JUSTIN McCARTHY

Delivers a Speech—Full of Patriotism and Good Sense.

Mr Justin McCarthy, replying to the toast of his health, which was proposed by Mr Parnell, at the recent banquet given in honor of the Irish leader, said :

I can assure you that I could have no higher possible gratification and no higher reward than the words of our guest tonight and the applause of you, my friends. I have, and I have ever had, no ambition so high as to serve in any way, however humble, the cause of Ireland. (Applause.) I am selfish in that way. No success in the world would gratify me so much as having the applause of Irishmen and the Irish Parliamentary Party. (Renewed applause.) I may say that I have never changed since those far-off days of '48 (applause), for, going back to an earlier generation than that of a friend on my left, to those days when we were boys—we were very much boys in those days. (Laughter.) I was, I think, not quite eighteen years old ; but we thought it nothing to risk our lives for the national prosperity of our country. (Applause.) Now, those are the principles I started with, and to those principles I have always adhered. (Renewed applause.) We have changed our methods since that time—I have changed my methods with them.

DAYS OF '48.

But let me remind you that we were not in those days of '48 the utter idiots that some people are now pleased to regard us (hear, hear). Remember that in those days there were no weapons of precision Remember that the old rifles we bought and buried afterwards—I say this in a poetic mood, and I wrote the song of my own buried rifle—as long the world has very willingly let die, (laughter) but it was, I think, in the *Nation* or *Irish Felon*. There were Irish felons in those days, and we were as proud to be Irish felons then as some people are now (hear, hear); but we had some reasonable grounds First of all, we had no English party whatever to support us. We were under the conviction, young and old of us, that there was no way of getting Irish National Government but by a movement of armed rebellion. The European continent then was aflame with rebellion. Remember, then, that we thought—as other people thought—that if you could only keep up an army, a rebellion going on for long enough, some great European power, acting for its own purpose, would come in and help you out. I am not saying our movement was a wise one, but I say this distinctly, our movement was not that movement of mere insanity which sometimes now people are disposed to regard it as (hear hear).

DIFFERENT MEANS NOW.

Now I see we can do everything we want to do, gain all the great and glorious things we want to gain through the instrumentality of the English people (Applause). Since that time I have lived amongst the English people. I have met them face to face and heart to heart, and I have always felt that if we could get the English democracy to come over to our side we had gained our point (Hear, hear.) We have conquered the English democracy. As the captive Greece conquered her conquerors, so has captive Ireland convinced the English people. We have on our side Mr Gladstone (loud applause) and the English democracy, and who, I want to know are going to oppose us? (Continued applause). Our honored guest has spoken in kind and generous terms of the success I have made in literature and otherwise. I tell you with the utmost sincerity that there is no success which I ever have made which I value in the faintest degree in comparison with the success I have made in being a member of this Irish National party, in fighting with them in those dark and desperate days (hear, hear) when we were sometimes only half a dozen men going in one lobby and the whole House of Commons trooping into the other lobby—with the success I have made in being regarded by men like you as a comrade and a friend and a brother. (Applause.)

A Temperance Tale.

A mouse fell into a beer vat, poor thing, and a cat passing by saw the struggling little creature. The mouse said to the cat,—

"Help me out of my difficulty."

"If I do I shall eat you," said the cat

"Very well," replied the mouse ; "I would rather be eaten by a decent cat than drowned in such a horrible mess of stuff as this."

It was a sensible cat, and said,—

"I certainly shall eat you, and you must promise me on your word of honor that I may do so."

"Very well, I will give you the promise, I promise."

So the cat fished the mouse out ; and, trusting to the promise, she dropped it for an instant to clean her own mouth of the abomination of the vat, thinking that she had better do so before she took a meal off the mouse.

The mouse instantly darted away and crept into a hole in the corner where the cat could not get him.

"But didn't you promise me I might eat you?" said puss.

"Yes, I did," replied the mouse; "but don't you know that when I made that promise I was in liquor?"

How many promises made in liquor have been broken!

British Parliamentarians and Tobacco.

Gladstone and Balfour detest tobacco, and will not deign to lend countenance to the habit by even a glance into the famous "smoke-room" of the House of Commons. On the other hand, Labouchere, Bradlaugh, Lord Randolph Churchill, Sir William Harcourt and Mr Chamberlain are almost constant habitues. Parnell drops in once a day for a small cup of coffee and a very mild cigar. Churchill is a slave to cigarettes and smokes them in great quantities.

Sig. Succi, the noted Italian faster, has sailed for New York on the Italy. He should have waited for the City of New York, as she is a faster herself.

Mrs Stanley is having honors thrust upon her. A tennis shoe, a bracelet, a restaurant, a carpet, a tooth powder, and a polish for silver have been named after her.

THE GOSSIP OF A WEEK.

CHAT ON TIMELY TOPICS AND CURRENT EVENTS.

The Re-organization of the Ontario Cabinet—Three New Men, Harcourt, Dryden and Bronson—Prince George at Montreal—The Toronto Fair.

TORONTO, Sept. 15.—The Ontario Cabinet has been reorganized. The Ministers will be sworn in as follows:

Premier and Attorney-General—Hon. Oliver Mowat.

Commissioner of Crown Lands—Hon. A. S. Hardy.

Provincial Secretary—Hon. J. M. Gibson.

Commissioner of Public Works—Hon. C. F. Fraser.

Minister of Education—Hon. G. W. Ross.

Provincial Treasurer—Hon. Richard Harcourt (succeeding Hon. A. M. Ross).

Minister of Agriculture—Hon. John Dryden (succeeding Hon. Chas. Drury).

Minister without portfolio—Hon. E. H Bronson.

Mr. Ballantyne will likely be elected Speaker.

Speaking of the changes outlined above, the Globe says: "Owing to the fact that Mr. Bronson, of Ottawa, is burdened with the management of a heavy and exacting business, he could not without grave danger to his personal interests take charge of a department. But by entering the Cabinet without portfolio the Government and the province will have the benefit of his counsel and experience at least on questions of which he has special knowledge. And a better representative of the lumbering, timber and general business interests of the province is not to be found in the Legislature. The general interests of Eastern Ontario will also become his special concern, and that part of the province must derive large advantage from his admission to the Cabinet. The appointment does not carry salary. The practice of having Ministers without portfolios is recognized under the British constitution and has been in use for some hundreds of years. Two Ministers, Hon. J. J. C. Abbott and Hon. Frank Smith, sit in the Federal Cabinet without portfolio, and there are such Ministers in the Cabinets of Quebec New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. It is not necessary under the practice for Mr. Bronson to go back to his constituency for re election."

The plans for the restoration of the University, prepared by Architect Dick, have been approved of by the trustees, building committee and the senate. The plans increase the number of lecture rooms by seven the number of professor's rooms by eight, and add a whole range of new rooms in the basement of the reconstructed eastern wing. The girl students will have extra accommodation. A library is now being fitted up in the new School of Science, which will also supply examination halls in the meantime. President Wilson received a contribution of £500 from Edinburgh the other day toward the building fund; £100 is donated for extension of residence.

A number of Toronto gentlemen have evolved a new and original solution of the Esplanade difficulty, which is causing so much trouble between the railways and the city. Instead of the railways having the best part of the water front they propose building a tunnel under the land now being fought for. The cost of such a tunnel would be less than a million dollars, and it would be wide enough for a double track.

H. R. H. Prince George of Wales, second son of the Heir Apparent, who is in command of H. M. S. Thrush has been honoring Montreal all week with his presence. His ship and the flagship of the Admiral arrived off Montreal early last week. Ever since, the city has been wild over the excitement and honor of entertaining such a distinguished guest within their gates. The young prince has been enjoying himself. He has been banquetted, has received adresses, held receptions, attended races and a grand citizens ball, where he danced with a number of the fair ladies of Québec province.

The fleet shortly returns to Halifax. So it is not likely that the Prince will be able to take a trip through the Province of Ontario, until later on.

The annual Industrial fair, for which Toronto is so justly famous is now in full swing. It was opened with much state and ceremony by the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen. His Excellency the Governor-General has also paid a visit to the city for the purpose of taking in the Show. He was banquetted at the Queen's Hotel by the Civic reception committee before he left. The Fair is a greater success than ever.

Some great and awful stories are telegraphed sensational American papers by correspondents in Canada. Ottawa and Montreal have for years past been noted for possessing the two greatest newspaper liars in the Dominion. The far West however has now been heard from. Last week several American papers contained accounts of a terrific snow storm in Manitoba and the North-West, which had ruined the harvest. This was totally untrue. An inch or two of snow fell in a far northern settlement in the North-West Territories, but did not do much damage and disappeared almost as rapidly as it came. But the champion lie of the year undoubtedly is that telegraphed on Sunday to many of the sensational Sunday editions of the great American press. The fake despatch states that H. R. H. Prince George of Wales had been on a spree in Montreal, got into a row and had been locked up by the police. Startling headings such as "Royalty in Jail" astonished many people. It is a disgusting thing to think that the Queen's grandson should remember his visit to Canada, in connection with a malicious and blackguardly lie like this.

This is greatly to be regretted, by all right minded people. It is rumoured that an action will be entered against the Montreal correspondent who is well known.

A convention to be held in this city next month is of particular interest to the women of Toronto. It is the annual gathering of the American Association for the Advancement of Women. This is not a movement intended to secure the enfranchisement of the sex in a political sense; neither is it a temperance crusade, although on the roll of the Association are some of the best-known names in connection with the temperance and women's franchise movements. The object of the Association is simply to aid in the elevation of women educationally, socially and in the world of industry. Mrs. Julia Ward Howe is the president this year.

Mrs. Crozier, an old and respected resident of Digby, N. S., met with a horrible death through the mistake of a druggist. She had been ill for the past few days and a doctor was called who prescribed for her. The prescription was taken to the drug shop of Stark & Co. to be filled, and by mistake the clerk sent fifteen grains of strychnine. Shortly after this was administered the patient became very violent and to the horror of all present the fatal error was discovered. The unfortunate lady died in great agony a short time after. She was 72 years old, and has two daughters in Lynn, Mass., and a son in California.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

Emin Bey has arrived at Unkainyembe.

U. S. Senator Farewell is dangerously ill.

Robert Ray Hamilton was drowned in the Yellowstone park.

A bank at Bay City, Mich., was robbed of $5,000 by three expert thieves.

A serious outbreak of typhus fever has occurred at Rybulk, Upper Silesia.

The land in California on which the big trees stand has been set apart for a public park.

Elections took place in Bulgaria on Sunday and resulted in a great victory for the government.

Mr. Burleigh, Republican, is re-elected governor of Maine, and Speaker Reed is re elected to Congress.

The coal schooner Tremble was sunk in a collision opposite Sarnia and a sailor named McLall was drowned.

During the last ten days 750 Jewish families have left Berditschef, Russia, for England, America and Australia.

Fire has again been found in the mine at Dunbar, Pa., where the 29 miners were lost, and another explosion is feared.

Gentlemen just arrived at Washington from Nicaragua report good progress being made with the construction of the canal.

The race for the great Yorkshire handicap plate at Doncaster was won by "Silver Spur." The race for the Champagne stakes was won by "Haute Saone."

A hurricane, accompanied by heavy rain, visited the neighborhood of Paxton, Ill., on Sunday, doing great damage to shade trees, buildings and crops.

Herbert Burns, an electrician at San Francisco, received a shock of 2,000 volts on Saturday and was knocked senseless, but afterwards recovered.

Moorhouse & Pepper's horse Rosebery broke the world's record for high jumping at Elmira, N. Y., clearing seven feet and five-eights of an inch.

The ratepayers of Cardiff, Wales, have passed resolutions objecting to the payment of money out of the public funds for the entertainment of the Duke of Clarence.

The Standard's Madrid correspondent says the Prime Minister's toleration of the Carlists will probably resuls in the election of several of their candidates at the coming elections.

Henry Merseman, a life prisoner in the Ohio penitentiary, suicided by making a tube of newspapers, placing one end over the gas jet and holding the other end to his nose.

Arrangements are now complete for the establishment of telephonic communication between London and Paris and the line is expected to be in operation within a few days.

Chauncey M. Depew has returned to New York, and in his speech at a luncheon tendered him by his admirers he approved Mr. Webb's course in regard to New York Central affairs.

The New York customs officials seized diamonds valued at nearly $10,000 belonging to a wealthy young Englishman named W. H. Medhurst, who had just arrived from London.

A meeting to honor the memory of the late John Boyle O Reilly was held in the Metropolitan Opera house, New York. It was presided over by Governor Hill, and 4,500 people attended.

The directors of the World's Fair, Chicago re-affirmed their choice of some months ago and selected the dual site of the lake front and Jackson park as the place for locating the exposition.

Thomas H. Bennet, a politician and labor leader, was shot and killed at Birmingham, Ala., in a duel with William Hardman, a locomotive engineer. The men had a quarrel some weeks ago.

At the meeting of the National Rifle Association at Creedmoor, on Tuesday, the Wimbledon cup was won by Major C. H. Gaus with a score of 141. Major Gaus also won the cup last year.

The insanity trial involving the liberty of Frank K. Collier, the Canadian lawyer, came to an abrupt termination at Chicago, by the judge ordering the petition of Mrs. Collier dismissed and the discharge of the defendant.

The United States steamship "Baltimore" has arrived at Gothenburg, Sweden. Heavy fogs were encountered, which greatly retarded her passage. She will proceed at once to Stockholm, where the remains of Ericsson will be received by the Swedish authorities.

The British customs inspectors have received orders to be less strict in the examination of passengers' luggage than has heretofore been their custom. They will hereafter insist upon making search only in cases where some ground for suspecting fraud seems to exist.

The strike of the switchmen and brakemen on the St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas Railway has ended by an unconditional surrender on the part of the strikers. All the freight trains are moving as usual and such strikers as were not violent have returned to work.

The brakemen and switchmen employed on the Toledo, Columbus and Cincinnati road struck because they had been refused an advance in wages. An attempt was made to run freight trains but the strikers spiked the switches and the bars could not be moved.

The national convention of stone masons called with the object of forming a stone masons' national union of America is in session in Baltimore. The delegates present come from Pennsylvania, New York, Missouri, Ohio, Colorado and Maryland, representing 3000 masons.

During the German manœuvres at Muhlberg three hussars were drowned while attempting to swim their horses across the Elbe. A number of their comrades narrowly escaped a similar fate. The accidents are attributed to the unusually high water and rapid current caused by the floods.

The Russian Government, fearing an increase of Chinese colonization in the province of Ussuria and wishing to develop Russian colonization in the province, proposes to place a heavy tax upon the Chinese and Corean inhabitants and to make numerous grants of land to Russian settlers.

Prime Minister Canovas del Castillo, of Spain, has declared in favor of a social policy similar to that of Emperor William. He believes free trade is responsible for the evils of the workmen's position, and therefore recommends a policy of protection in the interests of both farmers and manufacturers.

The great strike in Southampton is still on. The troops in were obliged to make a succession of bayonet charges in order to clear the streets. Two gun boats have arrived off port. The union has issued an order withdrawing their pickets. This action caused surprise, and gives color to a rumor that the London leaders will not help the strikers.

The Servian newspaper Sloboda demands that all Austrians be dismissed from the state service at once. The article is supposed to have been inspired by Russia. The Pan-Slavist movement is very active throughout the country. It is just announced that Peter Karagorgevitch, the pretender to the Servian throne, who has been refuging in Montenegro, is about to leave that country, not to return again.

COUNTY CURRENCY.

Items of Interest from over the County.

A Weekly Digest of the County News Served up to Suit Readers of "The Signal." Pith and Point, Clipped and Condensed from Every Section.

Walter Smith, Brussels, has a sunflower stalk growing in his garden that measures 12 feet in height. There are 25 flowers on it.

Councillor Strachan, Brussels, has gone to Manitoba on an excursion trip. G A. Deadman also left last week for Winnipeg.

The other day as Mr W. Steep, Clinton, was hauling a load of sand down a hill he nearly lost one of his horses. It slipped down and before he could stop the other it dragged its mate a considerable distance along the road, almost choking it.

Mr George Dale, of Hullett, delivered his fall wheat at Fair's mill, Clinton, one day recently, and found that it turned out 63 lbs. to the bushel and 42½ bushels to the acre.

The body of a young man named Patrick Brennan was interred in the R. C. burial ground, Hullett, Wednesday morning of last week ; deceased was formerly employed with Mr John Woon, but had lately been working at Bay City, where he died ; he was a nephew of Peter Brennan, Hullett.

Robt. Watt, foreman in the Ronald engine works, Brussels, left for Portage la Prairie and Brandon on Tuesday, Sept. 2nd. He goes to start the new engines sent to the West and attend to the business of the firm. He will be absent for three or four weeks.

Master Angus Gordon, 6th con., McKillop, was severely kicked above the eye by a horse the other day, while hitching it to a threshing engine, of which the animal was afraid, and thus rendered vicious.

One day recently, while a son of Mr Alex Foster, Kinburn, was engaged harrowing, the harrows upset, causing the team to run away, and getting caught on a tree brought one of the horses back on the harrow teeth with great force, making seven deep gashes, fully six inches in length.

Last year Mr D. Dickinson, Clinton, set out, with others, a cabbage plant. It did not grow during the year, but remained stationary, and was in the ground all winter. This spring, as it still seemed to be alive, it was left untouched, and has during the year grown to a good-sized head.

On Thursday morning, 28th ult, during the terrific storm, a barn on the farm owned by Mr T. H. Cook, 9th con., Stanley, was struck by lightning and entirely destroyed Although the rain was falling in torrents at the time, it seemed to have no effect in quenching the flames. The barn was fortunately empty, and there was an insurance of $150 on it.

The residence of Mr Geo Askwith Hullett, was the scene of a happy event, on Tuesday, Sept. 2nd, when his eldest daughter was united in marriage to Mr Chas A. Howson, veterinary surgeon, of Manchester. Rev John Gray, of Kincardine, performed the ceremony, the bride being assisted by Miss Howson, of Clinton, and her sister, Miss Askwith, while the groom had as his supporters Mr John Perdue, V. S., of Blyth, and M. C. F. McGregor, V. S., of Kinburn.

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Couldn't Bear to be a Liar.

Two boys were in a school-room alone together, when some fireworks, contrary to the master's prohibition, exploded. The one boy denied it ; the other, Bennie Christie, would neither admit nor deny it, and was severely flogged for his obstinacy. When the boys got alone again :

"Why didn't you deny it?" asked the delinquent.

"Because there were only two, and one of us must have told a falsehood," said Bennie.

"Then why did you not say that I did it?"

"Because you said you didn't, and I wouldn't share the falsehood."

The boy's heart melted ; Bennie's moral gallantry subdued him.

When the school resumed, the young rogue marched up to the master's desk and said :

"Please, sir, I can't bear to be a liar—I let off the squibs," and burst into tears.

The master's eyes glistened on the self-accused, and the unmerited punishment he had inflicted on his school-mate smote his conscience. Before the whole school, hand in hand with the culprit, as if the two were paired in confession, the master walked down to where young Christie sat, and said aloud :

"Bennie! Bennie! lad, he and I beg your pardon—we are both to blame!"

The school was hushed and still—as older scholars are apt to be when something true and noble is being done—so still they might have heard Bennie's big-boy tears drop proudly on his book as he sat enjoying the moral triumph which subdued himself as well as filled all the rest, and then, for want of something else to say, he gently cried :

"Master forever!"

The glorious shout of the children filled the old man's eyes with something behind his spectacles which made him wipe them before he resumed the chair.

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Old Farmer Boggs of Boggy Brook
Went to the country fair,
And with his wife he strolled around
To see the wonders there.
"That horse," he said, "Gray Eagle
Will take the highest prize ;
But our old Dobbin looks as well
And better to my eyes.
He is, I know, what folks call slow,
It's far the safest way to go ;
Some men, perhaps, might think it s
I really should not like to change.

"And those fat oxen ; Buck and B
Don't have so large a girth,
Nor match like them, just to a hair
But I know what they're worth.
They're good to plow, and good to dr
You stronger pullers never saw,
And always mind my 'gee' and 'haw
Some folks, perhaps, might think it
I really shouldn't want to change."

"That Devon heifer cost, I heard,
A thousand dollars. Now,"
Said Mrs Boggs, "my Crumple H
Is just as good a cow.
Her milk I'm sure's the very best.
Her butter is the yellowest ;
Some folks, perhaps, might think i
I really shouldn't want a change."

"Those premium hogs," said Mrs
"My little Cheshire pig
Is better than the best of them,
Although he's not so big.
And that young Jersey is not half
So pretty as old Brindle's calf ;
For is there in the poultry pen
A Speckled Wings so good a hen.

As Farmer Boggs to Boggy Broo
Rode homeward from the fair,
He said "I wish my animals
Had all of them been there ;
And if the judges had been wise
I might have taken every prize."

A Story of St. Bernard

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