Report of the Officers of the Benevolent Irish Society.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 17, 1921.

Your officers desire to extend their congratulations to the Society on the attainment of its One Hundred and Fifteenth Anniversary, and to submit a resume of the doings for the year which is being closed to-night.

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations 1926.

Assembling in accordance with the time honoured custom on the morning of St. Patrick's Day, the members proceeded from the Hall to St. Patrick's Church, accompanied by the bands of the Church Lads Brigade and the Catholic Cadet Corps, and attended High Mass. The panegyric on the Saint of the day was preached by the Rev. Father Connor, one of the visiting Mission Priests, and, as was anticipated, was a most eloquent and fervid discourse. After Mass the members called at the Deanery, where in the unavoidable absence through illness of our respected Patron, His Grace the Archbishop, Right Rev. Monsignor McDermott received the body. The President tendered in fitting terms the best wishes of the Society to His Grace and the clergy, and a very happy and much appreciated address in reply was made by the learned Monsignor whose congratulatory remarks were supported by the Rector of St. Patrick's, Rev. Fr. Renouf, whose elevation, since to the Bishopric of St. George's, has been a matter of pleasure to all. From the Deanery the Society proceeded to Government House, where, in response to the respects tendered by the President to the King's representative. His Excellancy was pleased to make an unusually interesting reply, in which he paid full tribute to the sentiments which made the day so dear to all of the Irish race. He spoke very highly of the splendid work being done by the Christian Brothers in the St. Patrick's Hall Schools, and most flatteringly referred to the Society's connection therewith. On the return to the hall the President announced the usual exchange of telegraphic compliments with sister Societies in Halifax and Boston. In the afternoon and night the Society's dramatic troups presented a very fine Irish drama. On both occasions the theatre was filled to its utmost capacity, so that the financial results were highly gratifying. More pleasing, however, was the fact that the performance was of such a character as reflected highly to the credit of all concerned. The theatrical side of our St. Patrick's Day celebration has now become an established feature, and the ladies and gentlemen who annually give their time and talents in this direction have the satisfaction of realizing that, apart from the financial benefit their efforts mean to the Society, they are keeping alive a spirit of national sentiment in line with the very best ideals of the Society.

Memorial Day.

On Sunday, July 4th, the day set apart for honouring the memory of the gallant lads who laid down their lives in the Great War, your officers attended the Memorial Service in the Cathedral, and were present later at Bannerman Park at the impressive ceremonial in which public tribute was paid to the heroic example of patriotism and self-sacrifice set by so many young Newfoundlanders. A suitable floral tribute from this Society was laid on the Shrine, which, in common with similar tokens from our various sister organizations of the city, formed a joint and wholesouled mark of respect to the dead heroes, amongst whom this Society had a large proportion.

Necrological List.

We regret to have to report the removal from our roll by death during the year of nine members, namely, Captain William Pumphrey, Richard J. Devereaux, Joseph Carroll, John L. Slattery, Dr. J. Clarence McDonald, Daniel J. Clatney, John Ryan, Michael A. Duffy and James DeLacey. It will be recognized that this list indicates the loss of some of our most respected and earnest members. Two of them, Messrs. Slattery and Ryan, were for years officers of the Society, the first mentioned being an Honorary Vice-President, and by their passing the city lost two valued and trusted officials, and this institution men who had ever earnestly and intelligently contributed to its welfare. In all cases your officers attended as a Guard of Honour at the funeral. It was also our privelege to be present at the Cathedral on December 28th, in common with the officers of other Societies, on the occasion of the Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. Monsignor Reardon, and subsequently to attend his funeral.

Progress of Society.

Turning now to the other side of the year's work, we are pleased to be able to congratulate the Society upon a record in the matter of new members. One hundred and sixty-five applicants were added to our roll during the year. This is a figure which far exceeds that for my similar period in the Society's history, and it is most encouraging indeed to feel that the advancing years do not lean heavily upon the organization, but rather seem to have the effect of making us all the more realize the obligation upon us to "carry on." In this connection it is especially gratifying to observe that the great majority of our new members are ex-pupils of the schools overhead, who thus in a most practical manner give expression to their appreciation of the benefits derived from the training by the Christian Brothers and at the same time make it certain that the Society will be kept in a position to continue the work which now constitutes its entire purpose. In the various departments of the Society's activities the year has been one of unusual success. By reference to the Treasurer's statement it will be observed that our financial position is most gratifying, and that we close our year of office with a reduction in our standing indebtedness, which is now at a figure that in proportion to the value of our property is but a nominal one.

The Work of the L. and A. Committee.

To the Literary and Amusement Committee must be attributed a great measure of this financial success. Seldom, if ever, has there been a group of members who so assidiously applied themselves to the duties assigned to them than did those whom you elected from the past year's committee. As a result of their efforts many marked improvements have been made in the Club Rooms tending towards the greater comfort and convenience of the members generally, and at the same time the Committee has been enabled to contribute a substantial sum to the funds of the Society. This has been made possible mainly by the work of the dramatic section of the Committee. The past year, in addition to the St. Patrick's Day performance already referred to, witnessed a revival of "The Old Homestead" a play which on two former occasions has contributed much to our finances. Its recent reproduction by the Society's troups was undoubtedly the most successful yet. For six different performances the Casino Theatre was filled to its utmost capacity; visible evidence of public appreciation of a cleverly rendered production. Where so many contributed to the general success, it would be almost impossible to individualize, but we feel we may be permitted to especially compliment Mr. P. F. Moore, the leader of our players for so many years, and Mr. W. B. Comerford, the Chairman of the Dramatic Committee, who so capably filled the role which was the central figure of the play. It is our pleasure again to bear tribute to the kind assistance so generously given by those who were not members of the Society, and particularly to the ladies and gentlemen who have so befriended us in years past, and to whom we are again indebted in connection with the recent performance. We also desire to express our appreciation of the great curtesy displayed by the Knights of Columbus in waiving their right to the theatre for one evening in order that our players might be able to give their final performance.

Formation of Ladies' Auxiliary.

During the year the Committee brought into existence a new element of assistance in the form of a Ladies' Auxiliary. Although in being only a couple of months, this new department has proved an extraordinary success. It was created originally for the purpose of making the rooms more attractive by way f social entertainments, but the Auxiliary has gone further and added considerably to our funds, as well as provided much in the way of equipment that will be of valuo in the rooms for years to come. This splendid result has been largely brought about by the very fine spirit of co-operation which exists amongst our lady friends. We are fortunate in the sense that they are without exception, loyal and earnest workers and, whilst thanking them for their splendid work thus far, we confidently look forward to receiving much assistance from them in the future. The Literary and Amusement Committee also revived the annual outing during the past year and the day which was spent at Donavan's was most successful. The attendance was large and the resurrection of this annual gathering of our friends was much appreciated. The usual billiard dinner was also held and was in line with the successful efforts in that direction for some years. We are glad to be able to report that our Society's Athletic representatives in baseball and football were again in evidence during the past season and that the football team carried off the League championship. Their victory was admittedly a well deserved one, and the Society very properly marked its appreciation of the same by a banquet given to the team and the representatives of the opposing clubs of the League.

Record of the Schools.

The School Committee have our thanks for the manner in which they have looked after their departments for the year. Because of the difficulties as regards the coal situation special arrangements were necessary re storage and in this respect the committee very capably looked after the interests of the society. The Industrial Department of the Committee's operations gave the usual amount of employment during the year. The reports received each quarter from the Christain Brothers as to the work being done in the schools need very little comment from us. The same excellent standard is still maintained and indeed we feel that in recent years the schools have been surpassing their already well established record. This is particularly so as regards the musical side of the boys' training. The production by them during the year of the operas "Dorothy" and "Mikado" formed, we feel safe in saying, a standard which it would be difficult for any school to imitate. The entire city was loud in its praise of the creditable rendition of these two performances, and the fact that each attracted crowded audiences for two weeks bears testimony to the general appreciation of the clever work of the boy performers. The Brothers, of course, require no words of praise from us, but we think that they will appreciate the fact, that, constituted as it now is, mainly of their ex-pupils, the Society takes a pardonable pride in every new success attained by the pupils who attend our schools.

The Vice Patron.

We have to congratulate the Society upon again having a Vice Patron in the person of the Honourable J. D. Ryan. This is an office which has been filled on only a couple of occasions in the Society's long history, and we think it a most fitting tribute to again bring it into being as a compliment to a gentleman, who for twenty-five years presided over the destinies of the Society so wisely and well. We trust he will be spared many years to enjoy this mark of distinction, and that we shall have the privelege of his kindly presence in our rooms, and the benefit when required of his wide experience and deep interest in all that concerns the welfare of the Society.

In closing our year of office we have to express our thanks for the very generous co-operation of the members generally at all times. With the large increase of membership which has taken place we feel that we can confidently ask for our successors in office an even greater spirit of support, so that the good name of this Society in the community will be still maintained, and the work and aims of the body be continued with unabated vigor.

Respectfully submitted.
W. J. HIGGINS, President.
ALAN DOYLE, Secretary.
St. Patrick's Hall, Feb. 17, 1920.

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CODFISH. — The shipments this week cleared from Nfld., for foreign markets were all from St. John's, viz.: 3,830 by schooner "Start" for Lisbonfrom G. J. Carter & Co., and 3,594 quintals by the S.S. "Rosalind" for New York for transhipment to West Indies from A. E. Hickman & Co., Morue Francaises, Bowring Bros., Francis Dominguez, A. Goodridge & Sons, Job Bros & Co., James Baird, Ltd., Baine Johnston & Co., G. M. Barr, A. H. Murray, Smith, Shipman & Co., and Harvey & Co.

COD OIL.—The shipments of Cod Oil from St. John's this week were very large, viz.:—69,632 gallons in bulk from Job Bros. in the schooner "Alembic" 4,279 gallons cod oil in casks; total 73,911 and 36,336 gallons to New York by the S.S. Rosalind from A. Ebsary and Job Bros., grand total 100,247 gallons. All this will be sold in New York, where the demand seems to be improving, but the price realized is necessarily much below profitable realization in view of the high prices paid for this product last Fall.

COD LIVER OIL.—There were no shipments this week. The price is still at a very low point in New York, practically back to pre-war rates. The future prices till next July depend on the Norwegian output. The limited quantity held in Newfoundland is of excellent quality and holders are in no hurry to let go as the present ruling offers are not sufficiently attractive and to accept them would mean big losses. Spring scarcity is counted on to enhance the price.

PORK.—The trade in pork in the local market was dull this week, the same conditions affecting pork as apply to the beef market. The outfitting of the sealing steamers in a few days will create some activity, but as the number of ships is only eight and the crews have been reduced one-third, the smallest quantity on record for this voyage will be taken. The local quotations are: Mess, $35; Short Cut and Fat Back, $43; Ham Butt $49; and Morris Family $43 per barrel.

BEEF.—The market is unchanged and trade has rarely been so inactive. Locally, of course, it is in consequence of the unusual weather conditions. A revival of trade is now looked for when sealing preparations begin. The St. John's market quotations are as follows: Bos. Flank Medium, $36; Morris Family, $35; New York Boneless, $32. The imports this month are very slack, but the small arrivals that have come in are sufficient to meet all requirements.

FLOUR.—During the week Wheat advanced 10 cents a bushel in the option markets of the United States, and 14 cents for cash. The exports from America amounted to 229 million bushels up to February 1st, and continue steadily at the rate of eight million bushels per week. It is expected that there will be at this rate a shortage before the new crop is available. The growing Winter crop is not so promisng as usual. In the St. John's market leading brands are still $14, and under grades $13.50.

SUGAR.—Raws were quite strong this week in New York and showed an advance of 1½ cents per pound from the lowest point. American White Granulated under the F.C.B. control is still 23½ cents per pound wholesale and 25 cents retail. The S.S. Rosalind last week brought in 1,250 barrels of controlled sugar, which together with what was already in stock, will sell at these prices till June.

POTATOES. — Owing to holders not being able to move home grown this week there is a good demand for imported potatoes, chiefly P.E.I.'s, which are selling at $5.50 a barrel, or sack of 180 lbs. Home-grown are still quoted at $4.20 for picked potatoes of guaranteed quality and $3.50 to $4.00 for the general run.

OATS.—There is nothing new to report of the local oats market and there is an ample supply in the city. White oats are $4.50 per sack, Mixed $4.40, and Black $5.20. The price advanced a few points in Montreal this week, but dealers here say that it is merely a temporary fluctuation and that prices will hold about present levels all the Winter.

HAY.—No change in the market. There is a plentiful supply in selling at $57.00 per ton wholesale. There is a brisk demand for hay this week, as many who have hay stored in barns in the country and suburbs are unable to get it on account of snow banks.

Mr. W. T. Charlton of Waterville, P. Q. restored his frozen feet to health after doctors had advised him to have them amputated because mortification had set in. Use Egyptian Liniment also for Cuts, Burns, Scalds, Bruises, Chilblains, Sore Throat and Chest, Neuralgia, etc.

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Civic Commission.

The City Council held its regular weekly meeting on Thursday afternoon last. Mayor Gosling and Councillors Morris, Mullaly, Peet, Jackman and Vinnicombe were present.

Councillor Ayre notified the Board that he would be absent from the country for three or four weeks.

After the preliminary business of the meeting, the following matters were disposed of:

The Deputy Colonial Secretary stated that the Council's request for grant, in connection with clearing snow from the city streets, would be brought before the Executive Government.

A communication was read from Minister of Public Works Jennings, stating the Department was willing to pay half cost of installation and maintenance of boundary light, junction Blackmarsh Road and Pleasant Street.

Inspector General Hutchings forwarded report on condition of wooden hydrant at Dock, stating same required immediate attention.

Owing to the present condition of the city streets, through snow blockade, it was thought that it might be worth while to have a man from the Water Works Department attend the hydrants at time of fires. The Engineer is to take the matter up with the Inspector General.

The Trade Review Publishing Co.'s request to install gasoline motor was acceded to, subject to the Engineer's approval.

Regarding tenders for oats, it was decided to purchase 150 sacks from T. & M. Winter at the price quoted by them.

The City Engineer's report dealt principally with the recent snow storm, which has blocked the city streets, rendering them impassable.

The Health Officer's report showed four new cases of diphtheria.

After disposing of several routine matters, the meeting adjourned.

During the past week the Council held a special meeting, which was attended by representatives of the N. I.W.A., L.S.P. and T. P. Unions. The object of the meeting was to, if possible, arrive at some arrangement which would be satisfactory to the Unions, in connection with the labor employed in the removal of snow.

As a result of the recent heavy fall of snow, a great deal of money would have to be spent in making streets passable, for pedestrians and traffic generally. The Council, wishing to distribute the money as far as possible amongst the unemployed, thought that, under the circumstances, some arrangements could be made regarding the rate of wages paid for the work, and suggesting the sum of $2.50 per day for snow shovelling and $6.00 for cartage.

The Presidents of the Unions spoke on the matter, and while agreeing with the suggestion of the Council in seeking to distrbute the money to the best advantage, stated they were not in a position to accept any offer other than that of the recognized Union wage.

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