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MONTREAL, FRIDAY, JAN. 24, 1862.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

We have tidings of a battle in Kentucky, the result of which is confidently claimed as a great victory by the Northerners. The latter, are, however, so addicted to self-glorification...

Except that M. Persigny keeps incessantly bullying refractory editors, who say too much or too little in favor of Imperial despotism...

This edict has elicited great applause from the infidel press of France, and the Protestant press of Great Britain—par nobis fratrum—who see in it a wholesome and legitimate interference...

From Italy the tidings are cheerful. The Government of Victor Emmanuel is daily becoming more unpopular amongst the people of the annexed Provinces...

"D.R.G." received, but too late for this week. Shall appear in our next issue.

IRISH FAMINE RELIEF.

This day we published an eloquent appeal to the Irish of Canada to come to the aid of their Irish fellow-countrymen whom they have left behind them. No day is too early to put on record how promptly and efficiently that appeal has been responded to.

The place of honor is due, and must be awarded to the people of Kingston, and were it possible to feel jealous in so holy a cause, we should almost be disposed to envy our Kingston friends.

On Saturday evening, the 18th instant, a meeting was held in the vestry of St. Mary's Cathedral in this city, for the purpose of taking into consideration the present destitution in Ireland...

His Lordship on taking the Chair, briefly explained the object of the meeting, and said that it was called for a most charitable purpose—to procure relief for the starving poor of Ireland—and he had no doubt the citizens of Kingston would generously respond to the call.

His Lordship, during the delivery of his remarks, was frequently applauded. The following Resolutions were then unanimously adopted:

Moved by the Very Rev. Angus McDonell, Vicar General, and seconded by James Hartly, Esq.,

"That this meeting, deeply regrets to learn that in several districts in Ireland, the people are famishing from cold and hunger. It therefore becomes our duty at once to render them all the relief within our power, and generously to respond to the call made on behalf of the ever-faithful and suffering poor of Ireland."

Moved by James O'Reilly, Esq., and seconded by Mr. Alderman Meagher,

Resolved—"That the following gentlemen be a General Committee to carry out the objects of the above Resolution, and to solicit subscriptions and donations from our fellow-citizens generally:—namely: James Hartly, Esq., Alderman Meagher, James Davis, Esq., Daniel C. Hickey, Esq., Mr. Councilman Kane, Mr. Daniel Lynch, Mr. James Delaney, Mr. Thomas Bly, Alderman Baker, Thos. Baker, Esq., Patrick Broune, Esq., Mr. Patrick Hartly, Mr. James Broune, Mr. James Campbell, Peter O'Reilly Esq., Dr. O'Sullivan, Alderman Macarow, Joseph Doyle, Esq., Michael Flanagan, Esq., Mr. Councilman Brophy, Mr. John Branigan, Mr. Councilman P. J. Buckley, Mr. Christopher Farrell, Mr. Councilman Conroy, Mr. Councilman Smith, Matthew Bourke, Esq., Mr. Daniel Rourke, Mr. John Dunn, Mr. Hugh Cummins, Mr. Councilman Ridgeon, and the mover."

On motion of Peter O'Reilly, Esq., seconded by Patrick Broune, Esq., His Lordship was moved out of the Chair, and the same was taken by the Very Rev. Angus McDonell, Vicar General.

A vote of thanks was then passed to His Lordship for his dignified conduct in the Chair, and for his truly Christian zeal and charity in endeavoring to relieve the destitution of our suffering fellow-countrymen.

The meeting was largely attended, and the remarks of His Lordship, the Very Rev. Vicar General, and the other speakers, were received with the greatest enthusiasm. From the feeling displayed, I have no doubt but a large amount will be collected in this city, and in the Diocese. The Irish of Kingston are proverbial for their generosity, and on the present occasion it is to be hoped, that their contributions will be worthy of their well-known liberality. As an evidence of the earnestness of the meeting, the General Committee at once went to work, and appointed

Sub-Committees to solicit subscriptions in the several Wards of the city.

D. D. MACAROW, Secretary. Kingston, 20th January, 1862.

MONTREAL MEETING. (Reported for the True Witness.)

In response to the timely suggestion of Bernard Devlin, Esq., which we published in our last, and which on Sunday was warmly supported from the pulpits of St. Patrick's, St. Anne's, and St. Bridget's churches, a large and most respectable meeting of our Irish fellow-citizens was held in the City Concert Hall, on the evening of Monday, the 20th inst.

After a few appropriate remarks from the Chairman, the First Resolution was moved by B. Devlin, Esq. He said:—

That they were there assembled that night, to illustrate the Christian virtue of charity; to respond to the cry of distress which had already reached their ears from the beloved land on the other side of the broad Atlantic. On such an occasion Irishmen would not fail to give proof of their undying attachment to their native land, by freely contributing according to their means, to save their fellow-countrymen from the terrible and long-protracted agonies of famine.

It was not without some difficulty that the speaker, after having stated the object of the meeting, and the amount of their contributions that night would be, was convinced, give additional confirmation of the sincerity of this noble, of this patriotic and Christian sentiment. It had been objected (continued the speaker) that the existence of serious distress in Ireland, had not been sufficiently or satisfactorily established.

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Resolved—"That a subscription list, with the above object, be now opened, and that the Reverend Mr. Dowd, Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, be requested to act as Treasurer to the Fund. That Messrs. Luke Moore and J. E. Mullin be requested to act as Assistant Treasurers."

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