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ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS



OF HOCHELAGA COUNTY, QUEBEC.

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Board meets third Friday of each month, at 1863 Notre Dame Street, 8 p. m.

THE COUNTY BOARD.—The monthly meeting of the County Board of Directors of the A. O. H., was held on last Friday evening. County President Rawley presiding. Many of the delegates were absent. Those gentlemen should bear in mind that there is a fine of fifty cents for non-attendance, and that it is the intention of the Board to enforce the rule. A large amount of important business was transacted. Permission was granted Division No. 1, to hold its eighth annual entertainment on the evening of the twenty-third of November, the thirty-second anniversary of the death of Allen, Larkin and O'Brien (the Manchester Martyrs). A request received from Division No. 8, to hold their annual celebration on the fourth of March, the anniversary of Robert Emmet, was granted.

The application of Division No. 4, to hold a concert and social on Halloween night was concurred in, as was also that of the Pipe and Drum and Bugle Corps to be authorized to devise ways and means to put the undertaking on a solid basis.

Delegates from the newly organized Division No. 9, were introduced, amidst much applause. A committee consisting of Brothers Birmingham, of Division No. 1, McIver, County Secretary, and Captain Keane of the Knights were elected to draft a new code of by-laws for the governing of the Order in the county.

Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed at many of the Divisions not having received their charters, and the County President was instructed to communicate with the National officers on the matter. Other subjects of interest pertaining to the Order were discussed and after the singing of the Irish National Anthem the meeting adjourned.

THE TROLLEY PARTY under the auspices of Division No. 5 on Friday evening was a magnificent success. Seven cars headed by the beautifully illuminated band car traversed the principal streets and had an hour's "stop over" at the Sulphur Springs, Long Pointe. It was a splendid evening for a drive, and the boys enjoyed it immensely. Much credit is due Messrs. Phelan, Tracey, Tobin, Hickey and Farrell, who composed the committee, for the indefatigable manner in which they worked to make it a success.

HIBERNIAN KNIGHTS.—The regular monthly meeting of the Hibernian Knights was held on Sunday afternoon, Captain Keane presiding. Communications were read by corresponding secretary, Birmingham from some of the active members of the Order in the States expressing pleasure that there was a prospect of meeting a Canadian Irish company in Boston next year, and promising to give the "Canucks" a warm reception, as well as a hard contest for the stand of colors to be offered for competition on the Boston Common between the different Irish military Corps of the United States. The Knights are jubilant over the prospect of meeting the brothers of the U. S. on a fair field and will strive to demonstrate to them that all the Irish are not in Yankee Land. They do not say much about the trophy, but judging from the expressions of the officers in command, if it does not come to Canada, it will not be their fault.

Mr. Denis Tansey, president of Div. No. 7, and Mr. H. J. Hummel, president of Div. No. 11, are the latest recruits to don the green and white plume.

There is every probability of another company being organized in the near future, and probably the third before the end of the year. A committee was appointed to wait on the Irish aldermen to secure the Bonsecours Market Hall for their

weekly drills, which will commence in October. The Knights intend to hold their annual entertainment on the fifteenth of January, and will apply at next meeting of County Board for permission.

LET US BE UNITED.—By a unanimous vote of the County Board, the "True Witness" has been made the official organ of the Order in this district. As a result of such action it is entitled to all the job printing and advertising within the gift of the various Divisions. There are a few members in one or two of the Divisions who for reasons only known to themselves are putting little obstacles in the way of carrying out the terms of the resolution. This is not fair, as the good old organ is certainly doing good service for the two-fold cause of religion and nationality. Every Hibernian should stand by the "True Witness" and help it along by every means possible.

THE PROPER SPIRIT.—A splendid example of the hospitality and brotherly love existing amongst members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was exhibited in Toronto last week, when Lieut. Thomas J. Holland, of Div. No. 6, and constable John Corley, of Div. No. 1, visited the Queen City in connection with the annual games of the Police Athletic Associations of Canada. Toronto was not big enough for them during their stay there, and the two brothers are loud in their praise of the courtesies of that whole-souled County Monaghan Irishman, Brother Hugh McCaffrey, as well as Brothers Travel, President of Division No. 1, Kelly, President of Division No. 5, and Brothers Richardson, Ryan, and several others of the Toronto brethren. Brother Holland hopes that the compliment will be returned at no distant date and intends to make Brother McCaffrey his guest when the latter visits Montreal on his way to the Boston convention.

OUR POLICE AT TORONTO.—At the Police Games in Toronto, on the 16th inst., the Montreal team captained by Brother "Tom" Holland, was very successful, and won many of the leading events contested. Amongst them the first and third prizes in throwing the 50lb. weight; Half mile race, first place; 100 yards, second place, and a slight infringement of the rules debarrd them from first place in the high throw. The home team consisted of Messrs. Corley, Coleman, Hamilton, Narbonne, Massicotte and Landreau. The men speak highly of the reception tendered them by Inspector Breckinridge and Hall.

AT THE POINT.—The regular meeting of Division No. 7, was held in the Prendergast Hall, Ropery St., on Monday evening and despite the inclement weather there was a large attendance. President Tansey presided, and amongst the visiting members present were President Hummel and Vice-President Stanton, of Division No. 9, each of whom made short addresses on the aims of the Order. The financial secretary not being able to attend the regular meetings tendered his resignation and the members are very fortunate in having secured the services of Brother "Jerry" Coffey for the office. He is the right man in the right place, and will aid considerably in holding up the finances of the branch. Five new members were initiated and four proposed. Various matters of interest were discussed and a lacrosse team selected to play Division No. 6, in Cornwall on Labor Day. After the adjournment songs, recitations and music were given.

GAELIC SOCIETY.—In answer to various enquiries concerning the Gaelic Society, I am in a position to say that the Ladies' Classes will be resumed on the second Tuesday of September, the Knights of Columbus' Class about the same time, and the parent class of the society about a week later. The Hibernian Knights have in contemplation the securing of a hall, where they will receive instructions semi-weekly in the "grand old tongue."

A CORRECTION.—The winner of the first prize offered to members of St. Patrick's T. A. and B. Society, who succeeded in obtaining the largest number of prizes for the annual picnic Dominion Day was Mr. P. Dunne instead of Mr. W. Dunne. I gladly make the correction.

A HINT.—Wednesday evening is always a busy one amongst the members of the Hibernian organization. No less than three or four different branches meet on that night, and consequently the members are to a large extent debarrd from fraternizing with each other. The county Board should try and arrange

matters so that the meetings could be held on different evenings.

THE BANNER DIVISION.—The regular meeting of Division No. 1, was held on Wednesday evening, president McMorrow presiding. Several new members were initiated and three proposed. A communication from the County Board, was read, granting permission to hold the annual entertainment on the anniversary of the Manchester Martyrs. The final report of the Picnic and Games committee, held on Dominion day, was presented, and while the report showed it to be very successful in every detail, yet the bulk of the receipts went to the railroad company. If the various societies, which patronize Otterburn Park, would demand a greater share on tickets, there is no question but they would get it.

The Division did not decide what kind of an entertainment will be given on the twenty-third of November, but the public and Hibernians in particular, may rest assured it will be worthy of the occasion.

DIVISION NO. 9 held its regular meeting on Wednesday evening, Vice-President Stanton presiding. From the first part of the meeting it may be inferred that the members are making great efforts to bring in new applicants as fourteen new members were initiated, and eight elected. They intend holding a "snooker" in the near future, to which all members and their friends will be invited. The County President, and President Phelan of Division No. 5, paid a friendly visit to the meeting, and delivered a few remarks.

DIVISION NO. 6 held another rousing meeting on Wednesday evening, President J. B. Lane presiding. Complete arrangements for the excursion to Cornwall, on Labor Day, was announced. All the events are of a very attractive nature, and besides the pleasant outing that is promised, it is expected that a new branch of the Order will be established in Cornwall, every member of the committee is a hustler and their great efforts to provide a programme

of games, worthy of the Order should receive the generous support of every Hibernian.

YOUNG IRISHMEN'S EXCURSION Remember the excursion of the Young Irishmen on Labor Day. If you have not already secured your state-rooms do so at once. The sale of tickets for this popular excursion has been very good, and there is every reason to expect that it will be a grand success.

LADIES' AUXILIARY.—On Saturday last, August 19th, the first annual picnic of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Division No. 1, A.O.H., which meets in St. Patrick's Hall, 92 St. Alexandre street, took place to the beautiful Park, Mont de l'Isle, and was a most decided success, both socially and financially. The report received from the officials of the Montreal Island Belt Line Railway proves that over 3,000 persons went with the Auxiliary, notwithstanding the many other attractions in and out of the city. The Davis orchestra accompanied the excursionists and rendered some beautiful Irish music. As early as 9 o'clock, large crowds were at La Salle avenue, going down for a full day's enjoyment, and by 2 o'clock, the park was actually crowded. Owing to it being a fast day of obligation, refreshments were in keeping with the fast. Much praise is due to the committee who had charge of the same for the very able manner in which their first outing was concluded. The names of the prize winners will be published next week.

A SUCCESSFUL DAY.—The members of No. 3 Division, headed by their enthusiastic president, Ald. D. Galloway, held a most successful excursion down the river on Wednesday. Nearly seven hundred of the members and their friends took advantage of the delightful trip which was conducted in a manner which speaks volumes for the administrative ability of the committee in charge of the arrangements.

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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.

The teaching staff of the Catholic High School is now complete. Should the number of pupils exceed present expectations, arrangements have been made to secure additional professors. As already announced, the kindergarten, and the first preparatory, including those boys who have not made their First Communion, will be under the charge of two sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame. Principal Hales-Sanders will teach the first section of the High School, the other classes will be

taught by Professors F. B. Henderson and D. H. Shortell, both being holders of first class Ontario Diplomas, as well as first class certificates for practical teaching. Rev. J. P. McGrath, as announced in last week's issue, in addition to having charge of the religious instruction will give lessons in the French language and literature. Father McGrath has had large experience as a professor in Canada and the United States. Parents and guardians should make early application for the admission of pupils.

RECENT DEATHS.

The many friends of Mr. William Cullen, the notice of whose death appeared in our columns the other day must have been greatly shocked by his comparatively sudden and untimely end. Until less than a year ago deceased was the very ideal of a healthy, kind Irishman, active, cheery and with a smile and a sample of his rich brogue ready for every one. A heavy cold however, stuck to him all winter, and later developments convinced his most intimate friends that he was in a bad way. The trouble made rapid headway and on Thursday his sufferings came to an end. Many a more prominent figure will be less missed than he. A faithful service in the Colonial House for 13 or 14 years; an honest, upright man in all his dealings, and a universal favorite on account of his amiable disposition, it will be long before his place is filled. He was a native of County Wicklow, Ireland, and came to this country about 15 years ago. He leaves a widow and five children to mourn his great loss. To them the "True Witness" offers its sympathy.—R.L.P.

An old resident of Chambly Basin in the person of Mr. Thomas Fryer, passed to his reward on Saturday last after a long and painful illness. Deceased was 66 years of age at the time of his death and was highly esteemed amongst all classes in the district.—R.L.P.

It is with heartfelt sorrow that we chronicle the death of Mrs. O'Keefe, wife of the well known brewer of Toronto, which sad event oc-

curred on the morning of the 16th, at the family residence, Gould and Bond streets. Mrs. O'Keefe, has been suffering for some time with partial paralysis, but bore up patiently, attended by a kind husband and loving and only daughter, comforted by the clergy and all that Mother Church could do for her she passed quietly away to her eternal reward. This estimable lady was known far and wide for her charity to the poor, the infirm and the aged, taking up her especial attention, without any regard to creed or nationality. That she was beloved by all the immense funeral cortege on Friday morning testified for St. Michael's Cathedral, was packed to the doors by men and women in all stages of life. The rector of the Cathedral, Rev. F. Ryan celebrated Mass assisted by Rev. F. Rhoder as deacon and Rev. Dr. Tracey, sub-deacon. The clergy present were the Very Rev. Vicar General McCann, Revs. L. Brennan, C.S.B.; E. Murray, C.S.B.; J. T. Hand, J. J. Walsh, J. J. McIntee, J. Grogan, A. Nassar. A full choir of female voices chanted the funeral requiem. The pall-bearers were Messrs. D. Miller, T. Flynn, H. T. Kelly, W. T. Murray, W. Dineen, Col. J. Mason, F. A. Anglin, N. Rooney. Notwithstanding Mr. O'Keefe's wishes that no flowers be sent, many intimate friends contributed among them being Mr. W. Hawke, his partner, Sir, Frank Smith, Col. Mason, Mr. Jno. Fay, and a large cross from the brewery employees with whom the deceased was most fondly thought of. The True Witness offers to Mr. O'Keefe and family its sincere condolences in their sad bereavement.—R.L.P.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC IN NORWAY.

Professor F. G. Peabody of Harvard College, contributes an article to "The Forum" descriptive of the workings of the "liquor company system" in Norway. When one enters a company retail shop in Bergen, he says, he finds it a place of the most cheerless and repellent character. "There are no tables or chairs or encouragements for idlers, but simply counters provided with the small glasses of the company, measured, like an apothecary's, for the exact dose. A customer enters, drinks his thimbleful, as if of medicine, and at once withdraws. Instead of solicitation, there is the barest permission. The business is conducted, as it were, under protest ;

and nothing but the most resolute determination to drink—a determination which no prohibitory law would be able to frustrate—seems likely to draw one into these inhospitable dispensaries. On the walls are various deterrent notices, like the following: "No credit," "No loitering," "No Disorderly Conduct," "No Sale to Intoxicated Person." The regulations set forth that it is the duty of the superintendent not to encourage but to check excessive drinking. No liquor can be sold to minors. The saloons are open from 8 to 12 in the morning and from 1.30 to 7.00 in the afternoon. On Sundays and holidays they close at 1 p.m. That is to say, the sale stops just when an

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THE FRENCH SHORE QUESTION.

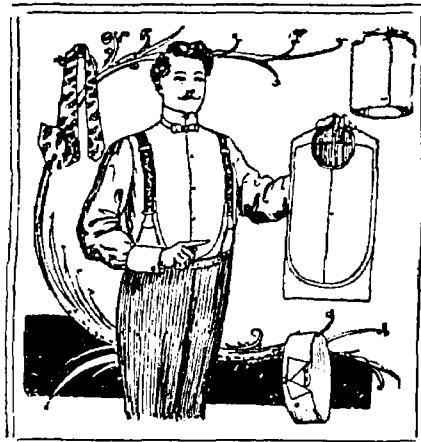
That the irritating French Shore difficulty in Newfoundland is nearing a solution is evident from the firm language used by Governor McCallum, who is visiting the scene of the dispute. The Governor asserts that the French have no right there save that of fishing concurrently with British subjects and that they are entitled to no territorial recognition whatever. This is the strongest declaration yet made in favor of the colony.

A PLUCKY BOY.

During the last term a schoolboy, sixteen years old, who lives in a town in Kansas, was never tardy and never missed a day. His home is seven miles from the school-house, and coming and going he travelled fourteen miles each day, which during the school term, makes a total of 2,310 miles. All through the winter he rose at half-past three every morning, fed the stock, and performed other duties and then started for school. He made a grade of 100 in deportment, which of course is perfect, and 98 in a number of his studies. If every little boy had to walk seven miles to school he would think it would be a pretty good day's work, without having lessons to study.

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