

THE TRUTH ABOUT ULSTER

Some Facts Worth Knowing at the Present Juncture.

A friend has kindly sent us the following clipping from the New York Sun of Thursday, July 20th, 1893. We reproduce it with great pleasure and thanks.

There is a belief current on both sides of the Atlantic, a belief fostered by the opponents of Home Rule, that Ulster is incomparably superior to the other three provinces of Ireland in all the elements of civilization. It is asserted by the Unionists, and hitherto, the assertion has generally been allowed to pass uncontradicted, that Ulster is distinguished for education, for sexual purity, for prosperity and wealth. That not one of these statements is well founded is proved, with the help of official statistics, by Mr. J. G. Colclough in the Contemporary Review.

If Ulster's prosperity were phenomenal, as compared with that of the rest of Ireland, her inhabitants would be less eager to emigrate. As a matter of fact, her population by the last census was 1,616,814, showing a decrease of over 750,000 in the last fifty years. This decrease has been as decided and persistent as that which has taken place within the same period in the centre and south of Ireland. The city of Belfast has unquestionably grown. Nevertheless, the total population of the two counties in which it is situated is smaller by nearly thirty thousand than it was half a century ago. Some of the counties of Ulster which shows the most striking decline in the number of inhabitants are those in which Protestants are most numerous. Protestant Down, for instance, has decreased in population faster than Catholic Donegal.

Then again, as regards the housing of her people, Mr. Colclough shows that Ulster is behind Leinster, and only on a par with Munster with respect to the percentage of first-class houses; behind both Leinster and Munster as to second-class; while she has a larger proportion of third-class dwellings than the two provinces just named. She is ahead of the other provinces in only the small percentage of the lowest, or fourth-class tenements. If all the Irish counties are set down in the order of their first-class house accommodations, it will be found that six counties outside of Ulster head the list. Upon the whole, it is indisputable that the people of Ulster are less comfortably housed than those of Leinster and Munster.

With a view to ascertain the distribution of agricultural wealth, Mr. Colclough examines the official statistics on which the rates or local taxes are based, and demonstrates that, while the ratable value of Leinster is \$21.70 per head of population, and that of Munster is \$14.87, the ratable value of Ulster is only \$13.84. If the provinces are disregarded, and the thirty-two counties of Ireland are arranged in the order of their rating per head of population, Meath will be observed to head the list, while Down, the first Ulster county, comes in only the thirteenth place. The valuation of the city of Dublin is a dollar more per head of population than is that of Belfast. But surely it will be said Ulster must be superior to the other provinces in respect of the incomes derived from trade. This, also, is a misconception of the facts. If we consider the amount of income returned from trade, per head of population, we find it to be in Leinster \$52.44; in Munster \$34.62, while in Ulster it is only \$30.58. Thus, as regards incomes from trade, as well as agricultural wealth, the utmost that can be said for Ulster is that it is more prosperous than Connaught.

Let us glance now at the diffusion of education. The official returns show that the proportion of inhabitants who can read and write is in Leinster 74.6; in Munster 71.7, while in Ulster it is 70.7. Here again, Ulster comes out third. With respect to sexual purity, we note that while the percentage of illegitimate births in Ulster is 4, in Leinster it is only 2.5, in Munster 2.2, and in Connaught but 0.8. It seems, then, that, as a matter of incontrovertible figures, Ulster is neither richer, better educated, nor more moral than the rest of Ireland.

As to the further assertion that Ulster is Protestant and Unionist, a few words will suffice. Of her total population 46 per cent. are Catholics, and in five out of the nine counties Catholics are in the majority. It is true that, in the pre-

sent Parliament, out of the thirty-three Ulster representatives nineteen are Unionists. But a change of six hundred votes from one side to the other at the last election would have placed the Home Rulers in a majority. As a matter of fact, Ulster did return seventeen Nationalists to Parliament at the general elections in 1885 and 1886, and would have so again last year but for the split in the Nationalist party.

THE WORLD AROUND.

Oklahoma is seeking Statehood.

In Holland, Hungary and Southern Italy, cholera is carrying off multitudes.

Much damage was done in Rome, N.Y. Sunday, by a storm of lightning, hail and rain.

An 11-year old child died of Asiatic cholera at Hull, Yorkshire, England, on the 24th.

Paris has an insurance company that refuses to insure the life of anyone who uses hair dye.

The Right Rev. William Bennet Chester, Protestant Bishop of Killaloe, died at Dublin, on the 27th ult.

Emma Goldman was arrested in Philadelphia on Thursday on the charge of inciting riot in New York.

An African fortified camp was stormed by German troops, Lieutenant Axt, their commander, being mortally wounded.

Increased discontent is shown in Germany because of the business depression that has followed the tariff war with Russia.

The Legislative Assembly of New Zealand has passed a bill conferring the Parliamentary suffrage on women, including the Maories.

Prime Minister Streuge, of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, announced that the Duke of Edinburgh had assumed the government of the Duchy.

The large sawmill of the Loisel Company in Rouen and six nearby houses have been burned to the ground. The loss is 3,000,000f.

The Republican State Committee, at its meeting in New York on Thursday, called the State Convention to meet at Syracuse on October 6.

The big coal miners' strike in Monmouthshire and South Wales practically collapsed Thursday last by the return to work of more than 60,000 Welsh miners.

The Dominicans in their church in 'The West,' a very beautiful one, just erected in Galway town, Ireland, have placed a splendid new organ in the sacred building.

The St. Louis Stamping Company has resumed business after an idleness of several weeks. W. F. Neidringhaus, the proprietor, has agreed to sign the Amalgamated scale. Two thousand men are at work.

The Sultan of Turkey declines to have the telephone in his dominions at any price. He says that his subjects are far too ready, as it is, to plot and conspire, and make his life a burden, and he does not propose to introduce a means whereby they can do this twice as easily as they could before.

Mgr. Denis Latas, archbishop of Zante, is in Chicago. He comes to this country at the request of the King of Greece to participate in the world's Parliament of Religions. The distinguished delegate is the incumbent of a see to which the Rev. T. J. Hynes, O. P., was appointed administrator. Some years ago the latter was honored with an episcopal appointment from Rome.

Our Public Schools.

Are the main-stay of our republic. In them are being cultivated the minds which are to be the future law-makers and leaders of every walk of life. How essential it is that these minds should be united to strong, healthy bodies. So many children suffer from impurities and poisons in the blood that it is a wonder that they ever grow up to be men and women. Many parents cannot find words strong enough to express their gratitude to Hood's Sarsaparilla for its good effect upon their children. Scrofula, salt rheum and other diseases of the blood are effectually and permanently cured by this excellent medicine, and the whole being is given strength to resist attacks of disease.

Claus Timmerman, a young Anarchist, has been arrested and held for making incendiary speeches.

GENERAL PERSONALS.

Rev. J. E. Quigley, D.D. and Rev. M. P. Connerly are enjoying a trip to Duluth by water. They will visit to Fair before their return.

Petro Errillo died at Tarimors, in the state of Guanajuato, Mex., two weeks ago, at the age of 133 years, leaving more than 400 living descendants.

Miss Minnie Rush, a 21-year old young woman of Lakeville, Ind., is the agent of the Vandalia railway at that place. The receipts of her office are about \$10,000 a month. Last fall she surprised the railroad officials by organizing excursions and sending out several hundred people at a profit to the company.

The Princess Margaret of Connaught, who is only 11 years old, took her mother's place at the recent opening of a bazaar at Southsea. Her father accompanied her, and the two were addressed as "your royal highnesses," much to the delight of the little princess, who was presented with a handsome casket.

Sir George Tryon is the fourth British admiral who has lost his life by shipwreck or disaster unconnected with warfare since the beginning of the last century. In October, 1707, Sir Cloudesley Shovel shared the fate of the crew of the Association; and on August 19, 1782, Admiral Kempenfeldt was drowned by the "keeling over" of the Royal George. When the St. George, the Defence and the Hero were wrecked on the coast of Jutland, in 1811, Admiral Reynolds and 2000 sailors perished.

An Illustrated Guide.

Mr. Norman Murray has issued his Illustrated Guide and Pocket Business Directory for 1893. It applies to Montreal and Ottawa and contains pictures of old Montreal in 1839. These scenes of sixty years ago are most interesting and if taken side by side with the pictures of the present city of Montreal are a grand indication of the advancement made during the past half century. Mr. Murray has some striking criticisms in his work. For example take the following: "The Witness is a religious, political, temperance and comic paper. It advocates prohibition but opposes high license. At the last general election it took sides with the anti-British party. It advocates that unknown quantity called Unrestricted Reciprocity." Not so bad. The Witness is decidedly comical in more ways than one; but surely it will not relish to be called anti-British. Here is what he has to say about the TRUE WITNESS: "The TRUE WITNESS is the Irish Catholic National and Home Rule Organ. It was the only paper in Montreal that did not make any demonstration for the Queen's Jubilee; but it stood up for the British flag at the last elections." Not bad again. The TRUE WITNESS has been quite consistent, despite all the changes it has gone through in six years. It is evidently more loyal, even as a "National Home Rule Organ," than the Witness. So will all Home Rulers be the most loyal subjects of Great Britain, when legislative autonomy will be granted. It will then be for the Unionists and Orangemen to become rebels. Mr. Murray's Guide is decidedly a most interesting and exact work and cannot fail to have the large circulation it deserves.

Catholic Sailors' Concert.

The weekly concert Thursday night was a success. Mr. P. J. Gordon presided. There was a large number of sailors present, as well as a number of the crew of the Mohawk, who took part in the programme, which was enjoyed by the large audience present.

Among those who contributed to the entertainment of the sailors were Miss McAulay, organist of St. Edmund's Church, Coaticooke, and her sister, both nieces of Rev. Father McAulay; Miss Bessie Milloy, who gave an excellent recitation; also Messrs. Turton, Orr, Parks, Feeley, Cameron, Hunt, Carpenter, Read, and J. Milloy. Mr. Turton kindly gave his assistance at the piano for the whole evening. The concerts are gaining weekly in popularity and success.

NOW WELL AND STRONG.

SIRS.—It is my privilege to recommend B.B.B. For two years I was nearly crippled with an inflammatory disorder of the kidneys from which six bottles of B.B.B. entirely freed me. I am now well and strong, and gladly recommend the B.B. Bitters which cured me after I had almost given up hope.—Edward Johnson, Aberdeen, B. C.

The Commercial Bank of Brooklyn will be put in the hands of a receiver.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Four people died from eating crabs in Jersey City.

It is reported in Vienna that Russia is preparing to attack Herat.

The wheat crop of the world will about equal the demand this year.

The Bank of England has raised the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

Mormon elders are making many converts around Charleston, W. Va.

The number of new cases of cholera in Russia last week were 5,222 and the deaths 1,699.

George E. Stickles, agent for the Bridgeport Steamboat Company, committed suicide on the 26th ult.

During the seven days closed last Friday night there were 410 business failures throughout the United States.

Arthur and Harry Plumb, farmers from near Hannibal, Mo., were asphyxiated by blowing out the gas at a Chicago hotel.

Dan Arata, the Denver saloonist and murderer, recently lynched by a mob, was leader of a gang of Italian counterfeiters.

An effort is being made to have the law directing that Indian agents be appointed from officers of the army repealed.

The U. S. pensioners exceed by 400,000 men the number of soldiers who fought under the flag of "The Last Cause."

Rev. Dr. Howard, the "foreign claim fraud," arrested for using the U.S. mails for swindling purposes is let out on \$5,000 bond at Jackson, Tenn.

The cost of the new Croton aqueduct and the work on reservoirs constructed under the direction of the Aqueduct Commissioners, amounted, up to June 30, to \$27,333,924.

The speech of Representative W. Bourke Cockran, of New York, in the House of Representatives, Saturday, in favor of the repeal of the Sherman law is considered a masterpiece of argument and oratory.

Reports which have reached Wall street from the savings banks all went to show that the worry among depositors had very nearly worn itself out in the month since the banks decided to check withdrawals by putting into effect their thirty-day notices.

On Tuesday last Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes celebrated his eighty-first birthday at his summer home in Beverly Farms, Mass. Considering his advanced age, the friends who called upon him were gratified to learn that he was enjoying very good health.

Siam is said to be willing and anxious to accede promptly to the terms of the French ultimatum, but that M. LeMyro de Vilers, the special French envoy, is trying to over-ride the terms of the ultimatum, which were accepted by the Siamese Government as the settlement of the dispute.

MONTREAL, December, 1891.—I was suffering, for more than a year, from an obstinate cough, an abundant expectoration of a very bad appearance, night sweats, pain in the chest, debility and a progressive wasting, which caused me to dread consumption. I took several remedies unavailingly. I am now perfectly well, to the great surprise of my friends, and have been cured by Dr. Lavolette's Syrup of Turpentine. I took 5 bottles of 50 cts. each. I can recommend this precious syrup to those who are coughing and think themselves in consumption. W. DASTOUS, No. 90 St. Antoine Street.

Montreal, December, 1890.—I have, on several occasions, used various preparations of Turpentine and have always found them very efficacious in affections of the throat and bronchial tubes. I have lately administered to several of my children Dr. Lavolette's Syrup of Turpentine and have found its effects remarkably prompt, especially in cases of croupal cough. Mrs. Recorder E. A. T. de Montigny

Montreal, 24th December, 1890.—J. G. Lavolette, Esq., M.D.—Dear Sir,—Your Syrup of Turpentine has cured us, my son and myself of a cold which we had caught several months ago. Two bottles were sufficient. I consider it is my duty to recommend it to the public. Many thanks. Your obedient servant, M. A. Brault, practical furrier at M.M. C. Desjardins & Cie., No. 1537 St. Catherine St.

A Serious Case of Bronchitis Cured.—Suffering since a long time with an obstinate cough which allowed me very little rest, I was advised to try Dr. Lavolette's Syrup of Turpentine. After the use of a few bottles the cough completely disappeared. PHILOMENE ROGER, Lay Sister, Providence Asylum, cor. of St. Hubert and St. Catherine Sts.

WORTH READING.

Mr. Wm. McNeen, of St. Ives, Ont., had eleven terrible running sores and was not expected to recover, all treatment having failed. Six bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters completely restored him to health. Druggist Sanderson, of St. Mary's, Ont., certifies to these facts.