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ADDRESS OF THE HON. E. J. FLYNN AT ST. PATRICK'S CONCERT.

(Owing to the fact of our reporter being doubtful of the statistics mentioned in this address, we were obliged to hold it over until we had them verified by the speaker, which accounts for it not having been inserted last week.)

The Hon. Mr. Flynn, Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Province of Quebec, delivered the following address at the St. Patrick's concert in Montreal on the 12th instant:

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—It was with pride and pleasure I received an invitation from the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal to deliver an address on the occasion of their annual concert, though I may say at the time of receiving it I was not quite certain of being able to respond, because of the heavy business connected with my department. Nevertheless, knowing a refusal would be ungracious, and hoping that I could compensate for lost time by harder work, I accepted (applause), though, now that I am here, I almost regret it, feeling, as I do, that I should have at least made some preparation before appearing in front of such an intelligent audience, which, however, will, I trust, excuse my failings and shortcomings. Now, as this is a representative Irish society, and as a public man should at the very least be in possession of statistics, and as I have given the matter a little study I shall take this opportunity of parading a few facts and figures on ethnology and more especially on that part of it relating to the Celtic race in Canada, a race to which most of us here present have the honor to belong. The following figures taken from Government sources, will serve to show of what race the people of Canada (then Ontario and Quebec), was composed in 1871:

Total population of Province of Quebec	1,191,541
Do. Province of Ontario	1,623,251
English	929,817
Born in France	72,727
Born in Province of Quebec	9,093
Irish	123,478
Born in Province of Quebec	85,828
Born in Province of Quebec	87,650
English	19,822
Born in England	12,571
Born in Province of Quebec	7,251
Scottish	49,158
Born in Scotland	41,281
Born in Province of Quebec	7,878

English	559,412
Irish	142,477
Scottish	128,281
IN FOUR PROVINCES INCLUDING NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK	
French	198,298
English	206,269
Scottish	109,914
Total population of four Provinces	3,186,561

There has been a considerable diminution in Irish immigration to Canada since 1851. Up to that year there had settled in Lower Canada, 31,499 native Irish, and in Upper Canada 175,993, from 1832 to 1851. In Lower Canada 59,377, in Upper Canada 124,217, while from 1852 to 1871 there were but 23,828 in all in Ontario and Quebec. Irish emigration fell off visibly after 1851 both to Canada and the United States, what is called the surplus population being drained off through a good many well informed people seem to consider there should be no surplus population at all in such a fertile country. As early as the beginning of the nineteenth century there was a steady stream of emigration from Ireland to Canada, chiefly from the northern counties, for we find that from 1809 to 1819 13,900 settled in Quebec Province, and 49,000 in Ontario, and from 1819 to 1825 68,534, while from the last named year to 1831 Canada received over 50,000 from the Emerald Gem of the west—towards the eastern world. From these figures, which may be considered perfectly reliable, it will be seen that, not counting the years anterior to 1809, and those which have elapsed since 1871, over six hundred and seventy-five thousand Irish immigrants had landed on the shores of Canada, which large number, with its natural increase, forms one of the great elements of the Canadian population—(applause)—and, mind you, ladies and gentlemen, I have not spoken of those energetic men of our race who sought their homes in other sections of the Canadian Confederation, in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland or Prince Edward Island. Ireland, then, has helped to build up Canada, ladies and gentlemen, and if I have quoted the foregoing figures, it is to show that the voice of the great Irish element is entitled to be heard, and to be heard with the respect commensurate with its importance in the glorious Western land of Canada. (Cheers.) But while proud of our lineage, our race and our religion, it would be well to remember that we are now all Canadians, French Canadians, British Canadians, or Irish Canadians, it may be, but Canadians, nevertheless, who should be proud of our country. (Cheers.) After all, the great majority of our people have been born on the soil, while the children of those who were not drew their first breath in Canadian cities, in Canadian prairies, in Canadian forests. (Applause.) For my own part, I am free to confess I like to dwell upon the name; I imagine it rings of freedom, of prosperity, of tolerance. (Great applause.) If, therefore, Canada be not the land of the native of all of us, it is at least the land of our adoption, and while not forgetting the traditions of the country of our forefathers, we must realize that our first and chief duty is to the free land of Canada. (Cheers.) I see amongst you, ladies and gentlemen, many whose hair has grown gray, who have looked with their own eyes upon the green fields, the smiling valleys, the pleasant hillsides of Erin, whose ears have listened to its flowing waters. There are, also, doubtless, some among you who have witnessed the tribulations of an unfortunate country, who have personally suffered, as what Irishman has not, the oppressions practised upon her people, but who cling to her all the more fondly in her affliction, and will continue to cling to her till death summons you before the power which judges nations as well as individuals (applause). To you, of whom I thus speak, can be applied the words the poet puts in the mouth of the Greek dying far from his native land, "et dulces moriens reminiscitur Argos," or like the heroic Irish General Sarsfield, who, expiring on the glorious field of Landen, after helping to secure victory for the French, exclaimed as the life-blood dropped slowly into the palm of his hand, "Oh that this bright blood were shed for Ireland (great cheers). It may be truly said that the man who does not love his native land cannot be true to his adopted country. If such you meet in your journey through life beware of him, he is neither a faithful friend nor a good citizen. The fact is there is no love so pure, so noble, so sublime as the love of country, and the more unfortunate the country the truer and purer is the love and devotion borne it by a true patriot. Hearken to the words of the poet:

Dear is the tie that links the anxious sire To the fond babe that prattles round his fire; Dear is the love that prompts the grateful youth To push his way through all the mire; His sire's fond cares and drooping age to soothe, Dear is the brother, sister, husband, wife;

Dear are the charities of social life: Nor wants firm friendship holy writs to bind In mutual sympathy the faithful mind. But not the endearing springs that fondly move To fill duty, or parental love: Not all the ties that knot the bosom bond, Nor all in friendship's holy wreaths entwined, Are half so dear, so potent to control The generous workings of the patriot soul, As is that holy love that prompts the brave To these ties, that bids him for his country fall.

Hence I maintain, and the audience will agree with me, that a good Irishman makes a good Canadian. But, irrespective of duty, there exists a similarity between the Irishman and the Canadian which renders this loyalty to our adopted country less difficult. When Nouvelle France was taken possession of in the name of faith and king, the first step taken by the famous French voyageurs and missionaries was the conversion of the aboriginals, and if they failed in their benevolent intention it was because of the colored career of their successors and the political troubles which followed the wars and struggles between two great nations for empire and supremacy. In my youth, although you can perceive I am not yet a man venerable from age (laughter) I read of the great Irish saints Patrick and Columbkille, and a Brandon Bridget and Sennarus, and heart has glowed with pride over the memory of the saints and sages, the bards and warriors of the land of my ancestry. (Cheers.) I have also pored over the history of the heroes of later times, the O'Neils and the O'Donnells, the O'Briens and the Desmonds, in their struggles for Irish faith and freedom, and those of a still more modern period, Burke, Sheridan, Grattan, Curran, O'Connell, and others whose oratory and patriotism illuminate whole pages in the world's history. But herein Canada we have also had to struggle for liberty and right as the names of Baldwin and Papineau, Morin and Lafontaine, can testify. The Irish have taken no insignificant part in this drama of Canadian history, or, indeed, in the history of La Belle France, the founder of Canada. The army commanded by the heroic Montcalm had in it a brigade largely composed of Irishmen, and who has not read of the deeds of Irishmen in their generation as victors at Almanza and Landen, Cremona, Steinkirk and Fontenoy. (Cheers.) As regards the part Irishmen have taken in developing and building up Canada, leaving down her forests and adding lustre to her literature, I need only mention the names of Governors Carlton, Baldwin, O'Sullivan and McGee. I could endeavor for hours in mentioning the noble efforts made by men from the Isle beyond the sea clearing the forest, building up the structure of our civil life, in defending the country, in battling for our liberties, in developing our resources, in spreading enlightenment, and encouraging the culture of literature and art, in kindling the sacred fires of religion and in sweetening the cares of life. I but regret I have not the time to spare, even if you had the patience to listen. I may, however, before I close my short address, refer to the subject I mentioned in the beginning of my few remarks, and that is the ethnology of Canada. In conversation with gentlemen of my acquaintance the question of race is often debated, and it has been asked which element will predominate in Canada. There is no doubt the population is at present largely Celtic, owing to the preponderance of the French, Irish and Scottish nationalities in the population. There is even a large Celtic percentage among men of English blood and race, who have made this country their home, in fact, more than three millions of our people belong to that great historic branch of the human family, and from its prolific genius I don't see why such a preponderance should not continue, unless some unforeseen circumstance such as a vast English or German immigration may turnish will present. But it matters not men from all countries are welcome to our hospitable shores to enable us to make of Canada what nature intended her to be, a great, a prosperous and a liberty loving nation. (Cheers.) I may say that what we most require for this purpose is colonization and that extension of agriculture which our boundless lands give us such ample facilities for, and I would say, in particular to my Irish fellow-countrymen that their agricultural nothing is so useful, so agreeable or so ennobling. As Commissioner of Crown Lands it may not be out of my line to inform you that there are in the Province of Quebec alone available for colonization purposes at least 100,000,000 acres of land, of which 6,125,000 have been surveyed. This, irrespective of manufacture, trade and commerce we are in possession of a basis for them all, and that is an almost unlimited supply of land. There is room enough then for all, for Celt and Saxon, for Latin and Teuton on the broad bosom of Canada. There is ample scope and verge enough for the existence of a mighty nation to the north of the United States, which may serve for the development of that just alliance between radicalism and reaction which may encourage a fusion of races that in the time to come will form a grand whole, glorifying in the proud name of a Canadian nationality, that will dispel the phantoms of the past, and kill the narrow prejudices and petty quarrels of old Europe; that in a word will result in that legitimate equilibrium which makes nations great and free, happy and prosperous, which, by enabling its citizens to look on the past with pride, will also guarantee them a future commensurate with the genius of its founders and the means of their successors. (Great applause.)

Abraham Lincoln and the Soldiers.

What a genuine man Abraham Lincoln was, exclaims Joseph Howard, Jr. in the *Spirit of the Times*. "The day after the Ball Room scare I was in the camp of a German regiment from New York. General McDowell, in a foraging cap, his boots and clothes covered with mud, sat on his horse listening to a report from the adjutant, when word was brought that the President and Mr. Seward were driving up in a carriage. In a few minutes they were there. I think Mr. Lincoln wore a blue frock coat, black clothes and black boots, and Mr. Seward had on a light suit and a broad-brimmed hat. After talking some time with the adjutant, the two dignitaries left the carriage and strode toward the men, who were drawn up in companies in double rank. The President looked at them. They were dirty, soiled and stained. Without a word he took his hat, placed it on the ground, and advanced to the end of the double rank. To the man on his left he gave his right hand, to him on the right his left, and so down the entire line he passed, shaking each heartily and saying: "God bless you, God bless you!" Down the line he went, following by Mr. Seward, who did as his leader did. Up the next line he went, his honest face aglow; "God bless you, God bless you," at every shake, and on until the last man in the regiment had been thanked and blessed. It was a little thing. Years later it would have been an absurdity. But it told the story of Abraham Lincoln's heart and purpose better than a volume of eulogy.

Odd Dinner Customs in Sweden.

The Swedes have a queer way of locomotion at their meals. They often sit at a table like those from Ontario to another, and the order of a feast is not the usual order which they order a repast. It is no rare thing to see them begin with cheese and herring, next proceeding to ham and sausage, with a slice of meat to follow, and they suddenly start up in the middle of their dinner to swallow, while they walk about, a plateful of pea soup. A habit which they have of eating with a slice of meat to follow, and they suddenly start up in the middle of their dinner to swallow, while they walk about, a plateful of pea soup. A habit which they have of eating with a slice of meat to follow, and they suddenly start up in the middle of their dinner to swallow, while they walk about, a plateful of pea soup.

Miscellaneous.

The God of Lawyers—More fees.

An orator expects fair sailing when he has before him a sea of upturned faces.—*New Orleans Advocate.*

The God of the Garter owes its origin to Edward III., who conquered France and Scotland, and brought their King, prisoner to England.

A citizen of Chicago started with \$25, and in three weeks made \$224. He did it with taro and bunks and cheats, and he is now in jail.—*Free Press.*

The side of valuable art objects that belonged to Philip IX. has been authorized by the Italian authorities. French museums are negotiating for them.

A poor woman showed her jaw out of place lately, and the married men of the place have been busy with the small ever since.—*Boston Commonwealth.*

The small boy never wishes he was twins except when two different Sunday school Christmas trees are being held the same evening.—*Montreal Freeholder.*

The deepest well in the world is at Buda Pesth, Hungary. The total depth is 820 feet, and the temperature of the water it yields is nearly 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

On the day that Senator Bayard was first elected to the United States Senate, his father James A. Bayard, was elected to the same body, the only instance of the kind in the history of the country.

The Philadelphia Bulletin is afraid that with Dan Rice and Talmage both in the pulpit it might seem as if there were danger that the business of propagating the Gospel by the comic method would be overdone.

"Paw" said a little boy, "a horse is worth a great deal more than a dog, because he can say 'my son.' Why do you ask such a question?" "Because I broke the new rocking-horse you gave me this morning."

An amateur student in stock speculation, who wishes to know what ordering stock means, is informed that it is when a drover who sells his cattle by weight drives them through the river just before the scales are reached.—*Fort Mark.*

We know a man who wouldn't allow his children to go into a drug store on Third Avenue just because there were porous posters in the window. He was opposed to soiled clothes, and thought they were old fellows' around.—*Sunday Dispatch.*

The following are among the prominent sales of thoroughbreds for the year: Fairbairn, \$10,000; Wallenstein, \$9,000; St. Vrain, \$8,000, and Mistake, \$5,000, besides many transfers ranging from \$200 to \$5,000 each.

The origin of electing members by balls may be traced by the Greeks. When a member was to be elected, a ball of wax containing the name of the candidate was put in a bag or crumpled into a ball, and thrown by a servant on its head around the table, and whoever descended first touched the pellet at one side.

Mary Anderson received a Christmas present from her company at Elmira, consisting of a gold horseshoe, which is an exquisite jewel, set with diamonds, and is made to be worn either as a pendant or ring. In the case of the horseshoe nails were seven diamonds worth \$100 each.

Gloicester, Mass., is a town of widows and orphans. In one of its streets there are 100 and 200 houses; and those 200 houses made thirty-eight widows and 219 orphans. Since the year 1850, the losses of Gloucester have been—vessels, 495 men, 218.

Salt, in the East, is a symbol of fidelity; a man who has partaken of salt with you is bound by the laws of hospitality, and thus bound and are entitled to be regarded as a bargain or treaty, to make it binding on all parties. Salt is also an emblem of dissolution; conquered cities were sown with salt.

They met, 'twas on the street— "Oh! such a bonnet!" thought the one— "The other thought: 'What feat!' " Yet they did talk, they were old fellows' around— Together walk— And kissed each other's cheeks—and chaff. D. W. Howells.

A Compliment to Belleville.

At the Mayor's Dinner at Belleville, on the 12th inst., Vicar-General Farrelly spoke as follows in response to the toast of the clergy, proposed by the Mayor:

He said that Mr. Robertson was one of his first acquaintances when he came to Belleville nine years ago, and that gentleman had treated him so kindly, that he had respected him ever since. All he then knew of Belleville was that the Orange Grand Master lived here, and he was advised not to come here; but he found the Grand Master not only not so thundering a fellow as he had feared, but he wished that more were like him. He had learned to love, respect and esteem the gentlemen of Belleville, and he loved the city, for there was no bigotry here, and the people were most generous and liberal. They had elected as members of their Council five members of his flock, which was nearly one-fourth of the Council, whereas the Roman Catholics numbered but about 2,000, or one-sixth of the population. He hoped that Belleville would go on and prosper, and become the great city of Ontario. When he had such men as Mr. Robertson to lead us—men who had respect for all classes—we would have a prosperous city. He hoped he would never prove himself unworthy of the esteem of the people of this city.

Practical Kéit for Ireland.

HAMILTON, January 14.—A cable telegram was sent this morning to the Duchess of Marlborough, Dublin, authorizing her to draw on the Treasurer of the Irish Relief Fund here for the sum of £250 sterling. A large amount is yet expected.

What a genuine man Abraham Lincoln was, exclaims Joseph Howard, Jr. in the Spirit of the Times. "The day after the Ball Room scare I was in the camp of a German regiment from New York. General McDowell, in a foraging cap, his boots and clothes covered with mud, sat on his horse listening to a report from the adjutant, when word was brought that the President and Mr. Seward were driving up in a carriage. In a few minutes they were there. I think Mr. Lincoln wore a blue frock coat, black clothes and black boots, and Mr. Seward had on a light suit and a broad-brimmed hat. After talking some time with the adjutant, the two dignitaries left the carriage and strode toward the men, who were drawn up in companies in double rank. The President looked at them. They were dirty, soiled and stained. Without a word he took his hat, placed it on the ground, and advanced to the end of the double rank. To the man on his left he gave his right hand, to him on the right his left, and so down the entire line he passed, shaking each heartily and saying: "God bless you, God bless you!" Down the line he went, following by Mr. Seward, who did as his leader did. Up the next line he went, his honest face aglow; "God bless you, God bless you," at every shake, and on until the last man in the regiment had been thanked and blessed. It was a little thing. Years later it would have been an absurdity. But it told the story of Abraham Lincoln's heart and purpose better than a volume of eulogy.

Odd Dinner Customs in Sweden.

The Swedes have a queer way of locomotion at their meals. They often sit at a table like those from Ontario to another, and the order of a feast is not the usual order which they order a repast. It is no rare thing to see them begin with cheese and herring, next proceeding to ham and sausage, with a slice of meat to follow, and they suddenly start up in the middle of their dinner to swallow, while they walk about, a plateful of pea soup. A habit which they have of eating with a slice of meat to follow, and they suddenly start up in the middle of their dinner to swallow, while they walk about, a plateful of pea soup.

Miscellaneous.

The God of Lawyers—More fees.

An orator expects fair sailing when he has before him a sea of upturned faces.—*New Orleans Advocate.*

The God of the Garter owes its origin to Edward III., who conquered France and Scotland, and brought their King, prisoner to England.

A citizen of Chicago started with \$25, and in three weeks made \$224. He did it with taro and bunks and cheats, and he is now in jail.—*Free Press.*

The side of valuable art objects that belonged to Philip IX. has been authorized by the Italian authorities. French museums are negotiating for them.

A poor woman showed her jaw out of place lately, and the married men of the place have been busy with the small ever since.—*Boston Commonwealth.*

The small boy never wishes he was twins except when two different Sunday school Christmas trees are being held the same evening.—*Montreal Freeholder.*

The deepest well in the world is at Buda Pesth, Hungary. The total depth is 820 feet, and the temperature of the water it yields is nearly 100 degrees Fahrenheit.