies of the Montreal branch of the Ladies' Land League he could not refuse, as he thought it the duty of every Irishman to do everything in his power to help the association which has done so much for Ireland and which was initiated by the mother and gifted sister of Charles Stewart Parnell. The work done by the Ladies' Land League is deserving of the best assistance from all and every one. "It is only lately," he continued, "that we, people of America, have been learning what cruelty and agony the Irish tenants have been suffering from the landlords. To find the truth America has sent across some of her most celebrated writers. You have all read the letters of Nora (Mrs. McDougall) [cheers], and from across the line those of John Redpath and John Locke. In assisting the Ladies' Land League to put an end to the wretchedness, which is the disgrace not only of our race but of our oppressors, is the duty of every right feeling Irishman and woman. The Irish tenant had no defence until their cause was espoused by John Dillon, Davitt and Parnell. The League came forward and said "pay no rent until certain contingencies arise and we will support you," and when eviction could not be prevented the Ladies' Land League then helped the poor tenant, and following the rule of womanly charity saved him and his family from starving. Again, when the suspects, the real leaders of the Irish people, were placed in Kilmainham the L. L. saw to their comfort and health. The Chicago Convention of the Irish race has declared that Ireland shall have justice. It was the voice of 10,000,000 of the Irish people given with one accord. Such resolutions as this have kindled the fire of patriotism in our hearts, and we can say with the poet that "the spirit of a nation never die."

Mr. Quinn's address concluded the programme was proceeded with, being wound up by the singing of the national anthem of "God Save Ireland."

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION.

The retirement of John Lynch, Esq., from the Presidential chair of the St. Gabriel T. A. & B. Society, which he worthily occupied for many years, was the occasion of his brother members presenting him, at their last special meeting, with a well-merited memento of their appreciation of his past services, together with an address, accompanied with a beautiful silver tea-set of five pieces, with silver tray to match.

Mr. Lynch, in replying to the address, which he did under disadvantages, having no intimation whatever of what was required of him, replied with much feeling, thanking the members of the society, one and all, for the address presented as he would cherish the sentiments therein expressed with life-long remembrance, and value the expressions it contained more value than the piece of plate of which he was the recipient, although very valuable in itself. He fervently advocated a continuous attachment to the principles of temperance, and concluded a very happy reply by acknowledging the very able assistance he always on all occasions had from the officers and members of the Society.

Rev. Father Salmon, Director of the Society, in making the presentation congratulated the St. Gabriel Temperance Society on its continued progress. He was proud to see that his people appreciated true merit, and were always prepared to reward services rendered with a heartiness which left no doubt of their sincerity. He strongly advocated continued friendship between priest and people, as the true source of a society's success invariably depended on the close connection which should always exist between pastor and people.

Father Salmon warmly endorsed the action of the Society in the kind manner in which

they remembered the services of their ex-President, and eulogized Mr. Lynch on the consistent career which he pursued during his official connection with the St. Gabriel T. A. & B. Society.

The Rev. Director concluded with a practical discourse on temperance, and enumerated the benefits to be derived by those who constantly adhered to its principles.

The following is the address which accompanied the testimonial:—

Address presented to JOHN LYNCH, Esq., President of the St. Gabriel Total Abstinence and Benefit Society:—

DEAR SIR:—Of the many festive occasions which present themselves during the year for our union and enjoyment, none seems more appropriate than the commencement of the new year for the kindly greeting of mutual friends.

Availing ourselves, therefore, of the present season of joy and social pleasure, your friends and fellow-members of the St. Gabriel Temperance Society are assembled to do you honor, and show their appreciation of your efforts in the great cause of temperance.

For many years you have identified yourself with the interests of the temperance question, but more especially in the capacity of President of our society, have you distinguished yourself as its champion, and placed yourself in its foremost ranks of the many thousands throughout the land banded together to combat that baneful vice which ruins so many noble characters, and brings misery and wretchedness to the unfortunate victims who place themselves in its power.

Your retirement from the presidential chair of our society, affords us a fitting opportunity of giving you testimony of the confidence we have always had in your executive ability in managing the affairs of our organization, and of the great satisfaction it is to us to see the prominent position our society has held under your administration in connection with the other Catholic societies of Montreal. We can assure you, dear sir, that we are fully aware that the important services you have rendered us must have caused you frequently to inconvenience yourself to a considerable extent, and to make many sacrifices which have their reward, in some measure, in consciousness of the great blessings the propagation of the principles you advocate brings down on our community.

With sentiments of gratitude, therefore, sir, we ask you to accept the accompanying gift as a token of our respect and well wishes. We hope that the new year will be for you and your estimable lady a successful and happy one, and that the members of the St. Gabriel Temperance Society, remembering the example of fidelity to duty you have set, and following the wise counsels you have given them, as chief officer of their association, will continue true to the great cause in which they are engaged and which is so worthy of their noblest efforts.

Signed on behalf of the Society by
JOHN O'NEILL,
JOHN COGAN,
PETER DOYLE,
THOMAS CLARK,
JOHN EYAN,
P. H. HERBERT.

STATISTICS FOR 1881.

The following are the returns of the Montreal office of the Inland Revenue Department (Excise Branch) for the year 1881:—
Spirits.....\$37,140 53
Tobacco (including cigars).....423,948 67
Malting (including malt).....61,369 75
Miscellaneous (including Vinegar, License Tax, etc.).....24,973 78
Making the total of receipts for 1881 \$1,351,219 39
as compared with \$1,249,074 for 1880, or an excess of \$102,145 65.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. The receipts at the office of the Montreal Division of Weights and Measures for the year ending 31st December, 1881, amounted to \$6,144, compared with \$5,250 for 1880, making an increase of \$894 over the receipts of 1880. This is the largest amount collected at one office of the Weights and Measures Department in the Dominion.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. The number of marriage licenses issued by the Montreal Commissioners for 1881 amounts to about 400, a perceptible increase over those issued in 1880. The returns in this department are made to the Provincial Treasurer.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

St. HYACINTHE, Que., Jan. 9.—The nominated councillors are Brosseau, Bernard, Ducloux, Payan, Lamoureux, Morin, Arbour, Barbeau, Mayor L. Cote.

FARNHAM, Que., Jan. 9.—E. Donahue was re-elected Mayor by acclamation; also Councillors Giroux, Wilson and Oumette.

VALENCE, Jan. 9.—L. H. Masse, M. P., and E. N. Duchesnois, M. D., were elected Councillors for this village by motion of Mr. Louis Brodeur, seconded by J. Bte. Malegort and Azarie Payette. Councillors for the parish:—Louis Girard, re-elected, and Damase Jodoin, proposed by Joseph Langevin and Alme Senecal, seconded by Charles Langlois.

LAPRAIRIE, Que., Jan. 9.—Lt.-Col. Brosseau and Capt. M. Demers, were elected without opposition.

RICHMOND, Que., Jan. 9.—In Richmond Village, Thomas Hart and John Murphy, were re-elected by acclamation. Township of Cleveland, Thomas Wilson and Leon Deceles, were elected by acclamation.

SCIENTIFIC FARMING.

The sugar beet business, so far, has proven a great success. The sugar extracted from the beets is abundant and of good quality. The only difficulty connected with the business is that of securing a sufficient quantity of beets from the farmers. Want of knowledge and want of skill on their part has resulted in crops, which although equally productive as ordinary crops, have failed to satisfy their expectations. It is in consequence difficult to persuade them to cultivate a sufficient amount and so to supply all the requirements of the factories, so that the managers of the latter have not been able to work their machinery full time, and they fear that next year they will not have enough of beets to secure to their factories the certainty of being employed during the whole season. A number of gentlemen have associated themselves together to supply these wants. They intend to rent a number of farms on the St. Lawrence and Richelieu Rivers for a period of six years. They calculate to rent six thousand acres, which they intend to farm according to the system of rotation adopted in France and throughout Europe, by which they will secure three crops of beets and one of grain, with two of grass, in the space of six years. They calculate that they will give constant employment during the summer months to about four or six hundred persons of both sexes and of various ages in this cultivation. After the summer season the men thus employed will find work in the factories, thus procuring to themselves a full year's employment. The enterprise is likely to have a double success, as a financial institution and as a teaching incorporation. Our farmers will learn from the workings of this concern how to cultivate the beets, mature their farms, and to extract from the soil every year most abundant crops without exhausting it, owing to the judicious use of fertilizers.

THE SECRET SERVICE.

The Secret Service Spy to be Exposed if he Exists.—The Investigating Committee to go to New York.—The Discussion at Last Night's Meeting.

The adjourned meeting of the Presidents of Irish national societies and the St. Patrick's Society, was called to order at about nine o'clock on Monday night, by Mr. J. D. Quinn, the Chairman.

There was but a slim attendance, and the absence of some of the Presidents who had attended the first meeting was noticeable. With a few exceptions the meeting was, properly speaking, a meeting of a certain portion of the St. Patrick's Society. The first business of the meeting was to receive the report of the Committee of Investigation appointed to wait upon the Manager and Editor of *The Post*, and obtain from them the necessary information regarding the source of the obnoxious article.

Mr. M. J. F. QUINN, as representing the investigation committee, said the committee had only a partial report to make. The committee had called upon the managing director and editor of *The Post* and were informed by him that the article had been taken from the *Freeman's Journal* and the *Springfield Republican*, of Springfield, Mass., both published in the United States. *The Post* had furnished the committee with copies of the papers containing the articles in question. These were communicated with both the editor of the *Freeman's Journal* and the editor of the *Springfield Republican*, asking for information regarding the source of the article which appeared in their journals.

As yet he had received no answer from those papers. The committee found, however, that the article was taken from a paper called the *Hour*, which they had every reason to believe was published in New York. The committee deemed it advisable to report so far to this meeting, and state that they considered it necessary to communicate either personally or by letter with the editor of the *Hour* newspaper for the purpose of ascertaining how they came by the information. They had also been furnished with the names of several persons who it was said would be able to supply the committee with some information on the matter, and the committee suggested that it would be advisable for the meeting to authorize them to interview those parties for the purpose of discovering what information they possessed upon this subject.

The committee did not wish to take upon themselves the responsibility of interviewing these parties without first consulting the body which authorized them to make the investigation. The committee had also proposed to *The Post* Publishing Company that they should publish the name of any individual that this article referred to on the condition that they would be guaranteed against any litigation. This *The Post* had agreed to, and had promised to assist the committee by every means in their power in trying to find out both the source and truth of the articles which had been published.

As it was considered advisable, Mr. Quinn afterwards rendered his report in writing, annexing the copies of the letters passing between the committee and *The Post*, as follows:—

JOHN P. WHELAN, Esq., Managing Director
The Post Printing & Publishing Company.

Sir,—We have been appointed a committee to investigate the charges contained in an article in your paper of the 23rd of December and copied from *The Freeman's Journal*, New York. In order to arrive at the truth in this matter, we beg to make the following proposition:—

In the interest of the Irish community will you give the names of the person to whom this article applies, if protected against damages?

An immediate answer will oblige.
Yours truly,
R. MCNAMEE,
DENIS DOODY,
M. J. F. QUINN.

To RICHARD MCNAMEE, Esq., DENIS DOODY, Esq., and M. J. F. QUINN, Esq., Committee appointed to investigate charges said to be contained in an article in *The Post* of the 23rd of December last, copied from the *Freeman's Journal*, New York:—

GENTLEMEN,—We have received your communication of this date. In reply we beg to say. We neither inspired the article to which you refer, nor had we any connection with its publication in any shape or form. Once published and our attention called to its publication, we felt that it could not be ignored, that it was our duty to place before the Irish Catholic community of Montreal statements of so grave a nature, and which were being widely circulated in the neighboring Republic. We, therefore, reproduced the article in good faith, as one well deserving of publicity.

The subject is one in which, as Irishmen, we feel interested, and it is needless to say, that in the interest of the Irish community, we have made, at all times, an actual making, every possible endeavor to ascertain the person or persons to whom the article in question, if well founded, applies. As soon as we shall have so ascertained such person or persons, we will not hesitate to act as our duty shall dictate, with or without guarantees.

With regard to your proposition, we beg to state that upon receipt of guarantees to our satisfaction we will be ready to further, by every means in our power, the endeavors of your committee to arrive at the truth and assist them in making a thorough investigation, and with that end in view to give the name or names of the person or persons, who, as the result of the enquiries of your committee and ourselves, we will believe to be the person or persons to whom the article applies.

Yours very truly,
J. P. WHELAN,
Managing Director,
Post P. & P. Co.
Montreal, 7th January, 1882.

Mr. MCNAMEE opened the discussion by saying that he thought the committee so far had done their work well; and, consequently, he thought they should be continued in office in order that the thing would be probed to the bottom. He would move, seconded by Mr. B. Emerson, that the committee appointed at last meeting be continued in office and be authorized to interview any persons whose names might be submitted to them, and take any other steps which they might deem necessary to discover the origin and truth of the article referred to, and if necessary to send some one to New York.

Mr. J. P. WHELAN asked if Mr. MCNAMEE's motion could not be amended. He thought that two heads were better than one, and that two persons ought to be sent on so important an undertaking. As regarded the source of the article which appeared in the *Springfield Republican*, re-produced in *The Post*, he had a letter in his pocket from the editor of the *Republican* which would ex-

plain. The Secretary then read the following:—

THE REPUBLICAN.

[Established in 1824 by SAMUEL BOWLES.]

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 6, 1882.

JOHN C. FLEMING, Esq.,
Editor Post and True Witness.

Dear Sir:—We mailed you, yesterday, six copies of our issue of Nov. 8, containing the paragraph to which you refer in your favor of the 3rd inst.

The paragraph was written by one of our staff and was based on some article that appeared in the *New York Hour*, though the writer made use of knowledge of his own about the practices of the Russian Government.

Yours truly,
SAMUEL BOWLES.

For The Republican.

Mr. WHELAN, continuing, said he considered that the *Hour* newspaper could not very well refuse the name of the writer and the source from which they obtained the information which prompted the article. If a little tact and energy was used it would be a matter of no difficulty to ascertain whether the information had been received from Canada, or whether the writer was at present, or at any time, a resident of Montreal, or of any place in the Dominion. If the proprietors refused the information required an action could be instituted against them. The great difficulty in this particular, however, would be as to how to take the action, and in whose name. He thought that the party to whom public opinion pointed should not hesitate to vindicate himself, or at least that the Parent Society, as the custodian of the honor of the Irish community in Montreal, should take upon itself the responsibility. He was of opinion that no expense should be spared; this was a matter of honor and not of dollars and cents. In concluding, he repeated his amendment that two persons should be sent instead of one.

The CHAIRMAN asked where the funds were to come from to pay the expenses of the proposed delegates. He also wished to know what name the present meeting could be called by.

Mr. DONOHUE said that in the letter to the *Springfield Republican* it was stated that the committee had been appointed by the St. Patrick's Society. This he considered incorrect, as the meeting of the St. Patrick's Society adjourned before the meeting which appointed the committee.

Mr. M. J. F. QUINN justified his action in writing under the name of the St. Patrick's Society, by saying that he knew no better name to give his authorization.

The CHAIRMAN said that this discussion was foreign to the business they had in hand.

Mr. DOODY did not see the use of sending two delegates to New York, as it would only incur extra expense.

Mr. WHELAN considered that expense should be the last thing thought of when the honor of Montreal Irishmen was assailed. He did not believe there was a man in the hall who would not subscribe if called upon. He was ready at any time with his share.

The CHAIRMAN, in answer to a question concerning the Presidents of the societies and their authority to act, said that they were there merely as individuals and not representing any body or association.

Mr. D. LYONS resumed the discussion on sending delegates to New York to investigate.

He was in favor of sending one on account of the expense.

Mr. WHELAN said that with all respect to the last speaker, expense was the last consideration.

Mr. MCNAMEE said that as he knew the meeting had the fullest confidence in the ability and integrity of the committee appointed at last meeting, he thought that they should be given power to act as they pleased in the matter. He considered that the meeting ought to allow them to arrange amongst themselves as to what was the best means to be taken to carry out the object they had in view.

Mr. MCNAMEE then made a motion to this effect.

Mr. BERGIN thought that the societies had taken a right step in investigating. For his own part he did not believe that there was an informer in Montreal. However, "he who excuses himself accuses himself." He thought they could get trusted men in New York to do the business without sending men from Montreal.

Mr. WHELAN said that the *Hour* newspaper, which he had first thought was published in London, he afterwards ascertained was issued in New York. It was a high-toned journal and was extensively clipped from, being regarded as an authority in some matters. He thought there should not be the slightest hesitation on account of expense.

Mr. M. J. F. QUINN explained that he did not write to the *Hour* newspaper direct because he thought he might injure the object he had in view. The question now to decide was whether they had better communicate with this paper by letter or in person.

Mr. MCNAMEE said nothing could be plainer than that they had unlimited confidence in the committee already appointed, and he thought they might be allowed to settle the matter. He then desired the Chairman to put the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. WHELAN then asked whether the committee would receive the co-operation of *The Post* in their investigation.

The words had scarcely issued from Mr. WHELAN's lips before Mr. MCNAMEE was on his feet and cried out, excitedly, "No, this will not receive any co-operation from *The Post*."

Mr. WHELAN again attempted to speak but he was interrupted by Mr. MCNAMEE, who asked for adjournment, got up put on his overcoat, and made as much noise as possible with his feet and chair.

The Chairman, however, called for order and allowed Mr. WHELAN to speak.

Mr. WHELAN then said that he wished it distinctly understood whether the committee desired *The Post's* co-operation or not, as no matter what course they adopted, *The Post* was determined, regardless of expense, to have a thorough and searching investigation into the matter if there was such a person, or persons, amongst the Irishmen of Montreal who had exposed, and thus have the rumors which have been scattered broadcast for the last fifteen or sixteen years settled once and forever. He added that so soon as *The Post* was in possession of sufficient proofs to satisfy even the most sceptical they would then name the party or parties to whom they considered the article applied.

The meeting then adjourned, to meet again at the call of the committee.

The engineer's estimates for the improvements of New York harbors, rivers and inlets, submitted to the House Committee on Commerce include the following:—Charlotte harbor, Lake Ontario, \$8,000; Dunkirk harbor, Lake Erie, \$21,000; Great Soda Bay, Lake Ontario, \$40,000; Oak Orchard harbor, Lake Ontario, \$40,000; Oswego harbor, \$100,000. The entire estimates amount to thirty or more millions of dollars.

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION.

The following address, accompanied by a beautiful writing desk, completely furnished, & presented by the pupils of the Union School, Section No. 6, Rolph, to Mr. John P. Howard, of Pembroke, on his return from that section:

To MR. JOHN P. HOWARD:

Dear Teacher,—We are reminded by the closing of our school to-day that another cycle of time has measured its length upon our lives, and that pupils and teachers are about to part.

We feel it to be a solemn moment. We cannot help recalling the fact that during the many months of our co-existence in this relationship we have always felt that you were not only our tutor but our friend—that your interest in us ceased not with the mere discharge of the arduous duties and responsibilities of the school-room, but that, whilst ever faithful and assiduous in their fulfilment, you failed not to remind us that we were under great obligations to God and our parents, and to counsel us to fear, to honor and to obey them.

Our intercourse has been of such character that we shall ever feel ourselves under a great debt of gratitude for the advancement we have been enabled to make under your skillful teaching. In a more tangible manner we desire to testify of this, and we therefore beg of you to accept this writing desk, which we now present to you. May it constantly serve to bring to your recollection those whom you are now to leave behind you for another sphere of labor, and to realize that our prayers do now and shall continually ascend to the Great Giver of all Good, that he may bestow upon you all needful blessings, and spare you to a long and useful career.

Signed by us pupils in Union School House, Section No. 6, Rolph, the 23rd day of December, 1881.

MARTIN BAISLEY,
JEREMIAH SHAW,
FRANCIS SMITH,
PAT. RYAN,
JES. TARIO,
M. MCCARTHY,
MARY BAISLEY,
ANNIE MCCARTHY,
MARY HAWLEY.

Mr. Howard made the following reply:—

Dear Pupils—I thank you with all my heart for your flattering address and your beautiful present. I assure you that it is indeed gratifying to me to know that my humble efforts to advance your educational interests have been fully appreciated; and while I think you have much over-estimated the labors which I have performed whilst teacher of your school, I think I can truly say that I endeavored conscientiously to discharge my duty towards those committed to my charge. I recall now with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret the many happy days I have spent as teacher of this school, and I feel, in leaving you, that I am parting from those who have been to me not only obedient pupils, but also warm friends. Should we meet again, when you have grown to manhood and womanhood, I shall expect to find fully