

HISTORICAL REMINISCENCES.

FROM THE "RAMBLER."

On Monday morning, 7th inst., as the clock in the tower of the House of Commons struck nine, or rather struck one nine times, I boarded an electric car at the Capital, and dropping five cents in the "slot," was soon whirling rapidly in the direction of the western terminus of the Ottawa Street Railway. Here a majestic wave of the hand from the gentlemen in blue coat and brass buttons, admonished me to dismount. This I did without a murmur of protest, and proceeded on my way, until reaching the western confines of Hintonburgh, where, being overtaken by a German in a primitive "rig," I was asked, "Will you ride with me?" "I will not pleasure" was the ready answer and with this I seated myself along side of my Teutonic friend. We joggled along as fast as the antiquated nag, whose long years of service had fully entitled her to the full benefits of superannuation, could carry us, our conversation turning upon Bismarck McMahon, Sedan, the forthcoming conflict between France and Germany &c., until we reached within a short distance of Bell's Corners, and here I parted with my companion.

Bell's Corners is situated about nine miles west of the Dominion Capital, and as a village seems to carry on its face very strong evidences of having reached a fine old age, and is now in the natural order of things, passing through its declining years. Many of its buildings mired with the storms of years, are rapidly tottering to their fall, and the final collapse cannot be long averted. The Orange hall however, refuses to surrender; one or two places of worship still withstand the encroachments of time, and sad to relate, only the whiskey shops are left to remind one of the past glories of the place. Like many another Canadian village, which I could name, Bell's Corners, has been thrown together on different sides of the "Cross roads" by a combination of solventious circumstances, but with the rise of the railway their greatness fell and now nothing is left but ruins to mark their location.

Westward my footsteps are turned, calling on the way upon my old friend Mr. John Dailey and family, and after a tramp of four miles I reach the village of Fallowfield. Fallowfield is situated in the township of Nepean and County of Carleton. It contains a Post Office, an establishment for the sale of whiskey, two stores, a blacksmith and waggon shop, besides a population of over a hundred, some of whom are retired farmers, who fired with the laudable ambition of spending the evening of their days in close proximity to the church, have built homes here. The Catholic Parish of Fallowfield contains 180 families and as they are Irishmen and Irishwomen, or their immediate descendants, I run no risk of over estimating the total population, when placing it at twelve hundred souls.

I have briefly alluded to Nepean, which township may in some respects be regarded as the banner township of Ontario. In wealth and intelligence it is not the inferior of many, whilst its population, which, according to the census of '91, numbers over 11,000, places it in advance of any other municipality in the Province.

Settlement may be said to have commenced in Nepean during the first quarter of the present century. So far back as 1821 several patents were issued by the Crown to intending settlers. Much of the land was vested in the Crown. A large portion of it was handed over to the Canadian Land Company, which here, as well as elsewhere, held the settler in its grasp, and scattered its withering influence wherever it held sway; whilst a good slice of it was presented to those friends of peace, the "United

Empire Loyalists," as a reward for their bravery and loyalty in refusing to lift a hand for or against Great Britain in her struggles with her North American colonies. Yes! those heroes of bloodless battles, wrapping themselves up in the Union Jack to use one of their favorite figures of speech, sought the wilds of Canada and the richest portion of the public domain is thrown open to them.

Catholic immigration into Nepean may be said to have commenced about the year 1828, a cargo of Tipperary men, with their wives and families, being the first consignment. Well, indeed, have these "stone-throwers" established their right to live on the soil. Magnificent houses commodious and costly outbuildings, well fenced and well cleaned farms, in silent but eloquent tones proclaim their industry.

Amongst the first settlers in and around Fallowfield were Michael, Henry, Rody, Thomas and James O'Grady, Denis Tierney, father of James, John, Denis, William and Murt Tierney, Thos. Troy, Wm. Costello, Thos. O'Mara, James O'Rourke, Edward Murray, John, Edward, Bartholomew and Patrick Monaghan, Charles McKenna, Matthew Costello, Daniel Harrahan, Philip and Daniel Fogarty, Jas. Gleason, John, William, Bryan, Patrick and Martin Walters, Joseph Quinlan, John Bergin, Patrick Hayes, Patrick and Anthony Kennedy, Patrick, John and Peter Byrne, Timothy, Denis and Patrick Fogarty, Richard Robins, Michael Heffernan, Thos. Carroll, Patrick Hamell, Wm. Twohey, Thomas Lennan, Jeremiah Kelly, Patrick Muldoon, Michael O'Keefe, Michael Mcride, John Vaughan, Edward Whelan, Martin, James and Denis Tierney, Michael Rooney, Michael Leamy, Patrick Casey, James Kirnan, Daniel Delany, Michael and Roderick Hawley, Matthew Quigley, Wm. Casey, Timothy Kennedy, William Burnett, Michael O'Brien, William and Thomas Kennedy, John Dowley, Patrick Fox, Michael Davis, John Hoolihan, now 94 years of age, and still hale and hearty, &c., &c.

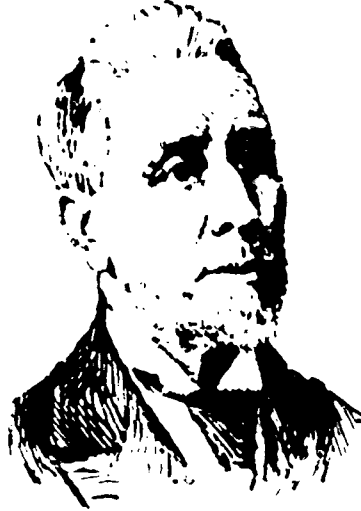
The first Church which was of logs was erected about the year 1840, and was attended by Rev. Father Smith, who then resided at Richmond. This modest structure was supplanted in the year 1866, and during the incumbency of Rev. Father O'Connell, who in succession to Rev. Father Smith took charge of the extensive parish of Richmond, by the present stone edifice. The venerable Father O'Connell who has recently completed the ninety-first year of his age resides at present in Montreal, and is, I am proud to say, in the full enjoyment of his physical and intellectual powers. The first resident Pastor was the Rev. E. J. Stevenson, well known beyond the limits of his own jurisdiction as one of our ablest pulpit orators. His demise at a comparatively early age is widely and sincerely deplored. Of the good man, Rev. J. Sloan, who with singular prudence, zeal and ability, now ministers to the spiritual affairs of this extensive parish, I will say but little. He has by matchless devotion to the duties of his sacred calling made his way to the hearts of those committed to his charge, and here he would perhaps prefer that the newspaper correspondent would let him rest. RAMBLER.

Mme. Carnot has received from the Mayor of Sebastopol a very tasteful coronal in silver, which is to be laid on the tomb of the late President of the Republic at the Pantheon. This is the result of a subscription got up among the inhabitants.

The Empress of China has started a vast silk weaving department, in which employment will be given to thousands of girls and women. The industry will be carried on in the palace grounds, which Her Majesty, by Chinese custom, is forbidden to leave.

E. B. A.

The installation of the officers of Sarsfield Branch, No. 28 Ottawa, was held on Tuesday evening, January the 8th, there was a splendid attendance of the Brothers, very few being absent. R. O. James Bennett acted as Installing Officer, assisted by Brother J. A. Hanratty, District Organizer. Brothers John J. O'Connor, John Brown, J. A. Hanratty, James Bennett and Patrick Clarke, were elected to the Executive Committee for the ensuing year. Financial Secretary Sullivan presented his Annual Report, which



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showed a very satisfactory condition of affairs, receiving well deserved praise for the manner in which it was prepared; Treasurer Carroll also presented his Annual Report, which gave Branch No. 28, a balance of nearly \$200 to its credit in the Ottawa Bank. A very hearty vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers, which was acknowledged by Brothers Brankin and Sullivan in short and particularly happy speeches, overflowing with good wishes for the continued success of the E. B. A. in general and Sarsfield Branch in particular.

St. Cecilia's Branch, No. 29, and Circle No. 3, West Toronto Junction, held a most successful meeting on Friday, January 11th, many visitors from the City Branches being present, also a large number of friends amongst others, Grand Officers D. A. Carey, W. Lane and J. J. Nightingale; D. Shea, President of No. 11; J. Delory, Chancellor of No. 11; J. J. Moloney, Chancellor of No. 12; S. H. Mullard, Recording Secretary of No. 2, and many others, also the officers and



S. T. Gould, London.

Vice President E. B. A.

members of Circle Nos. 1 and 2. J. C. Walsh, Editor of THE CATHOLIC REGISTER, B. Morris and others. The only order of business was the Installation of the Officers of St. Cecilia's Circle, No. 3 and Branch No. 29. The Grand President, as Installing officer, previous to the ceremony, gave some practical advice to the officers elect, after which they were duly installed. The remainder of the evening was devoted to recreation. W. Lane, Secretary-Treasurer, occupying the Chair. A first class programme was rendered by voluntary singers, each receiving well merited praise. The following ladies and gentlemen took part: Miss Cummings, Miss Kelly, Miss Heydon, Miss Gunning, Miss O'Neill, Mr. B. Morris, Mr. Barker, Mr. Burke, Mr. M. Delory, Mr. T. Brown, Mr. Rafferty and Mr. O'Neill. The Editor of the REGISTER made an admirable address, his subject being "The Life and Work of Thomas Davis," and was much appreciated. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his kindness. The Grand President, as is his custom on these occasions, made an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Association. During the evening the

officers supplied the members and their friends with tea, coffee, pastry and fruit.

ST. MARY'S BRANCH, No. 31, LONDON.

The members of the Branch attended in large numbers for the election of officers and although it's the Baby Branch of the Association, the prospects are that it will soon arrive at maturity and be an example to Branches that have been longer in existence. The following officers were elected: President, J. O'Neill; Vice President, J. Sheehan; Recording Secretary, W. Duffin; Financial Secretary, W. E. Baker; Treasurer, J. Meehan; Stewards, M. Christy and D. Curtin; Marshal, S. Trotter; Asst. Marshal, James Cole; Lucile Guard, J. Brannan; Outside Guard, J. Burke, each promising for the honor conferred upon them, to spare no pains to make No. 31 the banner Branch of the Association.

W. LANE, S. T. and O.

Obituary.

MRS. PATRICK KILDEA.

It is with great regret we record the death, at her last residence, "Mount Pleasant Place," Fingal, Ontario, of Mrs. Maria Kildea, the wife of Patrick Kildea, one of Elgin County's oldest residents, having lived in his above-mentioned home for the past sixty four years.

The deceased lady had been ailing for the past year, but her final sickness only lasted five weeks, her age being sixty-two years. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the 27th inst., from her residence, and proceeded to the Catholic Church, St. Thomas, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Quinlan, who also preached an eloquent and touching sermon, referring to her many amiable qualities and especially of her kindness and generosity to the poor. The choir rendered effectively the Requiem Mass and especially Mrs. Kildea's favorite hymns.

The remains were then conveyed to their last resting-place, followed by the bereaved family and relatives and the largest cortege that had left the St. Thomas Church in a long time, showing the universal respect in which Mr. and Mrs. Kildea were held. Many relatives were present from Toronto, London, Buffalo, Idaho and other places, and all the family, with the exception of three, Misses Marie and Teresa in Idaho and John in Spokane Falls, Wash. The deceased leaves five sons and six daughters besides her husband to mourn her loss. She was the daughter of the late William Cronder, an Irish Protestant minister who came to Canada in 1840 married to a Catholic lady, nee Penrose, and out of a family seven children Mrs. Kildea was the only one brought up in the Catholic faith. She was indeed a pious and indulgent wife and mother, and it will be a consolation to her many relatives and warm friends to know that she breathed her last fortified by the sacraments of her holy religion.—R.I.P.

St. Michael's Hospital.

The Sisters of St. Joseph in charge of St. Michael's Hospital return sincere thanks for the following Christmas donations: His Grace, the Archbishop, \$100; Rev. F. McRae, \$10; Mr. Cochrane, \$10; Mr. Alex. McDonald, \$5; Mr. James Marlow, \$5; Messrs. Christie Brown & Co., 1 barrel of biscuits; Messrs. Sloan and Crowther, box of raisins; The Misses Smith, box of oranges and box of lemons; Toronto Biscuit Co., box of candies; Lady Smith, piece of sheeting, piece of pillow cloth and piece of gray cotton; Mrs. Smith, 3 turkeys, and bunch of holly; Mrs. L. Cochrane, a turkey and a goose; Miss Moran, 2 turkeys; Mrs. Chappin, flowers; Rev. J. McCann, a turkey; Mr. J. Mrs. Eugene O'Keefe, a quarter of beef; Mrs. McKenzie, 2 turkeys; Wm. Ryan, 2 turkeys; Rev. J. Walsh, a turkey; Mr. Jas. Wilson, a cake; Mr. Michael Doyle, 3 turkeys; Miss Gerlie, and Annie Kelly, flowers and oranges; Mr. Frank J. Walsh, a rocker; Miss Dale, flowers.

Miss Lemaitre Resigns.

Miss Adele Lemaitre, Laureate of the Quebec Academy of Music and for many years director and organist of St. Patrick's choir in this city, has resigned that position. St. Patrick's Church has long held the reputation of having one of the best trained and harmonious choirs in Toronto, and much of the credit for this is due to the conscientious and faithful work done by Miss Lemaitre since the Redemptorist Fathers took charge of this church. Miss Lemaitre began her career in St. Patrick's when the late Very Rev. Father Laurent was the beloved pastor of that congregation. Father Laurent was an accomplished musician of the Paris conservatoire and had a continental reputation as an exacting director and a fearless critic. When it is remembered that he had always nothing but the highest praise for his organist, this speaks volumes for this gifted lady.

Lord Brassey has accepted the Governorship of Victoria, in succession to the Earl of Hopetoun.