

JOHN DILLON, M.P., FOR UNITY

Francis Mr. Redmond's Work for Evicted Tenants' Bill.

Mr. John Dillon, M.P., leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party, speaking in the House of Commons on Feb. 26, on the Evicted Tenants' Bill, after Mr. Redmond, made a strong point for unity when he said:—

The only two objections which the honorable member who just sat down made to this bill was, first of all, that if it were passed it would be a purely party triumph for the Parnellite party. If that be all the objection to this bill, speaking for the Nationalist party, I say we are most anxious they should have it. On this question there is no difference of opinion amongst Irish Nationalists and for my part I repudiate with contempt and scorn the suggestion that because this bill had been introduced by the Parnellite party, and that they have had the good luck of getting it discussed so fully to-day, at which I most heartily rejoice, I repudiate the idea that for that reason the bill should receive any less sincere and hearty support from me and my colleagues on these benches. Therefore, so far as that objection goes, the honorable member may remain at rest. Irish Nationalists on this question are perfectly united. The honorable member for Waterford, referred to the invitation he made in a speech, I think in Dublin, to all sections of the Nationalist party to co-operate with him on this question of the evicted tenants. I am prepared, and I can speak for everyone of my colleagues to accept the invitation. I noticed that in the invitation he further stated that if this bill were rejected all sections of the Irish Nationalist party should co-operate in the future for the support of the evicted tenants. In the same spirit I accept that invitation. The only other objection made by the honorable member for East Down (Mr. Rentoul) was that some landlords might make a bad use of this bill. We were always led to believe that such an extraordinary animal as a bad landlord did not exist in Ireland. We have been denounced in this House because we have said that landlords could be harsh, or exacting, or unfair. The main objection in the speech of the honorable gentleman—and I wish to direct the attention of the Conservative members to it—is, that this bill would be used by dishonest landlords to inflict injustice on those tenants who have taken the place of the evicted tenants. I don't think the bill would have that effect, but I don't consider it necessary to enlarge upon that point. I would invite the attention of the honorable member for East Down, and of all the members of the Conservative party, to the fact that in every single one of the series of land meetings which are now being held in the Province of Ulster, meetings of the most extraordinary character, to which Conservatives, Liberal Unionists and Nationalists have been invited, and at which meetings all sections have taken part—at every one of these meetings resolutions have been passed urging upon the Government the necessity and the desirability of settling this question of the evicted tenants, and that, remember, by men who live in those countries where this question is not so burning a question as in other parts of Ireland. They urged upon the Government to take this course because they felt that public opinion in Ireland by an overwhelming majority—by a majority greater even than on the question of Home Rule—holds that these evicted tenants have been unfairly treated, and are being cruelly and vindictively treated, and that it is for the best interest of all classes that this great cause of agitation should be removed from the social life of Ireland. There were two points in the able and comprehensive speech of the honorable member for North Dublin in moving this bill in which I agree. This bill does not represent our views on what should be done to settle this question. It has in reality been drafted on the lines laid down by the Unionist leaders two years ago, and it gives them the opportunity, and with their overwhelming majority they possess the power, of carrying out the promise and the offers which they then made. It will test the sincerity of their desire to really conciliate Ireland. The bill might almost be described as a Unionist bill, as the bill of the Unionist leaders, and accepting it in that sense I do certainly give it my most hearty support. There is one remaining fact connected with the debates on this question in the House of Commons and the House of Lords two years ago which has not been sufficiently noticed. I do not think there was a single speaker who did not admit that a most unsatisfactory and dangerous state of things existed in Ireland owing to the position of the evicted tenants, and that a settlement ought to be attempted to be brought about. That condition of things has not been materially changed or amended since those admissions were made. No doubt there have been a few settlements, which are not, however, under Clause 13, which was re-enacted last year. As regards the main body of these tenants, the position is precisely the same as it was two years ago, when all sections of this house admitted the necessity of applying some remedy, with this aggravation, that the position of these unfortunate people from month to month, as long as they are kept out of their homes grows worse, and they are becoming more desperate according as hope appears to recede in the distance. What has been attempted to be done since last year? In the autumn session Clause 13 was re-enacted for six months. That period will expire in one month. I put the question to the Chief Secretary as to how many settlements had been effected under Clause 13, and his answer was that up to the present not a single settlement had been arrived at under that act, but that some negotiations were in progress. I am aware that there are negotiations in connection with some cases in progress, but they are not many. As far as I know they apply to the Ponsonby estate, and we don't know whether they will be brought to a successful termination. But the point which I feel bound to bring under the attention of the Chief Secretary and all members of the House of Commons is that when the act was passed, although I had very little hope of it leading to successful settle-

ments, still, having a semi-official relation to these evicted tenants, I wrote a letter to every one of these tenants urging them to approach the landlords and ask for a settlement under clause 13, as they all did, and when in many cases they were refused I urged them together with the most influential persons in the district, priests and others, to go to the landlords and ask that if they could not arrive at a settlement that they should leave the whole matter to the arbitration of the Land Commission. On the Clongrey and Luggacore estates and to several groups of evicted tenants that offer was made, and I say that it does not lie in the mouth of any man in this house to charge the Nationalist party with having obstructed settlements. On the contrary, although the act has been an absolute failure—that can be proved beyond the possibility of contradiction—it has been a failure owing to the refusal of the landlords to do their part in putting it into effective operation.

These are illustrations of settlements made outside the 13th clause, and it only shows that the landlords in certain cases have come to recognize that these evictions carried out seven or eight years ago were monstrously unjust; that they were evictions for rents which it would have been impossible to pay. I only rose for the purpose of saying that all the colleagues with whom I work are heartily in favor of the passing of this bill, and that the member for North Dublin declared what was a well-known fact when he said that this is a question which concerns Ireland to its very depths, and is one of the most burning questions in Ireland. It is one on which there is no difference amongst Irish Nationalist members, and it is a question in which both sections of the Irish Nationalist representatives will, I trust, work most heartily together, and if there is not more speaking from the benches around me it is not because we do not feel that this question is one of enormous importance, but because this is Wednesday, and we do not wish to give any danger to the division on the subject.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

At an adjourned monthly meeting of the St. Ann's Young Men's Society held in their Hall on Sunday, the 15th, it was moved by P. T. O'Brien and seconded by J. Burns:—

Resolved—That we, the members of St. Ann's Young Men's Society, in session, do render Mr. Jones our individual and united sympathy in his trying and sorrowful affliction, and trust that our Divine Maker will enable him to bear his Cross with Christian fortitude.

Resolved—That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mr. Jones, entered in the minutes of this Society, and published in the TRUE WITNESS.

JNO. WHITTY, Secretary.

At a special meeting of St. Ann's choir, held last Sunday, the following resolution of condolence was unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, it was the will of Almighty God to suddenly call from our midst, to her eternal reward, from the sorrows and cares of this life, the beloved wife of our esteemed fellow-member, Mr. Thomas Jones, be it

Resolved—That we, the members of St. Ann's choir, desirous of giving expression of our heartfelt sympathy, tender the same to Mr. Jones, and trust that our Heavenly Father will comfort him in this his sad bereavement.

Resolved—That a copy of the above be forwarded to THE TRUE WITNESS for publication.

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MADE: Did you go to Clara's wedding? Mabel: No; I never encourage lotteries.

JOHANNA: don't forget to dust the bric-a-brac. "No ma'am. Where do you keep the dust?"

"Was it a breach of etiquette on his part that ended the engagement?" "Worse! It was a breach of promise."

"Do you let your wife have her own way?" "Oh yes; it's only when she wants to have mine that I object."

"Which do you prefer—fact or fiction?" "Oh, the former by all means. Fiction now-a-days, is much too matter of fact."

"How does Winters manage to keep the wolf from the door?" He gave violin lessons, but his family said they preferred the wolf.

PATRO: This set of teeth you made for me is too big. Dentist: Yes, sir. Sit down in the chair, and I will enlarge your mouth a little.

ESTELA: A lover is much more devoted than a husband. Murilla: Yes, indeed; and, besides, one can have a whole lot of lovers at once.

"HERE, waiter take away these oysters. They are bad." "I know sir. But we have given you two more oysters than you called for to make up for it."

Mrs. NEWBY: Is your husband a domestic man. Mrs. Henpeck: He's the only domestic we keep. We have taught him to cook and wash dishes very nicely.

Young Lady: I should like to give my intended a little surprise before our marriage. What would you recommend? Lady Friend: Don't wear your false teeth, just for once.

TOMMY, telling about the war: Yes; and they killed each other with bullets, and cannon-balls, and everything. Johnny, horror-stricken: Where was the policeman at the time?

OLD LADY: Can you saw wood? Rolling-stone Nonnos: Parson me, madam, but you are slightly at fault in your terms. If you mean, can I see wood, I may say that my eyesight is slightly defective.

FIRST Young Lawyer: I don't see how you happened to lose your case. The law was plainly on your side. Second Young Lawyer: Yes, I knew it was, and that was what I depended on. But I forgot all about the jury.

AMONG the questions sent out by a school examiner was the following example in arithmetic: If one horse can run a mile in 1min. 50 sec., and another a mile in 2min., how far would the first horse be ahead in a match race of two miles? A scholar returned the question with this attached: "I will have nothing to do with horse-racing."

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BRAN, Etc.—Bran is steady at \$1.50 for Ontario and \$1.45 for Manitoba, bags included. Middlings \$1.20 to \$1.15 as to grade. Moullie \$1.90 to \$2.10 as to grade.

CORN.—Market quiet at 44c to 46c. There has been some business for Eastern account.

PEAS.—We quote 58c to 59c per 60 lbs. in store. In the West sales have been made in the Stratford district at 58 1/2c f.o.b.

OATS.—No. 2 white was sold at 29 1/2c at the close of last week; but since then holders have offered No. 2 heavy at 29 1/2c without meeting with sales, with subsequent business at 29c.

BARLEY.—Prices ranging from 50c to 53c. Feed barley quoted at 36c to 38c.

BUCKWHEAT.—The market is quiet at 39c to 40c.

RYE.—Market quiet and nominal at 52c to 53c.

MALT.—Market quiet at 70c to 80c as to quality and quantity.

SEEDS.—We quote Timothy seed \$2.00 to \$2.75 per bushel. Red clover quiet at \$5.00 to \$6.00 per bushel. Alsike \$4.50 to \$5.

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DRESSED HOGS.—Receipts during the past week were 579 head against 491 head for the week previous. The season is virtually over, but the few car lots arriving are quoted at \$4.75 to \$5 for heavy weights, and at \$5.10 to \$5.20 for selected weights.

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BALED HAY.—No. 1 selling on track here at \$13.00 to \$14.00, and No. 2 at \$12.50. At country points \$12.00 to 12.50 for No. 1.

TALLOW.—Market unchanged at 4 1/2c to 5 1/2c as to quality and size of lot.

HOPS.—Market dull at 6c to 8c for good to choice. Fair 5c, and old 2c to 3c.

FRUITS.

APPLES.—\$2.00 to \$2.75 per bbl; Fancy \$3.50 to \$4.00 per bbl; Fameuse, \$2.50 to \$4.00 per bbl; Dried, 3 1/2c to 5c per lb; Evaporated, 5 1/2c to 6c per lb.

ORANGES.—Jamaica, \$10.00 to \$10.50 per bbl; Valencia, new stock \$5.00; do. new stock 7 1/2c, \$5.50; Messina, 200's & 300's \$2.00 to \$2.50; Fancy, 100's, \$3.50 to \$4.00; do. 200's, \$5 per box; Calif navel frost, \$1.50 to \$2.50; Calif free from frost, \$2.50 to \$3.00.

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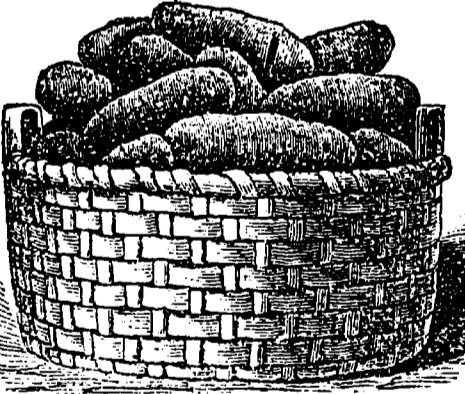
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