

DELEGATES WELCOMED.

Messrs. Cosigan and Heney Honored by Friends.

Banquet in the Russell House, Ottawa—Interesting Speeches on the Recent Convention.

The Ottawa delegates to the Irish Home Convention were tendered a formal reception, on the 19th, in St. Patrick's Hall on Sussex street, Ottawa. Although Hon. John Cosigan had been home for two weeks it was decided by the reception committee to tender the reception to the delegates together and therefore they awaited the arrival of Mr. John Heney. On the platform along with the delegates were Dr. J. J. McCabe, chairman; Father Whelan, Canon McCarthy, Hon. R. W. Scott, E. P. Stanton, and F. B. Hayes. Among the many prominent people present were Wm. Kehoe, P. A. Egleson, M. F. Walsh, J. P. Dunne, E. P. Stanton, Joseph Kavanagh, M. J. Cleary, M. O. McCormack, Dr. Freeman, Jas. Barrett, H. F. Sims, J. P. Esmond, John O'Reilly, James Mundy, W. H. Barry, M. F. Clarke, James White, F. MacDougall, John Gorman, John Heney, J. R. Slattery, M. Battle, W. D. O'Brien, J. P. Smith and D'Arcy Scott.

Dr. McCabe in a few words of welcome congratulated the Irishmen of Ottawa on their choice of two such tried and trusted men as their representatives in Dublin. That was assembled here to express our pride and pleasure in our representatives. He then read an eloquently worded address of welcome to the two delegates expressing appreciation of their conduct at the Convention and assuring them on behalf of the Irish people of the capital city of Canada of respect and gratitude. The address was signed by Mr. McCabe, Chairman, and Mr. John P. Dunne, Secretary.

Hon. John Cosigan on rising was greeted with great applause. He expressed himself as being deeply grateful to the Irishmen of Ottawa who had entrusted Mr. Heney and himself with so important a mission. It was not the first evidence he had received from the citizens of Ottawa of their appreciation of his efforts on behalf of Home Rule. He said he considered it the greatest honor that he had ever received and that he should have been elected as delegate. If his going would have deprived him of his seat in parliament he would still have gone. He said in all his experience he never attended a Convention that was conducted in so orderly and so business like a manner. Reports had been spread broadcast by the news papers that the meeting was a continuous wrangle. This was not the case. There was only one amendment submitted in the three days session and that was one by the Rev. Father Flynn that a committee should wait on Redmond and Healy to effect a compromise. But as this would necessarily delay the work of the Convention the reverend father withdrew his motion.

Throughout the trip among the many sections that he mingled with, the greatest harmony prevailed. They were fortunate in their journey across the ocean to be upon the same ship as the other Canadian delegates and the utmost cordiality was displayed.

In the Convention they had the honor of having the Bishop of Raphoe (Bishop O'Donnell) as chairman; and he discharged his duties in a becoming manner, and did much to unite the Irishmen interested in Ireland's cause. The Convention appealed to Irishmen to sink any differences that they had and allow the majority to rule and thereby give strength to the party.

He was glad to say that if he and many of his friends had differed in Canadian politics they did not do so on the question of Home Rule. He was proud to say that he stood on the same platform with Hon. Edward Blake, who had been his political opponent in Canada for many years, to aid and forward Ireland's cause.

Mr. John Heney received a warm reception. He said that he had travelled through many of the counties of Ireland and he found a feeling towards united action. They were all decided to stand together and fight the good battle. Belfast was the most liberal city he had ever visited. The delegates had been received there by all the leading Protestants who vied with their Catholic friends to do them honor. The Irish people were united and when they go to parliament they will present a more united front than ever. He thanked the Irishmen of the city heartily for the honor they had done him in sending him to represent them.

The gathering then adjourned and most of those present went to the banquet in the Russell House. It was a great success. There was a large number of representative Irishmen present. The toast list was very short and the speechmaking was over before 12 o'clock.

Dr. J. A. McCabe presided with Hon. John Cosigan on his right and Mr. John Heney on the left. Letters of regret were read from Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick, Solicitor General, and F. R. Latchford. The following attend

ed: Hon. R. W. Scott, Mayor B. B. Wick, R. v. Father Whelan, Rev. Canon McCarthy, Messrs. Brant McDougall, P. Baskerville, Wm. Cowan, J. J. McElroy, James White, O. H. Myers, J. Foley, Geo. Goodwin, John Byrne, J. Freeman, M. D. P. A. Egleson, A. A. Tallon, John P. Dunne, M. F. Walsh, W. H. Barry, D'Arcy Scott, J. Clarke, R. Slattery, M. Battle, P. Clarke, P. Burke, P. Brannan, A. F. Sims, F. O'Rilly, E. P. Stanton, Wm. Kehoe, W. Dymos, John Gorman, Wm. Foran, Chas. O'Riordan, John Gorman, J. R. Esmond, M. Ryan, Wm. F. Kehoe, M. O. McCormack, J. Mundy, A. Devine, M. Cleary, D. McNamara, Ald. Paymont and Lieut. Col. McMillan.

The toast of the "Queen" was proposed by Dr. McCabe and was received with hearty honors. Mr. Jack Clarke, who was in capital voice, favored the audience with a song, which was heartily applauded and endorsed. Canon McCarthy in a speech proposed "Ireland a Nation," which was responded to by Hon. R. W. Scott and Col. McMillan. Hon. Mr. Scott in the course of his remarks said that Ireland had already got a majority vote in the British house. That in a slow moving world like that institution, where there was so much business to be looked after, was a sign of the ultimate success of the question.

Col. McMillan followed in a rattling speech in which he referred to the brotherhood that existed between all subjects in England and expressed his hearty wish for the success of the cause of Home Rule.

The toast of "Our Guests," proposed by the chairman, was replied to by Hon. John Cosigan and Chas. McCarthy. Mr. Cosigan in his remarks stated that all true Irishmen believe in the fulfillment of Home Rule by constitutional means and not by force of arms or other means.

Mr. Heney replying to the toast stated his positive opinion that Home Rule would soon be realized and that when it was he would no doubt return to the "Old Sod."

Mr. Tallon and Mr. McDougall followed in short speeches, in which they assured those present that all nation allies were in sympathy with the Irish cause.

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the national anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

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