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Chronicles of An Old- Timer

The Scotch Claims for Pre-Eminence in Canada—The Brilliance of the Irish Colonial Record

783 West Madison street,
Chicago, Oct. 21.

Dear Register:

I notice that the Scotch are claiming everything in sight in Canada for themselves. You would imagine from the way they crow about the achievements of Scotchmen that they were "the whole thing." I receive here a paper published in Chicago called the Western British American, owned by Scotchmen or Scotch Canadians, which is constantly boasting about the prominence of their fellow countrymen in Canadian affairs. I am by no means envious of the position attained by Scotchmen in Canada, but more especially the Highland Scotch, because they are my kinsmen, but I do not like this constant boasting. I do think my Irish fellow-countrymen have as good a colonial record as "Sandy at the Tweed." I will take the liberty in this communication of referring to the prominence Irishmen have obtained in Canada and the high positions they hold in the Dominion at the present time, although I am but imperfectly informed.

Lord Dundonald, Commander of Her Majesty's forces in Canada, has recently been expending himself on the same subject and points with pride to the careers of Lord Strathcona, Sir John A. Macdonald, Alexander Mackenzie and Hugh Allan. Very well, good men, all.

I will go further back and begin with the period ante-dating the American revolution, or 1763; when the French abandoned Canada to Great Britain. The latter then came into possession of the great Mississippi Valley and was governed by Sir William Johnson, an Irishman and a very distinguished man. Under him was George Croghan, an Irishman, who brought Pontiac, the great Indian chief, to terms and induced him to abandon his hostility to British ownership, which he successfully maintained for several years. Then comes Sir Guy Carleton, who was a schoolmate of Richard Montgomery, and who defended Quebec against his attack in 1776. No man ever in authority left so many monuments of his ability as did this great British statesman, because his name for places is found in every one of the old provinces. In Toronto you have Carlton street, called after him; you have Carlton place in one of Ontario's Counties, I think Lanark; and you have the County of Carlton, in which the seat of your Dominion Government, Ottawa, is situated; and you have, I think, a Carlton Terrace in Quebec. He was made Lord Dorchester, and you have Dorchester County, I think in Lower Canada.

The Talbot District, which consisted formerly of the western part of Ontario, and in which the cities of London and St. Thomas were situated, was named for Lord Talbot of Malahide, an Irishman. He was the founder of St. Thomas and was one of Canada's early governors.

The Gore district, of which Hamilton was the capital, was named after an Irishman, who was one of Upper Canada's governors in the days of her infancy. He was one of the Knox-Gore family of the County of Mayo.

The men that were most conspicuous in winning responsible government for Canada were Irish or Irish-Canadian, including Robert Baldwin and his father, Dr. Baldwin, Francis Hincks, Robert Baldwin Sullivan, Jas. H. Kildaly, John Ross, William Hume Blake, father of Hon. Edward

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Blake, who is himself a tower of strength for the Irish contention, and Louis H. Drummond of Montreal.

Canada had never a more efficient secretary before the Dominion days than Sir Dominic Daley, who was knighted and made governor of one of the West India Islands. This gentleman has an enduring name in the annals of official Canada. He was styled the "Everlasting Secretary," because his services were so great that it was hard to dispense with them. This indispensable gentleman reminds me of the Hon. R. W. Scott, the distinguished Secretary of State in the present Dominion Cabinet, who has held a longer tenure of office in the Dominion and before the Dominion than any other official that I can call to mind.

Sir John A. Macdonald was a great statesman, whose monument is the Confederation of the provinces and the erection of the Dominion; but it must not be forgotten that the mouthpiece of the constructionists of that era was Thomas D'Arcy McGee, who speaks in favour of the project both at home and in Britain. Lord Elgin was a Scotchman and one of the best governors Canada ever had, but there have been more Irish governors of Canada than English or Scotch, and no one I think will dispute that the most popular of all Canadian governors was the Earl of Dufferin, who was as effective as an executive as McGee was as an orator. Other Irish Governors of Canada in our time were Viscount Monk, who term embraced the period of Confederation; Lord Lisgar and the Marquis of Lansdowne.

By reference to the latest Canadian Parliamentary Companion, issued in 1897, I find that of the eight provincial governors then in office, six were of Irish birth or descent, as follows: Ontario—George Airey Kirkpatrick, son of the late Thomas Kirkpatrick, Q. C., native of Coolmine, near Dublin.

Nova Scotia—Malachy Bowes Daly, Q. C., son of Sir Dominic Daley, who belonged to an old Irish family of the County of Galway, and to whom I have already made reference.

New Brunswick—Abner Reid McClean, descended from an Irish family which came from Londonderry, Ireland, to Nova Scotia in the latter part of the eighteenth century.

Manitoba—James Colebrook Patterson, P. C., son of the late Rev. James Patterson, formerly of Kingstown, near Dublin, but who was himself born in Armagh, Ireland.

Prince Edward Island—George William Howland, born in Waterford, Ireland, in 1835, and emigrated to P. E. I. in 1859.

Northwest Territories—Chas. Herbert Mackintosh, son of Capt. William Mackintosh, of Wicklow, Ireland, and who was born in London, Ont., in 1843.

This is a pretty good showing and justifies the claim that the Irish are "the ruling race."

At the period of which I write the Earl of Aberdeen was Governor-General of the Dominion. While his name and title are Scotch, it must be remembered his remote ancestry, of which he seemed to be proud was Irish, as was that of the McKenzies and Macdonalds, of whom the Scotch have so much to boast about.

I understand that besides the Irish-Canadian there are nine native-born Irishmen in the Dominion Senate, which makes their nationality in numbers next to the French-Canadian, who lead, and yet, strange to say, Canada is considered an Anglo-Saxon Country (?).

In the administration of the day, too, they are strongly represented, with Scott as Secretary of State, Fitzpatrick as Minister of Justice, Sifton as Minister of the Interior, Carroll as Solicitor-General.

I understand, too, that of the seven Canadian members of the Imperial Parliament, five have Irish antecedents, like Blake and Devlin.

What strikes me as a little singular is that the Scotch in presenting their Canadian men of eminence nearly always mention MacKenzie, Sir John A. Macdonald and Lord Strathcona. They do not mention Sir Allen Napier McNab, whom Sir John jockeyed out of the premiership in 1884, probably because he raised a Catholic family and himself died in the bosom of the Church; they do not mention John Sandfield Macdonald, perhaps, because he was a Catholic and talked Gaelic; they do not mention Bishop McDonnell for the same reason, no doubt; they do not mention Bishop Strachan because he left the kirk and became an Anglican; they do not mention General Macdonell, who fell at Queenston Heights along with Brock, for some other reason; they do not mention Isaac Buchanan, once known as the "Prince of Merchants," because he had strong Irish sympathies; and they now seldom mention Sir Oliver Mowat, although he was a greater statesman and better man than Sir John A. Macdonald, probably because he had so many Catholic friends and was a really liberal politician; they seem to have dropped Chief Justice Adam Wilson, who was the wisest of the wise; nor do they find a place of distinction for William Lyon Mackenzie, the noblest "Heeland" man of them all, as it would not be "canny" of them to do that!

I am never loth to give Scotchmen credit for what they have achieved, and I take especial pride in their Maes, in order to show the stamina and strength of the Celtic race; but there is one thing about them that I and my fellow-countrymen of the Irish side cannot understand—their superabundant loyalty to the British

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Crown that has done long and continuing injury to their race, their desire to fight for it in all its unjust wars; their readiness to forget the massacre of Glencoe and the sweeping away of their Highland population to make way for sheep walks and cow pastures; and their acquiescence in the Anglo-Saxon claim of pre-eminence, when they know that it is the Celts that have been the empire builders, and that the Stuart family is the royalist family in the world to-day.

WILLIAM HALLEY.

Praying for the Dead in Cote Des Neiges

(Written for The Register.)

The annual pilgrimage of all the Catholic parishes of the city took place on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 1st, to Cote des Neiges Cemetery, and over 100,000 people participated. The day broke clear, a perfect sky overhead, God had blessed the people with an ideal day to relieve and bring comfort to the souls of the thousands who;

"Resting 'neath the green mound,
In God's own holy ground,
The honored dead."

From early morning thousands wended their way to the beautiful cemetery; and when the hour for starting the solemn service came, the grounds around the different portions of the cemetery were black with the throng of humanity. From Notre Dame street to the cemetery, extending about two miles, a constant procession was seen until late in the afternoon, and notwithstanding the poor car service, the people made the sacrifice and walked in order to be present at the celebration.

High up at Calgary Station, where a large crucifix was with our saviour's figure attached to it, the two sermons were delivered. The one in English, given by Rev. Father P. J. Kiernan, P.P., St. Michael's church, was a masterpiece of eloquence, and one that appealed to the feelings of that vast throng. He took for his text, "Have mercy, O Lord in Thy great mercy, and in the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my iniquities." "No month more favorable," said the preacher, "no place more appropriate for the words of the Royal Psalmist, than in behalf of the suffering souls in Purgatory. The heart of the Catholic Church is absorbed in their relief and welfare during this season. The phalanx of 220,000,000 of Catholics is riveted to this prison, out of which no person can come without paying the last farthing."

"In this country, sacred to the memory of so many thousands, who await the sound of the Angel's Trumpet Call to the Valley of Josaphat. In presence of this Cross of Cavalry, suggestive of self-sacrifice and commiseration for fallen man; amidst this throng of pious and devout representatives of the different parishes of the city and of the suburbs, we seem to hear these very souls calling upon their Lord to contemplate this wonderful spectacle, and to accept it in testimony of Faith not only in the existence of Purgatory, but of the efficacy of our efforts for those therein detained, and to have mercy, O Lord, on them, in Thy Great mercy, and in the multitude of Thy tender mercies to blot out their iniquities."

No one can realize the sorrow of the suffering souls. Mainly of the deprivation of the sight of God they

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And what's life? a weary pilgrimage,
Whose glory in one day doth fill the stage,
With childhood, manhood and decrepit age,
All are steering for the lonely grave."

I trust that many thousand souls were benefited by such a good work as that performed to-day. The laughing, giddy throng should remember their dead more and assist them by prayers and good works.

"Oh! cold and cruel world;
Your dearest gain is loss,
And the only Christian refuge,
Is the shadow of the Cross."

"Remember each moment we're near-
ing,
The tribute that nature must pay,
And as Christians regard in tempta-
tion,
Our place in the Valley that day."
Montreal, Nov. 2, 1903. FELIX.

The Knights of Columbus

Honor Memory of Deceased Priest.
A Solemn Requiem Mass, recommended by Canada Council Knights of Columbus, was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Friday morning, Oct. 30th, for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. Thomas E. McDermott. The celebrant was Rev. Thos. Heffernan, Grand Chaplain of the Knights, as deacon, and Rev. Father Shea as sub-deacon. A very large congregation gathered. The Knights of Columbus were represented by a strong delegation, while the people of St. Ann's, the deceased priest's native parish and St. Mary's, where he labored for years, turned out to show their regard for the memory of the young Soggarth Aroon who had passed among them doing good.

The musical portion of the service was rendered in a most effective manner by the juvenile choir of St. Ann's Church, assisted by the choir of the Knights of Columbus. The cantata was surrounded with the sombre appearance of the Sanctuary was relieved by electric lights.

Among the priests present were: Rev. Gerald McShane, Notre Dame, a relative; Rev. Father Brady, P. P. of St. Mary's; and Rev. P. J. Heffernan, of St. Patrick's, a warm personal friend of the deceased.

The choir, under the direction of Prof. P. J. Shea, organist of St. Ann's Church, deserves special mention. The boys of St. Ann's Christian Brothers' School, who form a part of St. Ann's Church Choir, show the effects of the fine musical training imparted by their musical director, Prof. P. J. Shea. They are a credit to the parish.

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Ottawa, Friday, Oct. 22, 1903.

The D'Youville Reading Circle held the second of its fortnightly meetings last Tuesday evening. In the study of Current Events the topics touched upon were the settlement of the Alaskan Boundary question, over which our American neighbors are so jubilant, the Chamberlain defection, described as "neither thrilling nor alarming, and that ever-recurring, problematical Eastern question. A very interesting autograph letter was read from S. McManus, written to our Reverend Directress, on the eve of his sailing for America. Mention was made of some new and valuable pamphlets on Foreign Freemasonry. "Why Catholics Cannot be Freemasons," by D. Moncrieff O'Connor, published, of course, by the I. C. T. S. The first lecture is announced for the second Tuesday of November, when Mr. Waters will speak on Charlotte Bronte.

The review work of the evening was limited to two books. One, "A Girl of Ideas," by Annie Flint; the other, J. M. Stone's new life of Mary Tudor. The work of fiction, like all modern productions, is smart, clever and catchy, but without any very great depth. It is a fairly good type in the way of expressing our twentieth century rush in every department. We may come to speak of the daily novel in the same breath with the daily newspaper—and what busy person bothers about yesterday's paper? Reading between the lines, "A Girl of Ideas" seems to be a burlesque on our own times and the humbugs we hunt at, particularly the books we call Literature for this girl, whose novel is rejected by the publishers, sets up in company with a friend a bureau of information, where writers could come to get plots and ideas for their stories. She made a fortune by it, and so did a man whom she helped with his novel. He, to show his gratitude, took her and her ideas for better or for worse. The "Life of Mary Tudor" is intensely interesting. Dr. Johnson says: "The only reliable history is that based on contemporary evidence, all else is Romance. The value of this book is just that—it is based on contemporary evidence obtained in the archives of England, Spain, Austria and Rome. There is to-day a great demand for the rewriting of history, because in the first place religious and personal prejudices have done their work in the falsifying of it. There has been no character more malign than Mary Tudor, but readers of this book will be convinced that she is not the monster of cruelty and fanaticism that others would have us believe. Mr. Stone describes her as a woman, great in big things, and the sadness of her life, if it made her stone did not embitter her. She had her little faults of hastiness of temper and miserliness, but what are those in a Queen? Her time was fearfully sensational and it is fully taken into account as far as its effect upon her character is concerned. All in all, the book is charmingly written and for serious reading nothing could be better. The evening closed with some selections taken from "The Musician," the new poem by Frank Waters.

The reception held on Sunday, the 18th, by the members of the Alumnae Association and the Reading Circle, with His Grace Mgr. Duhamel presiding, was a great success. A report of last year's Reading Circle work, together with the outline for the present term's work, was read by Mrs. Coghlin, and Mrs. MacDonald, the president, read the report for the Alumnae Association. Rev. Father Le Jeune, O.M.I., spoke very impressively on behalf of the French members in favor of making a powerful plea for the good company of a good book. There came that for which we had all been so eagerly waiting.—The Bishop's speech. He was very gracious indeed and most heartily responded to our request for his blessing. He spoke encouragingly of the aims and object of the Association, his greatest commendation of the work it is doing on the lines of neutral and moral culture in no doubtful terms. He closed expressing the wish that it would continue in its good work and keep to the same high standard and be a feature of the institution as long as it (the institution) would last.

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Editor Catholic Register:

Sir—I look for and read with much interests every week our Catholic papers, which are welcome visitors, the accounts of the non-Catholic missions that are being held in different parts of the United States, and as a Catholic layman who has spent some twenty-five years in almost daily contact, in business and other ways, with Protestants (as well as having had during that time many hundred of Protestant employees) I write to say that great as the field is in the United States, it is no greater, in proportion to population, than right here in Canada. Our non-Catholic neighbors and friends have the most mistaken ideas of the Catholic religion imaginable. And how can it be otherwise, when they are not informed to the contrary? As light dispels darkness, so would missions to non-Catholics dispel and do away with a lot of the rot and rubbish that many well-meaning Protestants believe about the Catholic Church. True, it seems, when he was Bishop of Montreal, he urged the making of a popular catechism, historical, dogmatic, moral, composed of short questions and very short answers "which should be the foundation of the more detailed instruction which priests and catechists should impart according to the respective intelligence and condition of their hearers."

To all looking and waiting for such a work, may I suggest they examine "A New Catechism," by the Right Rev. James Bellard, D. D. It may be found to be (or with such changes as our episcopal authorities might see fit to make, might easily be made into), just such a little book and fill an acknowledged want. It is simple, plain, convincing, and at the same time deeply religious and instructive.

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St. George's Church Blessed

September 23rd will ever be a memorable day for the few Catholics of Baysville, when their pretty little church was blessed to the service of Almighty God. The ceremony of blessing the Church was performed by His Lordship Bishop O'Connor, of Peterborough, assisted by the Rev. Father Kelly, of Trout Creek, and our parish priest, Rev. Father Collins, of Bracebridge. After blessing the outside of the building, the blessing of the inside was proceeded with, the Bishop and the Rev. Fathers repeating the Litany of the Saints. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered up by the Rev. Father Kelly, after which the Bishop delivered a beautiful sermon, which was very much appreciated by both Catholics and Protestants, several of the latter being present. At the close of the sermon His Lordship gave Confirmation to three candidates, and gave a fine explanation of the benefits to be derived from this Holy Sacrament. After the Confirmation His Lordship was presented with a short address on behalf of the Congregation signed by James D. Smith, J. P., M. J. Kelly, T. J. Hogan and Timothy Kelly. His Lordship kindly replied speaking words of praise and encouragement and urging all to persevere in attending to their religious duties. The decorations are done with the celebrated Muresco colors and give a nice religious tone to the interior. The work was executed by J. D. Smith, decorator.

Wedding at Baysville

On Tuesday, Oct. 13th, St. George's Church was the scene of a pretty wedding, when Miss Florence, eldest daughter of J. D. Smith, J. P., of Baysville, was united in marriage to Mr. Frank A. Cassidy, of Dorset. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Collins, P.P. of Bracebridge. The church was beautifully decorated and crowded to the doors. The bridesmaids were the Misses Marian and Emily Smith, sisters of the bride, and her cousin, Miss Marian Beynon.

The bride was dressed in white, with wreaths and veil and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaids were also dressed in white and looked most charming. Showers of rice followed the happy couple on leaving the church. From the church the bridal party and relatives proceeded to the home of the bride's father, when the wedding breakfast was partaken of. The bride and groom received the good wishes of all and many useful and handsome presents.

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Editor Catholic Register:

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