



**T**HE 18TH MARCH, Monday, the day on which the Feast of St. Patrick was celebrated, was cold, somewhat windy, but still fine for the season. The enthusiasm was great and the success of the celebration was unqualified. Owing to the date of our issue and the small space at our disposal we are obliged to curtail all remarks and to present a report of the proceedings in as exact a manner as possible. The principal feature of the day's proceedings was, of course, the procession. It was certainly a remarkable display.

First in the procession came Daniel Gallery, the Marshal-in-Chief, mounted on a fine charger and dressed as became a leader of a St. Patrick's Day parade. The congregation of old St. Gabriel followed, but not nearly so numerous as in former years. St. Gabriel Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society came next about sixty strong and headed by their band and banner.

The congregation of St. Mary was followed by St. Mary's School, numbering thirty-five, as against one hundred and sixty last year. They were in charge of Rev. Father Shea and marched to the music of the Victoria Independent Fife and Drum Band.

St. Mary's Young Men's Society, numbered forty. They had their own band and carried a beautiful banner. Their head marshal was Mr. J. Murray, and President Codd and Vice-President Maguire marched at the head. Then with a band playing "St. Patrick's Day" came the Congregation of St. Ann, not members of any society. Their young men followed to the number of about seventy-five and were headed by St. Jean Baptiste Society's band. President O'Brien and Vice-President Quinn had charge of the turn out. The Total Abstinence and Benefit Society of this congregation turned out well; they had a fine banner and a band.

The members of the Young Irishmen's Literary and Benefit Association assembled at their hall on Dupre street. This Society, which was organized in 1874 and incorporated in 1875, is one of the most useful and progressive institutions in the city. It numbers upon its roll the most prominent Irishmen in Montreal, and the turn-out was in every respect highly creditable. Over 200 young men clad in the regalia of black frock coats and silk hats and wearing the badge of the Society were in line. They were headed by a band of thirty pieces under the direction of Bandmaster Hardy, and their marching and general appearance showed a high standard of drill. The officers of the Association who marched in the parade were the following: President, J. A. Flood; vice-president, W. J. Hinchey; second vice-president, J. P. O'Connor; treasurer, J. J. Foley; recording secretary, M. A. Phalen; corresponding secretary, F. J. Gallagher; collecting, treasurer, J. J. McLean; assistant-treasurer, C. Blickstead; librarian, W. P. Stanton, assistant librarian, P. J. O'Neil. The marshal of the body was H. O'Connor.

The congregation of St. Patrick, not members of any Society, was not very largely represented. The boys of St. Patrick's Christian Brothers' School, who came next, presented a very creditable appearance. With their new black Fedoras hats, and gold lace collars, they evoked favorable comment from the spectators. They carried a splendid flag, had good band music, and marched with a precision of step that gave evidence of the careful training they receive. It was remarked, in the hearing of the writer, that "St. Patrick's School boys were doing nobly"—and they did, right

## A MAGNIFICENT CELEBRATION.

### St. Patrick's Day, 1895, will be long Remembered in Montreal.

The Procession, High Mass, Sermon and Incidents of the Day—The Different Concerts, Entertainments and Addresses in the Evening—The Irish Societies Turn Out in Splendid Style—The Greatest Enthusiasm Manifested.

up to the end of the route. The boys were under the direction of the Rev. Bro. James, who is untiring in his efforts for their welfare, and than whom there is no more zealous teacher and trainer of our Catholic youth.

Next came a large sleigh decorated with ribbons and shamrocks galore, containing about twenty little girls "types of Erin's daughters," plentifully bedecked with green. Following them were the boys, "types of Irish Home Rulers." The youngsters enjoyed being held up as samples of their race, and were favorably commented on by the crowds along the route of procession.

The Shamrock Lacrosse Club's representatives followed and then came the Ancient Order of Hibernians. This Order has only been established here since 1893, but it already numbers some 800 members. The four divisions in the city met on Haymarket square at 9 o'clock, and joined the other societies on Victoria square.

Division No. 1 marched from 622 1/2 Craig street, 200 strong, headed by the band of the 65th Battalion. Patrick Logue acted as marshal, and Bernard McDonald, county marshal, who had charge of the whole section, also accompanied them. The division had a handsome banner with them. The officers present were George Clarke, president; Dennis Barry, vice-president; Thomas Tisdale, recording secretary; James McIver, financial secretary; Patrick Sullion, treasurer.

Division No. 2 marched over from their hall in St. Gabriel, headed by the fife and drum band and bearing their banner. The 125 members were marshalled by J. Heaney, and there were four outsiders in jockey costume, James White, P. Mullin, D. Duffy, and J. Flood. The following officers were present: Charles McAleer, vice-president; John Walsh, financial secretary; Michael McCarthy, treasurer.

No. 3 Division met in Hibernian Hall, 2042 Notre Dame street, about one hundred members turning out. The officers present were: Alderman M. F. Nolan, president; Martin J. Brogan, vice-president; W. Murphy, recording secretary; John McShane, financial secretary; P. Carroll, chairman of Standing Committee. The division was marshalled by James Callahan, and joined the others on the Haymarket Square.

The fourth division, which is the youngest of the four, came from Hochelaga, fifty members in all, with M. McKeown as marshal. Its officers were: John McCabby, president; W. J. Kelly, vice-president; Nicholas Hayes, recording secretary; James Geehan, financial secretary; W. Gleason, treasurer; John Kelly, chairman of Standing Committee.

This portion of the procession was formed in military order by Col. J.

McGinn, and moved off, headed by the two bands. The presidents of the divisions brought up the rear, with Redmond Keys, Provincial Secretary; Thomas N. Smith, Provincial Treasurer; Andrew Dunn, County President and President of No. 2 Division; W. J. Burke, County Secretary.

The Irish Catholic Benefit Society was preceded by the Victoria Rifles Band, thirty strong, and by a brand new flag of resplendent green silk. This new banner bears the name of the Association woven in gold bullion, with a white cross in the centre, and wreaths of shamrock thrown over the field. The officers of the society are: President, Thos. Kinsella; 1st vice-president, Daniel O'Neill; 2nd vice-president, William Grace; secretary-treasurer, J. McVey; collecting treasurer, John Davis; assistant collecting-treasurer, William Inskip; grand marshal, J. Dwyer; assistants, J. O'Meara and Wm. Bourke.

The Catholic Young Men's Society only numbered sixty, as against one hundred last year. They had a grand band and were dressed in regalia which was most creditable. Marshal P. T. O'Donnell got the boys in marching order and when they started the following officers accompanied them. President, D. Mallette; vice-president, J. T. Lee; treasurer, Rev. Father Callaghan; secretary, G. F. McGrail.

Headed by the Father Mathew banner, the St. Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benefit Association assembled at the St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum at 9 o'clock. They numbered about fifty strong. The Hon. Edward Murphy, president of the society, was absent on account of illness. The officers wore their regalia and the members their badges. The officers of the society are: President, Hon. Edward Murphy; vice-president, M. Sharkey; secretary, J. J. Costigan; assistant-secretaries, T. J. Kavanagh and P. M. Cullen; financial secretary, L. C. O'Brien. Committee—J. Walsh, A. Brogan, N.P., J. H. Kelly, T. Smallshire, M. Darcan, D. Brown, J. McCaffrey, W. P. Doyle, A. T. Martin, M. F. Dolan, J. Howard, Thomas Latimer. The marshals of the society were: J. Milloy and T. Martin, these rode on horses.

St. Patrick's National Society, as usual, was near the rear of the procession, with all its banners flying. Hon. James McShane's figure was prominent with the insignia of the presidency, and Mr. Wm. Davis acted as marshal. The other officers of the society are: 1st vice-president, P. J. Kelly; 2nd vice-president, Dr. E. J. C. Kennedy; recording secretary, S. Cross; corresponding secretary, T. F. McGrail; treasurer, George Murphy. Committee of management—J. Kelly, F. Callaghan, J. Foley, J. Craven, M. Delahanty, B. Campbell, J. Meek, P. Connolly, J. Hoolahan, P. C. Shannon, P. J. McCoy, J. O'Leary, A. C. Coleman.

J. T. White, J. W. Donohoe, W. J. Kerr, J. Phoenix, J. J. Ryan. The St. Louis College band preceded this society.

#### THE MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S.

Commensurate as is St. Patrick's church, it was on Monday almost too small to accommodate the vast crowd of worshippers at High Mass. Every seat was filled, and late comers had to be contented with standing room. The officiating priest was Rev. W. O'Meara, Rev. Mr. McKeown and Rev. Mr. Small acting as deacon and sub-deacon, respectively. Mr. Lane discharged the duties of master of ceremonies, Mr. Riordan was censor-bearer, and the acolytes were Messrs. Doyle and Hart. The feast celebrated yesterday was that of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, but it was incumbent that the votive mass of St. Patrick should be said, and this necessitated the singing of the *Gloria in Excelsis* and the *Credo*. Prof. J. A. Fowler presided at the organ, and the musical portion of the service was, as usual, exceedingly fine.

#### THE SERMON.

The Rev. Father McDermott opened his magnificent sermon on St. Patrick with a number of texts from Holy Writ—principal amongst them "Go ye forth and teach all nations." He referred to the pleasure it afforded him to meet so many true Irish Catholics under the new roof and amidst the signs of renovation in the grand temple of St. Patrick's of Montreal. This anniversary recalls a scene by the broad-flowing Mississippi, when in his boyhood he joined in a festive gathering in honor of Ireland's patron saint, and the national song that most touched his heart was,

"Deep in Canadian woods we've met,  
From one bright island flown."

On this occasion the spirit of that song comes home to him as he contemplates the sea-divided Gael uniting to honor this day the world over, and as he beheld the whole heart of the Celtic race offering up one glorious bouquet of prayer to the Almighty. By the mystic spell of imagination their souls are wafted across the ocean to the land of their hope, their love and their ancient heritage of Faith. The magnet that draws all Celtic hearts to that one centre is the magic name of St. Patrick. The purpose of this sermon is to tell what manner of man is he whose character is indelibly stamped not only upon the face but upon the heart of the whole Irish race.

Looking at the pre-Christian era the preacher showed that, despite the false representation of the chroniclers and inimical historians, Ireland was not sunken in savagery; she was a nation of great ideas, of lofty principles, of a creed that looked up to the sun as the brightest of all created objects. Her laws taught two grand precepts: love of mankind and love of children. Her people were navigators, and as an evidence of their civilization and culture, we find the magnificent remains of their vessels in the peat bogs of the land. The Brehon laws were declared to be, "in all the pre-Christian codes, the one that for morality and justice stood out pre-eminent."

One evening two children, a brother and sister, were playing in the golden sunset outside the paternal door. The boy was seized upon by pirates and carried off over the sea. He was landed on the ocean-lashed shores of Antim, and was there sold into a most degrading slavery. Patrick was his name; Melcho was his master. The boy, who had become wretched in the land, when speaking of some miserable being to say he is as mean as Melcho. Patrick turned a wine by day and prayed by night. He was a man filled with a noble spirit. (Continued on page 5)