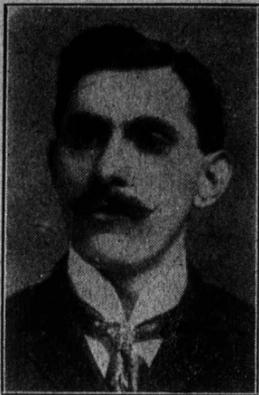


# Montreal Divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

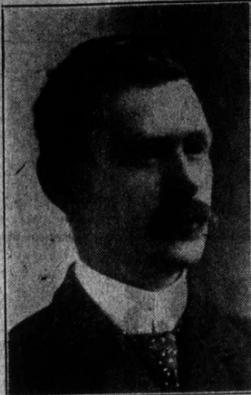
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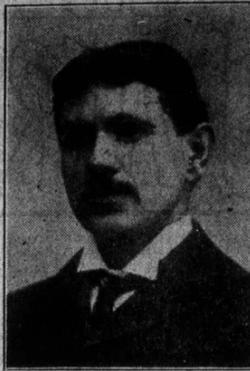
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President Div. No. 2.



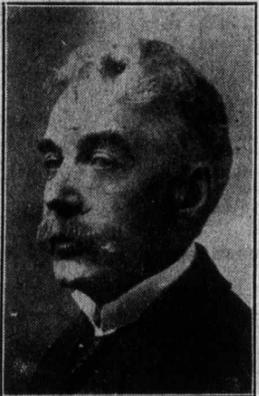
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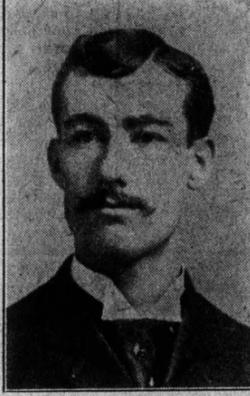
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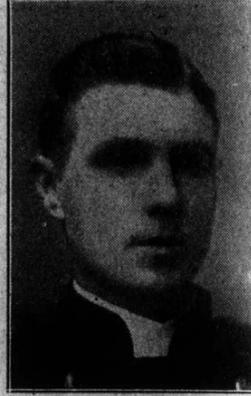
MR. W. H. TURNER,  
President Div. No. 6.



MR. P. FLANAGAN,  
President Div. No. 8.



MR. J. J. BARRY,  
President Div. NO. 10.



CAPTAIN P. DOYLE,  
Hibernian Knights.

During the past year the "True Witness" has in various issues presented its readers with brief outlines of the operations of the different Irish national organizations in this city, and taking another step in that direction, we now offer the following brief sketch of the foundation and progress of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the leading Irish National Association in this city and province.

During the latter part of the year 1892 a few enthusiastic Irishmen met together and after several preliminary meetings decided, that in order to keep alive the spirit of Irish nationality amongst our youth in this city, it would be advisable to establish a branch of that grand old Order of the Old Land, whose branches extend to every city, town or village, where there are to be found a band of men of Irish birth or descent, forming a gigantic brotherhood bound together by the ties of unity, friendship and Christian charity.

Mr. R. Keys, who took an active interest in the movement, put himself in communication with the then National Secretary Brother Slatery, who, at great inconvenience to himself, came to this city from Albany, and on Sunday, Nov. 22,

1892, organized Division No. 1 and at that meeting installed the following officers:—

Provincial President, R. Keys.  
County President, R. Kerrigan.  
President Division No. 1, Geo. Clarke.

Vice-President Division No. 1, J. J. Carroll.  
Recording Secretary, Thos. Tisdale.  
Financial Secretary, Jas. McIver.  
Treasurer, Patrick Scullion.

Shortly after the organization of Division No. 1, it became evident, owing to the great influx of members, it would be necessary to form divisions in the different parishes in the city. In 1903 Division No. 2 was formed in St. Gabriel's parish; Division No. 3 in St. Patrick's; Division No. 4 in St. Mary's; Division No. 5 in St. Anthony's; Division No. 6 in St. John Baptist; Division No. 7 in Point St. Charles; Division No. 8 in St. Patrick's; Division No. 9 in St. Patrick's; and Division No. 10 in St. Michael's. Four flourishing divisions of the Ladies' Auxiliary have also been organized whose members through their patriotic zeal have become a potential factor for the good of the national cause. Irish women have always rendered noble services, not alone in our societies, but in their true sphere, the home,

where they have inculcated lessons of Irish song and story in the minds of our children.

Early in 1896 it was decided to invite the Hibernian Knights of Portland, Maine, to visit this city as the guests of the County Board. The invitation was accepted and preparations were at once made to give the visitors a true Irish welcome. On St. Patrick's Day of that year, for the first time in the history of Montreal, a company of Irish American Hibernian Knights, in their gorgeous uniforms, under the command of Captain Regan and Lieutenant O'Neill, took part in the parade. Their splendid appearance and novel fancy drill movements, along the line of march, was greatly admired, and had the effect of arousing a spirit of emulation among the local members with the result that the redoubtable Brother Bernard Feeney lost no time in organizing Company No. 1 Hibernian Knights of Montreal, who have by their energy and pluck surmounted the many obstacles they had to contend with, and they stand to-day the pride of the organization in this province.

In 1898 the Order took the initiative in organizing the grand demonstration of the centenary of that glorious epoch in the history of our

people, and had the satisfaction of beholding a spirit of enthusiasm rarely equalled in Montreal. Although a century had elapsed the men were to be proud who feared not to speak of '98, nor blush at the name. That the Ancient Order of Hibernians believe in practical work is evidenced by the fact that they were hardly six months in existence in this city when they contributed \$300.00 out of their scanty funds towards the founding of a Gaelic Chair in the Catholic University of Washington. They have also taken a very active part towards the establishment of classes in this city for the study of the Irish language, and through their efforts the history of our Motherland is now being taught in the schools of the Christian Brothers. In order to encourage the work in those schools the Order donates gold and silver medals as prizes to stimulate the interest of the pupils. The success of their efforts in the past encourage the belief that much more can be accomplished as it is the fond ambition of every Hibernian to impress on the youth, that our national record glows with the product of noblest Celtic thought which commands the attention and wins the admiration of all lovers of scholarly attainments. In

order to inspire our youth with love and veneration for Ireland's martyred sons the members on the Sunday proceedings the anniversary of the death of the Manchester Martyrs, have solemn religious services at one of the parish churches, attending in a body headed by their bands and with draped regalia.

The great work of the Order in relieving the distressed members stand out as one of the strongest links in the chain that binds them together, as since their inception in this city, the sum of \$19,764.00 has been paid toward funeral expenses and sick relief, apart from \$2,897.50 contributed towards relief in the old laird, which speaks volumes for the management of the organization to which the entrance fee is but \$3.00 and the monthly dues 40c.

The doors of this grand old organization are open to all over the age of 16, who are Irish either by birth or descent, and who are practical Catholics. The fond hope of all the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians to-day is, that ere long every Irish Catholic in this city will be found "neath its standard" striving to promote the cause of religion and nationality with all earnestness and fervor.

## FATHER MARTIN CALLAGHAN On Ireland's Feast.

Rev. Martin Callaghan, P.P., St. Patrick's, in referring to the celebration of the national festival, said:—

"Though it will not be a holiday of obligation, still we should consider it as might be the next best thing St. Patrick is the patron of our parish. What a debt of gratitude does it not owe him? It will be always glad to acknowledge and pay it. From what dangers has he not preserved it and with what blessings has he not endowed it! In its annals there is no record of any public scandal. It has always held vice

in abomination and virtue in esteem. It has had all its wants supplied by a model clergy and it has always had a class of lay members not less conspicuous for the soundness of their principles than the morality of their lives. Under the patronage of St. Patrick it has been all that it should and thus will it continue. A new era is to be inaugurated. Nothing will suffer. Much livelier interest will be taken in parochial affairs and much happier results will be obtained.

It is 1412 years since our national saint died, since he received the wages of everlasting life for having labored sixty-one years in a select portion of Christ's vineyard, in the Emerald Isle of the ocean. He is still alive. He lives in the minds and hearts of all Catholics, especially of those who are descended from the

legions of his converts. His name is surrounded with a halo of imperishable glory. His influence is now felt in a broader sphere than it was in any period of the past. His teachings are proudly professed and his virtue zealously imitated.

The day of his birth in heaven should be duly observed. It will in the course of the morning by the sacrifice of the Mass and with all the pomp of the Catholic ceremonial. It will during the balance of the twenty-four hours in many a gathering where the glories of the past will be rehearsed in speech and song and the fond hopes and fair prospects of the future will be indulged and applauded.

There will be a procession through the streets of this city. It should be what is best in point of number and

respectability. It could not be too large, imposing or magnificent. There is not a man with a drop of Irish Celtic blood in his veins or with a spark of Irish Celtic sympathy in his soul who should not deem it both a pride and a delight to figure personally in the ranks of this procession. It is not intended to be an insult to any race or creed. How could it be? The Irishman is not slow in giving credit to every race for the good qualities it may have nor inclined to ignore the rights or wound the feelings of any man no matter what his creed may be.

We love the religion given to our forefathers through the hands of St. Patrick. We know it is the "most priceless treasure."

Our sainted apostle Christianized all Pagan Ireland in his lifetime. In

ushering it into the fold of the Catholic Church there was not a single drop of blood shed on the part of teacher or disciple. In retaining and transmitting to posterity the religion of St. Patrick, our ancestors had to be martyrs. During two centuries they endured in the language of Dr. Johnson "persecutions worse than the ten persecutions of the early Christians." During those dark and evil days all Irish Catholics were outlaws and upon the head of priest as of wolf, a price was set.

We love the soil sanctified by the footsteps, the labors, the prayers and tears of our national saint. We could not love it better than he did. All the sons and daughters of Erin are awayed by this two-fold sentiment, a sentiment which should be manifested on all the favorable occasions which may present themselves. Our procession has a lesson to convey. It will tell all who witness it, that faith and patriotism should not be separated. Faith without patriotism lacks the energy to out have and patriotism without faith can only be a misnomer and mockery. We will always stand by the flag of Canada. We are contented and prosperous throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion. We will never desert the banner of Erin—a banner which in the days of splendor and gloom knew not the meaning of disgrace.

Let enthusiasm, the purest, the noblest and noblest enthusiasm, prevail on St. Patrick's Day. Never on the issue of freedom closer at hand. Soon will we celebrate national festivals with the political disabilities and miseries of the present as many recollections of the past.

1—LEO HENNESSY.  
2—PATRICK KENNEDY  
3—ARTHUR RICHARDS

Windsor Hall was the lively and enthusiastic Tuesday afternoon, when the auspices of the Sanctuary the young people of St. I charming children's entertainment was held.

The hall was crowded to most capacity. The program varied one, and the audience evidence of its appreciation stunted applause. The boys in their neat Eton proudly wearing their portraits were at once favorite character sketch, "Boys Boys," and "Toasts to parish and guests," they brought down the house, to the pastor had been gently escorted by boys, came forward and "Le Pere Martin," a bunch of roses, the orchestra same time rendering "St. Day." That to the guests

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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LETTERS OF REGRET  
nection with the banquet  
rick's Society, a full report  
proceedings of which, will  
in another page of this  
following letters of regret  
from leading public men  
unable to attend:

Ottawa, 26th Fe

Dear Sir:—  
I have the honor, by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to a receipt of your favor of the 24th, and to express regret, that owing to a engagement he cannot have of being present at the annual dinner of the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal on Mar

I have the honor to  
Yours very sincerely  
(Signed)  
RODOLPHE BOU  
Private  
T. P. Tansey, Esq.,  
14 Drummond Street.