

## THE CONNAUGHT RANGER'S CORNER.

William Rawley, the popular County President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and one of the most indefatigable workers in Irish National societies in Canada, was born in this city in 1836. The wrongs of Ireland he learned from the lips of his parents, who, owing to the obnoxious tithe taxes that depopulated the premier County, in the early years of the present century were forced to fly from beneath the shadows of fairy haunted Slievenamon, and seek a home far, far from the banks of the Anner, beside the rolling waters of the St. Lawrence. Mr. Rawley served his apprenticeship in the printing establishment of Messrs. Starke & Co., of this city, and a few years afterwards went to New York, and finally settled in Brooklyn, where he became actively connected with the Irish Nationalists. He was elected General President of St. Patrick's Alliance of



MR. WILLIAM RAWLEY

America, and was the only member of the organization that served in that capacity for three terms. Since his return to Montreal, some twenty years ago, he has been identified with many of the leading Irish societies. At the formation of Division No. 3, he became a member of the Hibernian organization, and is now serving his third year as County President. Since his election to that important position he has organized three Divisions of the Order; one in St. Anthony's Parish, one in St. Jean Baptiste, and one in St. Gabriel's. But it was not until the spring of '98, that the great organizing power of the veteran was made manifest. When the Irish Societies were preparing to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the heroes of '98, the heavy portion of the preliminary work fell on the shoulders of Mr. Rawley. Despite the fact that he was far from being well, he nevertheless night after night, and week after week, visited the various Irish parishes where he organized '98 clubs, and had the gratification of witnessing a most successful termination of his endeavors. Of course many other Irishmen shared in the great work which brought about the monster demonstration of the 26th of June, but none amongst them displayed a more earnest spirit of sturdy patriotism.

The regular monthly meeting of St. Patrick's Society was held in St. Patrick's Hall, on Monday evening, and notwithstanding the fact that the night was rather a busy one for many of the members, there was a fair attendance. Dr. E. J. C. Kennedy, the president, occupied the chair, and it was evident by his opening remarks that some means will be devised, in the near future, to make the meetings of this honored organization interesting to the members, and that they will find it convenient to spend a few hours monthly in social intercourse. Dr. Kennedy is very popular amongst the members. He is also very anxious to bring the old members together again. In this undertaking he should receive the loyal support of every active member of the Society. All the newly elected officers were present, and the various projects were discussed. At the annual meeting Hon. Dr. Guerin suggested the idea of inaugurating a day nursery, and the matter was again taken up at this meeting, but those present, while considering that the proposal had many good features, were averse to carrying it out under the auspices of the Society.

The question of a national hall was the principal topic of discussion and met with much favor. Mr. P. Wright, first Vice-president of the Society, delivered a telling speech in favor of the project, dwelling at great length upon the good financial results that would accrue from such an enterprise, and the honor it would be in after years to the present generation. The president also favored such an enterprise, as did Mr. P. C. Shannon, John Lavelle, J. S. Fitzpatrick, John Curran, James Meek and many

others. A committee was then appointed consisting of the president, 1st vice-president, 2nd vice-president, Hon. Dr. Guerin and the secretary, Mr. S. Cross, to report on the matter at the next meeting. Before adjourning the Society resolved unanimously to give a portion of its patronage to the "True Witness" and to advertise its regular meetings in future in the columns of the great Irish Catholic journal of Canada.

The members of the Gaelic Society seems to be at sea as regards their meeting nights. If they would only subscribe for the "True Witness" or purchase a copy of it weekly from any one of the hundred news agencies in the city, they would learn that commencing this week the classes will be held on Saturday instead of Monday as heretofore. Every member should make an effort to be present next meeting.

At a regular meeting of Branch 41, C. M. B. A., a resolution of condolence to Messrs. Hugh and John Doherty, members of the Branch, was passed, conveying the sympathy of the members of the Branch owing to the death of their esteemed and highly respected brother, Mr. William Doherty.

At the last regular meeting of the Hibernian Knights the circular issued by the Catholic Truth Society of Ottawa, in connection with the Coronation oath, was read, and after a lengthy discussion the following resolutions were adopted unanimously:

Whereas, certain obnoxious laws, detrimental to the interest of the Catholic subjects of the empire, remain on the Imperial Statute Books, and

Whereas, the aforesaid laws are a declaration against Transubstantiation, at a coronation of the sovereign of the empire, by which the doctrines of the Catholic Church are stigmatized as superstitious and idolatrous;

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Hibernian Knights of Montreal, in meeting assembled, do sincerely trust that the spirit of religious toleration which has marked the reign of Her Majesty, will at the closing years of that reign be still further marked by a declaration against such an iniquitous law and a request for its removal from the Statute Books of the Empire;

And be it further resolved, that copies of the above resolutions be forwarded to the Home Secretary to the Secretary of State for Canada, to the members of the Canadian House of Commons representing Montreal, to Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., and Mr. John Dillon, M.P., members of the Imperial Parliament, and to the "True Witness" for publication.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Young Irishmen's Literary and Benefit Association was held on Wednesday evening, in their hall Dupre street, a pretty large attendance of members being present. Mr. Richard Burke presided, and the greatest interest was manifested in the election. The following, who, according to the constitution of the Society, comprise the committee of management, were elected for the ensuing term:

President, Mr. T. J. Gallagher; 1st Vice-President, Mr. J. J. Foley; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. A. J. Grubert; Treasurer, Mr. J. P. Cunningham; Rec. Sec., Mr. M. J. Power; Corr. Sec., Mr. C. P. Hamlin; Col. Treasurer, Mr. E. J. Slattery; Asst. Col. Treas., Mr. George Rodgers; Librarian, Mr. M. J. F. Griffin; Asst. Lib., Mr. Robert Love; Marshal, Mr. Wm. P. Stanton. Other important business was transacted and the various committee reports were adopted. The financial standing of the Society is most excellent, and the members are to be congratulated on being the owners of about eighteen thousand dollars worth of real estate. A number of the veterans of the Society were present, amongst them being Jos. O'Brien, Richard Burke, Jas. McMahon, W. P. Stanton, W. J. Himpby. Four new members were initiated, and the Society is continually adding new blood to its membership. There are many inducements for young men in this Society; a splendid gymnasium is attached to the building equipped with modern appliances, a reading room in which all the leading Irish and Irish American Journals are kept on file, a billiard room, with two tables, besides chess boards, and other apparatus for innocent games and amusement. A splendid library adjoins the hall, in which are kept all the national and historical works of Ireland and Canada, besides several volumes on civil engineering and other mechanical matters of interest.

The excursion on the 24th of May, to Iberville, is expected to be a grand success, one of the principal events will be a grand base-ball match, while Casey's Orchestra will furnish

music for dancing. Many new features will be introduced in the programme and the Society should receive a large patronage at such an outing.

Division No. 3, A.O.H., has moved into their new quarters on Notre Dame Street, near McGill, and held a rousing meeting on Wednesday evening, a large amount of business was transacted and the following resolutions of condolence with the family of the late Bro. P. Carroll were adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased the Omnipotent Judge of all things to remove from our midst our worthy and esteemed brother Patrick Carroll, and

Whereas, in the death of Patrick Carroll, Division No. 3, A.O.H., of the County of Hochelaga, has lost a valuable and energetic member, his wife a devoted husband, his children a kind and loving father; therefore be it

Resolved, while bowing in humble submission to the Divine will, we desire to extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolence to our deceased brother's wife and family, and pray that God in His Infinite mercy may console and grant them strength in their present bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, that we recognized in our deceased brother one of an ardent

temperament, who early imbibed to an intense degree that spirit of unconquerable patriotism, and devotion to the cause of Irish liberty; and further be it

Resolved, that as a tribute of respect to brother Patrick Carroll, that on our charter let us lay the wreath of remembrance and friendship, so that the fragrance of friendship will ever remind us to pray for one whose life has been marked by useful deeds, that these resolutions be entered on the records of Division No. 3, A.O.H., that a copy be sent to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy to the "True Witness" for publication.

Representatives of other Divisions were present at the meeting of No. 3, and one and all congratulated the Division on the elegant quarters they have secured. But the necessity of a national hall was again demonstrated, and County President Rawley, who is secretary of the Division, made an earnest appeal for the project. It looks now as if this gigantic burden would fall on the shoulders of the Hibernians, but if so, it is to be remembered, they have accomplished greater things in the past and are willing and able to do this when called on by the proper authority.

## FAREWELL TO FATHER SHEA.



REV. FATHER SHEA.

Rev. M. L. Shea, for the past seven years curate at St. Mary's Church, having been recently named by His Grace Archbishop Beuchet to St. Anthony's Parish, was made the recipient of a purse of gold, accompanied by an address, at St. Mary's Hall, on Thursday evening. We gave the address in full as follows:

To Rev. Father Shea, Curate of St. Mary's Parish, Montreal.

Cherished and well beloved Father—Our hearts are linked together tonight in sadness. It has pleased His Grace, the Metropolitan of this Archdiocese, to call you from amongst us. This announcement was received with universal regret. We cannot express our grief at our parting with you, you who have been so self-sacrificing for us during the past seven years. Your name is embalmed in our affections and unconsciously breathed in our fondest prayers. Yes, for nine years have you labored in the sacred ministry and for seven of these it has been our happiness and privilege to have you in our midst, and we take pleasure in testifying how earnestly and zealously you have discharged the arduous duties imposed by your holy calling. During these years, you have by your readiness at every call of duty, no matter at what self-sacrifice, and by the energy and willingness with which you always assisted us in everything relating to our spiritual and temporal welfare, won our deepest love and gratitude.

Yes, beloved Father, what gathers us here tonight is sentiment, sympathy and natural affection, all these and more than these, to say that saddest of all sad words, farewell. While the present circumstances are to a certain extent sorrowful, we nevertheless look back with rejoicing to the good you have done. And now, dear Father, we ask your acceptance of this token of affection and appreciation, as feeble expression of our good will, and which we hope, will serve to arouse occasionally kind memories of your friends in this parish. We trust Almighty God will spare you for many years to come to labor in your new field of duty (St. Anthony's); and we humbly ask him to bestow His choicest blessing upon you. In return we ask you, no matter in what part of the world you may claim you, to remember us when offering the Holy Sacrifice at the Altar. We have the honor to subscribe ourselves, dear Father Shea,

Your devoted Friends.

Rev. Father Shea, who was visibly affected, after referring to his long and happy association with the parish of St. Mary's, paid a high tribute to the esteemed pastor, Rev. Father O'Donnell. He thanked the parishioners for their generous acknowledgment of his humble efforts and closed by saying that he would always remember the pleasant days he spent amongst them.

## The New Archbishop Of Toronto Installed.

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and whose field of labor has been constantly within our view? At this moment you are surrounded by not a few fellow-students, by a more numerous group of pupils, and by none in this spacious and crowded church, who do not behold in you a worthy successor of the former prelates of Toronto. They founded the institutions of higher Catholic education with which your name, as first native born Archbishop, will remain most conspicuously linked.

The services which you have effected for the promotion of religion and knowledge in this part of the country cover an important stage of its formative period. One of the pioneer pupils of St. Michael's College, you were of the first Canadian youth received into the community of St. Ba-

cade ago, the high distinction of Doctor of Divinity.

It was the natural success of such abilities, employed by you with unswerving justice in the cause of Holy Church, that called you to the See of London to develop and improve the courageous undertakings in that field of the late Dr. Walsh; and it is the same current, that, like the flow of a broad river, now advances you to the dignity and honor of Metropolitan in the Provincial Capital, and, we are also well aware, to the increased strain and responsibility of higher station.

In this connection it would be unpardonable if we were to pass over in silence the mutual ties that existed between you and the clergy and people from whom you have just parted, and the engrossing interest you took in the progress of the western diocese. But as those associations have been broken solely at the command of the Holy See, we feel that it would be inappropriate for us, in alluding to the chief concerns which the nature of the true churchman most naturally retains after a wrench of this kind, to assure Your Grace that the translation will bring you in contact with a devoted and zealous priesthood in the Archdiocese of Toronto, as well as a united laity, between whom loyalty and concord happily subsist and whose sincere and affectionate co-operation will be yours at all times when assistance and counsel from them may be needed.

It will further gratify you to hear our testimony to the amity and good will prevailing among all classes in the community that will be benefited by the future exercise of your personal influence; and the Catholic portion in this community in the earnest hope of your long and happy reign in our midst, can look forward with confidence to the preservation and extension of this social harmony.

Fervent prayers on this joyful morning of the month which Catholic devotion has consecrated to the Queen of Heaven, will be offered under her patronage for a continuance of the blessings of God upon all the duties and undertakings that lie before you.

It only remains to ask the Apostolic Benediction at your hands for ourselves and families, and once more assure Your Grace of the homage and affection of devoted and loyal children in the laity of Toronto.

Signed, J. J. Foy, Chairman; P. F. Cronin, Secretary.

His Grace then advanced to the altar rails, removed his mitre and spoke as follows:

All you have witnessed and heard here to-day, is expression of the burden put upon my shoulders; a burden so heavy that I hesitated to accept, and any success that may now attend my efforts I feel will be due to the fact that in coming here I am obeying the command of the Holy Father himself.

A pastor is called on to teach not alone by words but by works. The noble address of the laity reminds me that I am the successor of noble predecessors, in whose path I must follow in order to bring blessings upon us. I always remember Dr. Power with great admiration, he laid down his life for the poorest of his flock. I never saw him, but I always looked upon him as the model bishop. And to Bishop Charbonnelle we owe the fact of being furnished with the means of fitting ourselves for the positions we occupy to-day. Of the two later bishops I need not speak, you know their lives and these speak for them more forcibly than any words that I can say. Archbishop Lynch ordained me, Archbishop Walsh consecrated me. Thinking then of these great predecessors it is my wonder that I hesitated before accepting this burden offered me? But it is a mission from Christ Himself, who said: "go teach all nations." Failure would be disastrous to me and to those over whom I rule. But I am encouraged by the Holy Father, guided by Jesus Christ Himself, and sustained by the friendship of my fellow bishops. All things said of me to-day were a great surprise. I feel encouraged when thinking of your support and noble help. The address of the priests breathed in every word the spirit of the priesthood. The priest is the fellow worker of the bishop; the clergy must be supported by the bishop. Therefore, I promise respect and affection to my priests; a loyal support in all difficulties. I am exceedingly pleased at the remarks concerning the Administrator, and I am glad to proclaim Father McEann as my Vicar-General.

To maintain amity and good will amongst all classes and people is my duty and pleasure, and the episcopal ring which I now wear was given me by friends not of our faith as a sign of what I have tried to do for all. We must not insist too much on our rights; rights pushed too far sometimes become wrongs. We desire the success of others as much as our own. I never interfere in matters political, at the same time I do not believe

that government means the greatest good for the greatest number. God wants to procure the good of the whole.

A source of trouble sometimes is religious controversy. I believe my Church is the true Church of Jesus Christ, but as I expect others to respect me, I respect others, no matter what their religious belief may be. The duty of all is to find out Truth, to find out what God taught, but our duty does not require us to quarrel.

I thank the bishops and priests present, who have come to-day to honor the people of Toronto and to honor me; I thank them most sincerely in your name and mine. It is a special pleasure that I am supported at my installation by Bishop Dowling and Bishop Foley. They were my sponsors at my consecration. I also thank the legislative and judicial representatives here to-day, and I am glad to see also members of other faiths, whose beliefs I shall always respect, as I expect them to respect mine. The responsibility of Toronto, from its commercial and educative importance is great, and I ask the support of your prayers. All good comes through prayer; therefore, I ask your prayers that my work here may not be a failure.

All were charmed with the kindness and dignity of his bearing, while the energy of the clearly cut words, and the power and timbre of the strong and far-reaching voice were a surprise to many. His Grace closed by bestowing the Papal Benediction on all present, after which the immense congregation began to disperse. On the way out an informal reception was held, just outside the railings, by the Bishop of Hamilton and others, who met with old friends; amongst the handshakers were Mayor Shaw, ministers of various denominations, and towering above all Canada's graceful Premier. As we left the church the organ strains were still in our ears, the chime of the bells still followed us, and we felt that Toronto had indeed reason to be proud of her grand Archbishop and the great reception given him.

## C. & D. S. BANK.

The annual meeting of the City and Districts Savings Bank was held at the head office on Tuesday afternoon, and as was to be expected, the annual report of the directors demonstrated in a most marked manner how well and ably the affairs of the institution are administered.

Those present were Sir William William Hingston, who presided; H. W. Atwater, E. J. Barbeau, Henri Barbeau, R. Bellemare, W. R. Miller, M. Burke, Nolan Delisle, S. H. Ewing, C. P. Hebert, Robert Macleay, H. M. Molson and Senator O'Brien.

Mr. Henri Barbeau was elected secretary of the meeting.

Sir William Hingston read the annual report, which showed that the net profits of the past year, were \$101,190.47, which, added to the balance at the credit of the profit and loss account of last year (\$193,189.11) brings the latter to \$297,379.58. From this, two dividends have been paid, and \$100,000 has been placed to the reserve fund, making it \$500,000. The amount at the credit of profit and loss is now \$117,379.58.

The volume of business transacted during the year amounted to seventy-eight million dollars. The increase over last year in the amount due depositors is \$551,387.09. The number of open accounts on December 31, last, was 51,526, or 1,638 greater than in the previous year.

The average amount due each depositor is \$195.98, as against \$188.44 for 1897.

A feeling reference was made to the death of the late Sir J. A. Chapleau. The election of directors resulted in the reappointment of the old board as follows:

The Hon. Sir William Hingston, M. D., Mr. R. Bellemare, the Hon. Jas. O'Brien, the Hon. Judge J. A. Oulmet, Messrs. E. J. Barbeau, F. T. Judah, Q.C., Michael Burke, Robert Mackay, H. Markland Molson and C. P. Hebert.

At a subsequent meeting of directors Sir William Hingston was re-elected president, and Mr. R. Bellemare vice-president.

The manager, Mr. Henri Barbeau, and his very excellent staff deserve great credit for their devotion and skill in conducting the affairs of the bank. Few of the chief administrators, of our banking institutions, are held in higher esteem by their depositors than is Mr. Barbeau by those of the institution over which he so ably presides. He is a financier of a high order of merit, and is deservedly popular in the circles of his confreres.

## BETTER LIGHT.

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