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The Late American Elections—What has Become of the Irishman?—Old Upper Canada Church Reminiscences—More About Bishop Macdonell and "The Old Vicar."

763 West Madison street,
Chicago, Nov. 7, 1903.

Dear Register:
The event of the week is the result of the elections held on Tuesday last in several States of the Union, north and south. No place was so much focused as New York City and the Mayorality election there was considered in doubt until the last moment and the unprecedented sum of \$200,000,000 was wagered on the result. The candidates were Seth Low, a fusion nominee, and the present Mayor, and Congressman Geo. B. McClellan, son of the Commander of the Union armies at the commencement of the war of the great rebellion, who was nominated by Tammany Hall Democrats. Charles F. Murphy, the new leader of Tammany Hall, notwithstanding the defection of two prominent Democratic leaders, predicted a majority of 60,000. This is an instance of where a prediction was more than verified, as McClellan's majority is nearer 65,000. Many prominent Republicans and fusionists are considerably out of pocket from the result, both in contributions to the campaign fund of the fusion ticket and on the betting. Charles E. Murphy, as his name indicates, is of Irish parentage, and will henceforth be hailed as the Democratic leader of New York State. It may be remarked that New York City has never yet elected a "reform" or "fusion" mayor or twice in succession, no matter how acceptable the candidate might be personally. You see the reformers want to put a straight-jacket upon a cosmopolitan metropolis and that a city like New York will not endure. It chooses to be "wicked" and there is an end of it.

The Republicans will nominate the present executive, President Roosevelt, for the presidency next year. That's a settled matter, but who the Democrats will nominate is far from decided. You see that party is split wide open between the adherents of William Jennings Bryan and ex-President Grover Cleveland, and there is little probability of their coming together, as their views are far apart. Therefore, compromise candidates are sought, and since Congressman McClellan's triumphant election his name has been freely mentioned as that of one likely to answer the desired conditions. Tammany has always been opposed to Cleveland, and as New York State cannot be carried by the Democrats without it, and as a Democratic victory in a Presidential election is impossible without New York being won, the possibility of Cleveland being nominated for a third term is very unlikely.

Next to New York City the result in the State of Maryland was looked to with a view to the Presidential election next year, as Maryland was a doubtful State. In both New York City and Maryland President Roosevelt has been disappointed with the result, as the Democrats also carried Maryland for Governor, with Garfield as their candidate, by 8,000 majority. It now looks, with a suitable candidate, as if both New York and Maryland would go Democratic in 1904.

Four years ago both warty Republicans for McKinley. Lately Kentucky has been considered a good deal of a doubtful State. This time it re-elected Beckham (Democrat), Governor by 15,000 majority, which conclusively

puts that State in the Democratic column for 1904. Rhode Island, a Republican State, elected Garvin, a Democrat, two years ago for Governor, and re-elected him this year, which gives some hopes to the Democrats for carrying that northern State in 1904. The great strongholds of Republicanism are Pennsylvania, Ohio and Iowa. The Democrats set up a strong opposition in Ohio and Iowa, but these States gave larger Republican majorities than ever. "Tom" Johnson, the Democratic Mayor of Cleveland, made a phenomenal fight for Governor of Ohio, but was phenomenally snowed under. In Iowa, the Democratic candidate for Governor was Judge Sullivan, a scion of old Bantry stock, and a good man, but the descendants of the New England Puritans were too many and too averse, and he was badly beaten. The Southern States that had elections went all Democratic and included Virginia, Mississippi, Maryland and Kentucky. Massachusetts elected a Republican Governor, but it no longer gives phenomenally large Republican majorities and is growing socialistic.

Men with Irish names have been numerous in the election lists this year—McClellan, Murphy, McLaughlin, and Devery in New York City; Hanna in Ohio; Gorman in Maryland; Sullivan in Iowa; Fagan, Mayor of Jersey City; Carey, Mayor of Haverhill, Mass.; Garvin, Governor of Rhode Island; Mulvihill, the "stoker Mayor" of Bridgeport, Conn., re-elected, etc. There was no election in Illinois.

The Chicago Tribune recently asked the question editorially, "What Has Become of the Irishman?" I suppose meaning thereby the character that was imputed on the stage. The Chicago Citizen's answer to this is as follows:

"Well, The Tribune ought to know. Its editor-in-chief is Irish on both sides of the family. Its managing editor is ditto. Its typographical foreman ditto, and so on, from top to bottom."

I may mention in addition, that the original founder of the first newspaper called The Tribune was Judge Ryan of Iowa, lately deceased; the one who revived it after it had ceased to exist, was Joseph Forest, a Cork man, and the man that made it famous and a power in the land, was Joseph Medill (deceased), an Irishman by way of Nova Scotia.

"What has become of the Irishman?" continues The Citizen. He is no longer alluded to by "American" candidates for office as "the man who dug our canals and built our railroads." Now he "runs" both.

"What has become of the Irishman?" Ask the Hon. Lawrence McGann and the Hon. Edward M. Laffin, the one City Comptroller and the other City Collector of Chicago. (To these might be added the names of Frank O'Neill, Chief of Police, and Chief Musham of the Fire Department, both Irishmen born.)

"What has become of the Irishman?" "He is fast making his impress on the American people. The joyless 'American face' has disappeared and, in its stead, a jovial, handsome 'Hibernian cast of countenance' is substituted."

"What has become of the Irishman?" "Ask John M. Smythe, of Chicago, the largest furniture dealer in the world."

"What has become of the Irishman?" Ask John R. Walsh, the leading financier of Chicago.

"What has become of the Irishman?" Ask Postmaster Coyne, whose genial smile suggests the sunburst on the Irish flag and who is also about the best postmaster Chicago ever had."

"What has become of the Irishman?" "Ask Thos. A. Moran, the leading lawyer of Chicago, who resigned a judgeship to follow a more lucrative practice at the bar."

"What has become of the Irishman?" "Ask the Cudahy Brothers, Michael, John and Edward, three of the largest meat packers in the world."

"What has become of the Irishman?" "Ask Dr. John B. Murphy, the greatest surgeon on the American continent."

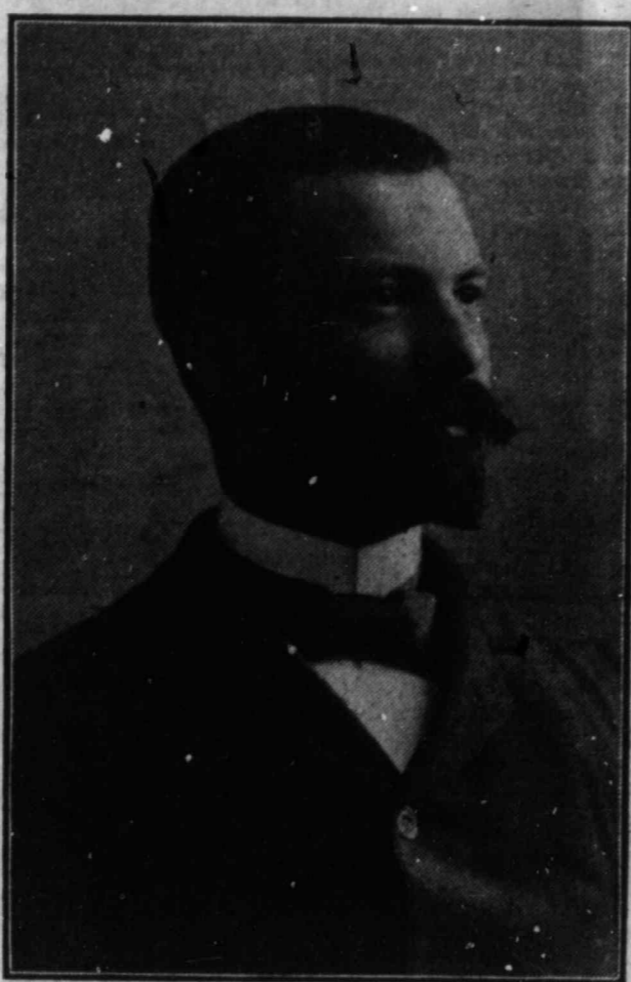
"What has become of the Irishman?" "Ask Lyon & Healy, the largest musical instrument manufacturers and music dealers in the world."

"What has become of the Irishman?" "Ask Melville E. Stone, manager-in-chief of the Associated Press."

Let me say in addition that this sort of question and answer might be continued ad infinitum. I will take the liberty of mentioning the names of Congressman Cannon, of Danville, Illinois, who has just taken his seat as Speaker of the National Assembly at Washington, the most influential office in the government of the country next to that of the Presidency, a native-born Irishman; and John Joseph Brown, of Vandalla, Ill., who will be chosen Grand Master of 75,000 Odd Fellows of the jurisdiction of Illinois, who is a New Yorker born of Irish parents.

I will now renew my reminiscences of old times in old Canada, which I presume will be more to your readers' liking.

The first band of Highlanders who arrived in Upper Canada were led by an Irish priest named McKenna. They were about 300 in number. The next priest was an Alexander Macdonell, ordained in 1768, who was a missionary at New Johnson. He died in Montreal in 1803. His name was very prominent in the early annals of the church in Upper Canada. Bishop Macdonell, with his Highlanders arrived in Quebec in the year



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1803. He obtained a grant of land for every officer and soldier of a Highland regiment that he intended bringing to Canada. On this becoming known, the Highland landlords took the alarm and endeavored by various means to keep the people from emigrating, and partially succeeded in the efforts, but many of them found means of being "smuggled" away to Canada. Lord Selkirk, of the Red River settlement, was very anxious to procure Catholic immigrants for his Northwest territory at that time. When Bishop Macdonell took charge of the missions of Upper Canada there were only three Catholic churches in the whole Province, two wooden and one stone edifice, and only two clergymen, one a Frenchman, utterly ignorant of the English language, the other an Irishman, who left the country soon afterwards. Yet there were settlements of French Canadian Catholics at Sandwich, Toronto and Kingston, besides Glengarry. When Gurden S. Hubbard, a pioneer settler of Ontario, visited Toronto, in 1818, he has told us there were 300 settlers in York, about one-half of whom were French-Canadians; but I doubt the accuracy of Mr. Hubbard's information. All along the St. Clair settlements there were groups of French-Canadians, but especially at Sandwich, where there were a good many. Even within my own recollection Kingston had its French village.

I suppose it was Bishop Macdonell that built the Cathedral at Kingston, as well as started Rectipolis College. He lived in that city for 25 years, although his first Canadian place of abode was in Glengarry, where the town of Alexandria is named after him. On one fourth of July the Orangemen of Kingston threatened to burn the Cathedral and beat the bishop. This was in the early resolution, and it was not burned.

When Vicar-General McDonald proceeded to Hamilton from Kingston in 1841, he found a very small rough-cast church edifice on the site of the present Cathedral. I do not know what priest built this church. I think Hamilton was first served from Dundas, as it was older than Hamilton, and had more Catholics.

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The Hamilton church (St. Mary's), however, grew rapidly and the duties of the pastor grew more arduous. Vicar-General McDonald was well advanced in years when he assumed the responsibilities of that parish. There was then no parish school, no convent, nothing but the bare little chapel, without a choir or a choir loft. The writer, who lived there then, remembers the formation of the choir and the building of the choir loft. The latter work was performed by the members of the choir themselves, several of whom were carpenters, and they did the work all right. The writer's part in the work was to hold a candle for the carpenters, for there was then no gas works in the ambitious and growing little city. The Vicar was a refined, delicate old gentleman, who carried a cane and used a snuffbox. The bulk of the Catholic population lived in a far-away portion of the city named Corktown and where the church should have been located. Where it was I never learned, only guessed that some one, perhaps Sir Allan McNab, whose family were Catholics, may have donated the ground at the place where the edifice was erected. There was also a couple of companies of soldiers in the big, red brick barracks down near the bay at the foot of James street at that time, many of whom were Catholics, and were led regularly to Mass every Sunday by Captains French or Fawcett.

WILLIAM HALLEY.

Cardinal Merry del Val

Rome, Nov. 9.—The first secret consistory of the new pontificate was held to-day. No American Cardinal was appointed.

Several appointments of Archbishops and Bishops were made, including that of the Rev. J. J. Harty, as Archbishop of Manila, Philippine Islands, who, as an exceptional privilege, received the pallium at an extra consistory, when he came to Rome for consecration.

The Rev. Pedro Gonzalez Estrada was appointed Bishop of Havana, and the Right Rev. Maximilian Reynoso Y. Delcoral, formerly Bishop of Tulancingo, Mexico, was appointed Titular Bishop of Nocesara.

The inhabitants of this city have been looking forward with unusual interest to the consistory, principally because it was the first to be held by Pope Pius X., but the meeting of the Cardinals was quite simple and private, the pomp and ceremony of the Vatican court being reserved to the public consistory which will occur Thursday. Only the Pope and the Cardinals were present to-day. The latter, according to custom, gathered somewhat early in an ante-chamber near the hall of the consistory, from where they passed into the latter place, the many papal guards in attendance rendering their sovereign honors. The Cardinals took their places according to precedence, the Cardinal Deacons forming one group and the Cardinal priests a third. Every one except Pope Pius showed excitement and preoccupation.

MERRY DEL VAL APPOINTED. When the Pope had seated himself on the throne all those present, one by one, paid him homage, after which the master of ceremonies called upon all but those authorized to take part in the consistory to leave the hall, which was done. When the doors had been closed and a guard had been stationed before them outside, Pope Pius, in a harmonious voice, intoned a prayer. Cardinal Gregia, Dean of the Sacred College, then stood up, and in a few words, thanked the Pontiff for having put aside his private preferences and accepted the burden of the Church. The Pope replied in an allocution which received universal approbation.

Then the real business of the day was proceeded with—the appointment of two Cardinals. Mgr. Merry del Val, the Papal Secretary of State, and Mgr. Calligari, Archbishop of Padua, being announced by the Pop who said, in Latin:—"What have you to say?"

In response the Cardinals raised their caps as a sign of affirmation on the part of their eminences. The Pope then rose and bestowed the apostolic blessing, after which he returned to his apartments.

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Bishop of Harbor Grace Ill at the Hotel Dieu

His Lordship Right Rev. Dr. McDonald, Bishop of Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, who has been at the Hotel Dieu since last July suffering from internal trouble, and who has lately suffered two severe attacks on one of his eyes, but through the aid of an eye specialist was cured, underwent the first operation since his arrival Saturday, and it was quite successful. His Lordship first intended to return to his diocese as soon as he recovers sufficiently from the operation, but now he is decided to remain the winter, as he thinks the fatigue and cold attending the long journey would be the means of causing a relapse. Since his arrival at the Hotel Dieu, his room has been constantly besieged by visitors including the Canons of the Cathedral and different other city priests, and members of the Religious Communities as well as a large number of citizens.

Bishop McDonald was formerly parish priest of Pictou, Nova Scotia, and was consecrated Bishop of Harbor Grace in 1881. Since taking charge of the Diocese he has done wonders both spiritually and financially. He is well skilled in architecture and has drawn the plans for every church in his diocese. He has sixty churches in the diocese, besides eighty-five stations or chapels. Notwithstanding his advanced age of nearly seventy, His Lordship is very active, and on his Episcopal visitations cat out in travel the youngest priest in the diocese. Bishop McDonald is a man of scholarly attainments, a deep thinker and quite a linguist being able to converse in several languages notably, French, Gaelic, Indian, Italian, Latin and Greek.

On the Labrador coast, he has several Indian families and also French, and during his visits to the Settlement, he preaches in the Indian and French languages.

Being possessed of considerable means, His Lordship has used the money to encourage certain industries in Harbor Grace and other places.

The Bishop has a very winning way about him, and is decidedly popular with all classes and creeds. Every parish in his diocese is free from debt, and all the financial statements of every parish is looked after by the Bishop personally.

Over thirty schools have been built since Dr. McDonald took charge of Harbor Grace Diocese. The Bishop is well skilled in journalism, having been editor of a magazine for years. His charming manner, and winning ways have made him hosts of friends among the Protestants.

Last year he settled a case for three Protestant brothers, who for years had been bitter enemies, all caused by a quarrel about a piece of land. His Lordship took it in hand and settled it satisfactorily, what the courts could not do, and to-day the brothers are living amicably.

It is the earnest wish of his priests and people that their good, noble and holy Bishop, may be spared to them for years to come, Vivat, Pastor Bonus.

Montreal, Nov. 10, 1903. FELIX.

The Working of St. Patrick's Parish, Montreal, Under Secular Clergy

The leading Irish Catholic parish of Montreal, St. Patrick's, which passed lately from the Sulpicians to secular clergy, is upholding the traditions of the past, and is in a flourishing condition both spiritually and financially and things are working harmoniously. The Masses on Sundays at 7, 8, 9 and 10 o'clock are largely attended. The children's mass at nine o'clock is becoming very popular and notwithstanding that over 1,500 children attend, a large congregation of adults also are present every Sunday. A new feature of the service being the introduction of congregational singing. Last Sunday, the entire number of children sang several hymns under the direction of Prof. J. A. Fowler.

The portion of the parish bounded by Duluth Avenue and Craig Street, Park, Lafontaine and Amherst Street, and Park Avenue and Bleury Street, have been visited by the different clergy, and the two other sections of the parish will be visited in the near future.

The Catechism classes which were formerly held in the Church are now held at St. Patrick's Convent for the girls, and at the Christian Brothers' School for the boys. In both places a priest presides. At the Brothers' School, a large class of about 60 Chinese Catechumens and Converts are present, and are instructed in their religion by one of the Sons of St. John de la Salle. Last Sunday, the indefatigable and popular pastor, Rev. Father Martin Callaghan, visited the class and questioned them in their religion. The answers were well given, and in a short time another

batch of the Sons of the Celestial Empire will have shaken off the darkness of infidelity and put on the armor of God, and be children of the Church. Rev. Father Martin has a special gift for making converts to the Catholic faith, and during his years of work in the Sacred Ministry his efforts have been singularly blessed, the number reaching hundreds.

On Tuesday morning a solemn Requiem Service for the deceased members and benefactors of the parish since its foundation was held, the pastor being the celebrant, assisted by deacon and sub-deacon. The church was heavily draped for the occasion.

The parish is in good financial standing and a large sum of money is already in the bank as a fund for the new Parochial School, for boys, to replace the old one on Oute Street. The Societies and Sodalties are also in a flourishing condition.

The Feast of All Saints the grand old church was at its best with its gorgeous decorations, myriads of lights, and the soul-inspiring music. The preacher Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan gave an eloquent discourse on the Joys of Paradise.

The priests attached to the Church are: Rev. Father Martin Callaghan, Pastor; Assistants, Rev. Luke Callaghan, D.D., Rev. Father Peter Heffernan, and Rev. James Killoran. Probably at Christmas another priest will be stationed at St. Patrick's.

The Pastor's feast, St. Martin, was duly honored by both the young and old members of the parish. Special concerts and addresses were given in his honor at St. Patrick's Academy, and at the Christian Brothers' School while the members of the congregation have appreciated the efforts of the "Sogarth Aroon" of the parent Irish Catholic Parish on Montreal.

"We too, feel honored by thy exaltation, Sons of St. Patrick it is ours to rejoice. Our children, ourselves breathed fresh inspiration Of virtue and grace at each sound of thy voice."

"FELIX."

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(For The Register.)

"Omnia opera nostra sine caritate nihil sunt."

Mix the bitter with the sweet, In our choice here below, Do we wish a cup of joy, If a friend has one of woe? Shall we have a happier mind All for self, and self complete? Or to labor, that mankind May resist inquiry?

Mix the bitter with the sweet, Blessings follow after pain To a sufferer, if so be He determines to abstain From his former work of ill, If he reaches patience seat, If he learns God's holy will, If he follows that decree.

Mix the bitter with the sweet, As Christ's soldiers may we fight Daily, hourly, for our King, For our neighbor, for the right, Must we say some people try, When a Christian saint they meet, To replenish trust by sigh, To uphold the evil thing.

Mix the bitter with the sweet, Soon death ends the warrior's day, Then, if conquering—through His grace,

He will rise to life for aye, As he visions Love Divine, Low to worship at His feet, As he shone to men, he shines, Crowned, he fills a Victor's place. GEORGE GWILYM.

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