MR. J. J. CURRAN, M. P.,

THE RECIPIENT OF A TESTIMONIAL

The Merchants and Other Citizens Present Him With a Purse and Flattering Address-Complimentary Speeches.

The reading room at the Board of Trade was crowded yesterday with the leading merchants of the city, on the occasion of the presentation to Mr. J. J. Curran, M.P., Q.C., of the testimonial subscribed for by his friends and sup-



J. J. CURRAN, Q. C., M. P.

porters and already alluded to in these columns. On the motion of the Hon. Senator Murphy, Mr. Hugh McLennan took the chair, and after a few preliminary remarks read the following address:

To Mr. J. J. Curran, M. P. :

DEAN SIR,—A faw citizens of Montreal, most of them constituents of your own, have united to express their appreciation of your services to the city and the country at large in the discharge of your duties as member of Parliament. They realize that though in conformity with the wise compromise, now accepted as binding, you are selected from the ranks of the Irish Catholic electors, you have faithfully and efficiently represented all classes of your constituency irrespective of race, language or religion.

ligion.
The mercantile community, as embodied in The mercantile community, as embodied in the Board of Trade, has frequently made use of your services, and many of its members can testify to the readiness with which you have placed your time at their disposal, and we may add, have assisted them not only with alacrity, but with prudence and ability.

We are, therefore, now assembled to tender you this address and testimonial as a practical token of the high estimate in which they hold your services to Montreal Centre and the Doninion.

In conclusion we hope that your public career may be long and useful, and now tender you our best wishes for your happiness and that of your family.

On behalf of the subscribers,

(Signed), HUGH MCLENNAN,

HUGH MCLENNAN, Chairman. EDWARD MURPHY, Treasurer. C. P. HEBERT, Secretary. BOARD OF TRADE ROOMS | Montreal, 80th Dec., 1890.

Mr. Curran, who was received with applause, said :

Mr. McLennan and Gentlemen:

How can I thank you for this manifestation of your confidence, friendship and esteem? To represent Montreal Centre in the Dominion Parliament is an honor of which any Canadian ought to feel proud, but to be addressed as you have just addressed me, to be the recipient of so munificent a testimonial, is an sentially a political and not a moral one, ent of so munificent a testimonial, is an episode in my public career which I shall cherish during the remainder of my life, and which my children will look back to and which my children will look back to being exhorted by a proclamation plater I have quitted the being exhorted by a proclamation plater I have quitted the being exhorted by a proclamation plater I have quitted the being exhorted by a proclamation plater in the control of France would be applied in all prominent places. It states the crost of France would be

city under the tacit agreement existing since Confederation with such happy results, and you have been good enough to say I have succeeded in mithfully representing my constituents irrespective of calamity surpassing a thousand coercion race, language or religion. Such testimony is very agreeable. Without the confidence of my own people public life would have but little attraction for me, with disasters resulting from reliance and the active participation in this day's placed upon English principles. The proceedings of my venerable and life-long proclamation asks the people to sustain friend Senator Murphy and others proves that such confidence is not wanting; but in Parliament, adding that with the people of Ireland and America united behind it, it should sustain the leader make all feel that our interests in Canada are common, and whilst we look back with affection to the land of our fathers Canada is our home, the heritage of our whether the people should choose their children. (Cheers.)

how deeply indebted I feel to that body of indefatigable workers for our country's interests, whose council on several occasions have so kindly tendered me thanks home rule for which Emmet and other for my efforts to meet their views.

In this address you wish me a long and useful public life. Leaving the usefulness aside I may claim a pretty long record already. At the mature age of 19, on the 29th of June, 1361, I made my County of Southinges, on behalf of the party with which I have since been States changed identified. In 1874 I was amongst the slaughtered innocents, having wooed in was pronounced against Parnell, whose vain the County of Shefford, and here I conduct had since made their position am to-day, having represented this most worse. Mr. Sullivan declared he had it important constituency since 1882, re-ceiving not only your kind wishes, but ment was indispensable as otherwise the fortified by nearly seven thousand solid conference to be held at Boulogne would reasons why I should continue for some time longer in public life. Rest assured that be my career long or short I shall he had quarrelled with Parnellonly twice never forget your words of encourage- both times in connection with Captain ment and your princely generosity, and my aim will always be to forward the The Freeman's Journal interests of the country we love so well,

applanse.

Mr. Hebert, who spoke in French, referred to the distinguished services of Mr. Curran as one who had endeavored

Parliament, will be present. The Journal also remarks that whatever the result of the conference is nobody will be able to say that Parnell has placed barriers in to promote harmony between the two people, and served all races alike, and testified to the respect with which he is regarded by the French Canadian

to say that Further his paced battles in the way of any agreement that might be looked forward to. Mr. O'Brien and T. P. Gill have arrived at Boulogne.

Mr. Gladstone in a letter to an Irish

then been convinced that he had the makings of a great man in him. (Cheers.) With reference to the testimonial he begged to say that it consisted of a casket | vices, and deeply feel the obligations due containing the sum of \$7,000, (cheers,) to the Liberals, they deny the right to an amount subscribed among the first dictate to Irishmen as to who should or merchants and capitalists of the city. It had been spontaneously given, quietly raised without any asking. The banks and others had come forward unsolicited to prove how they valued the services of the member for the Centre Division. than if regarded merely from a financial | sacrifice. standpoint. Mr. Murphy then recapitulated the chief subscribers.

Mr. Villeneuve, M.P.P., said he was glad to bear testimony to the services of Mr. Curran to the city, and added that

the city and its people.

Mr. W. W. Ogilvie also said that the infinence of Mr. Curran at Ottawa had been of immense value to Montreal, and this influence had always been most freely given. He alluded gracefully to the time when the hon, member might himself be in a ministerial chair and in his turn receive deputations instead of introcheered heartily.

A vote of thanks was then passed to Mr. McLennan, who briefly paid a high compliment to Mr. Curran, and the meeting broke up.

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THE IRISH QUESTION.

(CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE.)

DUBLIN, Dec. 29 .- Vincent Scully, recently defeated Parnellite candidate for North Kilkenny, has written a letter to the Freeman's Journal in which he says the attitude of the Irish bishops before and during the election only shows that Mr. Parnell committed a private vice and allowed judgment by default to be delivered against him, and therefore he has been pronounced to be no longer eligible to a position of public trust. Continuing, You have referred to the fact that I am that true Irishmen have resolved to suppractically invulnerable. He expressed the Irish Catholic representative of this little and that the little and Kilkenny reverse is a "trump card for pedo boats, you to close your ranks and make a last supreme fight for the cause." It adds that the fatherland is threatened by a acts, the lowering of the flag of independence on the vague promises of a British statesman. Irish history teems who made that policy and led you to victory until now. The issue between You have referred to the Board of own leader and party or whether they Trade. No words of mine can express should become merely a part of the English Liberals and accept a leader dictated to by the English leaders. That would not be home rule. We want home rule—the patriots gave their noble lives. We were advancing to victory under a good leader. Support him and Ireland's cause for ever. God save Ireland.

At a meeting of the Irish National committee to-day Timothy D. Sullivan said the success of the delegation of Irish

AFTER THE VERDICT

The Freeman's Journal announces that the conference between Parnell and a country of which we may feel proud, a land of glorious traditions, happy in its present, confident as to its future.

Mr. Curran resumed his seat amid loud amplayse.

Infat the conference between Farner and Wm. O'Brien will take place to-morrow at Boulogne sur Mer. It adds that John Redmond, Mr. Kenny and Mr. Clancy and perhaps, Mr. Campbell, members of the Laurent will be present. Parliament, will be present. The Journal

priest says: "I anxiously watch the After a few words in reply, in French, course and await the close, not long, I

with Mr. Gladstone have attacked Mr. Parnell's position. They add that much as they appreciate Mr. Gladstone's sershould not be their leader.

Paris, December 29.—The Republique Francaise says :- It is Mr. O'Brien't duty to restore union in the Irish party and to make his colleagues suitably recognize Parnell's services, thus en-This made the testimonial more valuable abling Parnell to make a corresponding

Pauls, December 30.—Notwithstanding the announcement by the Press in connection with the Parnell-O'Brien conference, it is a matter of fact that but very few people seem to know where the though the amount was large it did not actual meeting will take place. All sorts represent the full value of the many of rumors are circulated. Messis. O'Brien sacrifices that gentleman had made for and Gill arrived at Amiens early this morning, and they appeared to be undecided whether to continue their journey to Boulogne-sur-Mer, or wait at Amiens. Finally, upon receipt of a telegraphic message, they started for Boulogne at mid-day.

Botlogse, 250 p.m.—Mr. Parnell, accompanied by a number of his lieutenants, has just landed here from the Folkeducing them-a remark which was stone boat. O'Brien and Gill have also arrived and the conference between the Irish leaders will take place this after-noon. The meeting will be held at the Hotel du Louvre.

London, December 30.—It is reported that the McCarthyites may have Parnell arrested in criminal proceedings for breaking into the United Ireland office.

It is now almost as difficult to locate Parnell at any particular hour of the day or night as it was when he was in undisputed possession of the leadership of the Irish party. Several Paris journals have announced his arrival in that city, but from a well-informed source of information it is learned that he is in Hastings, recuperating after his arduous Irish campaign. It is doubted whether he is going to Paris at all, as the prospect that O'Brien will be able to effect a compromise has been steadily fading since latter's arrival in the French capital.

A Sad Affair.

Conourg, Ont., December 26. Yesterday morning while twenty-two young people were driving home across Rice lake to Harwood from Bewdley, where they had spent the night dancing, the sleigh and horses broke through the ice, precipitating the whole party into the water. After a desperate struggle the men succeeded in getting the girls and themselves out on the icc. The weather was intensely cold, and before the half drowned people could get ashore a number of them were severely frost-bitten. On their arrival on land they took possession of a vacant house which fortunately contained a stove. Before a fire could be lighted Miss Elfie Johnson succumbed to the hardships she had undergone and died notwithstanding the efforts of the others to save her life. Several others of the party are in a critical condition and fears are entertained that one or more of them will not recover from the effect of their cold plunge and

At Dover, New Hampshire, Isaac Sawtelle has been found guilty of murdering his brother, and sentenced to be hanged the first Tuesday in January,

exposure.

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EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Items of News From All Parts of the Globe by Sea and Land.

Mr. Scully will protest the Kilkenny election on the ground of undue interfer. ence by the priests.

The Spanish Government is taking steps to apply a policy of protection to Spain and its colonies. Wm. Harrison, jr., a farmer, was

killed by a freight train at Milton on Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Nellie Pearcy was hanged at Lon- without a cent of capital. don, Eng., last week for the murder of

Mrs. Hogg and her baby. The Ontario Government offers a reward for the apprehension of George

Goodwin, charged with murder. Mr. H. H. Dean of Harley, Ont., has been appointed professor of dairying husbandry in the Ontario Agricultural

College. A fire in the business portion of the town of Yarmouth, N.S., on Saturday night did damage to the extent of

Several French houses in Antananrivo, including the Catholic mission, were recently attacked by the Hovas, who were The Chicago Board of Education un-

daily in the Public Schools.

in the Ontario Legislature. On Christmas Eve John Simpson, a young colored man of Amherstburg, Ont.,

mas tree entertainment. It is understood that Mr. C. A. Dansereau, who is to succeed Mr. Lamothe stone, which turning suddenly under my

will be gazetted on Janusry 15. The French Chamber of Deputies finally threw out Boulanger's claim general's former supporters, voting

against him. General Superintendent Whyte, of the C.P.R. at Winnipeg, says deliveries of wheat have greatly increased the past few weeks, and the movement of grain is Manager. now quite free throughout Manit da. With a little more snow a great rush Would ensue.

The Pope last week received the con-Church and reaffirmed the rights of the very obedient servant," etc. Papacy. The Pope looked well and apport of the best instances of this form peared to have fully recovered from his of pause occurred in a letter received by recent cold.

Peter Sharbott is in gael at Kingston accused of infanticide. He recently married a woman who had an infant called aged to secure for it some celebrity. For

Hampshire and of Vermont. It is believed there will be considerable emigrative tribution." tion from the lower part of Canada into the States the coming spring. The movement is well organized and committees have been sent to buy up abandoned farms.

Railway Company, Quebec, were burned down early last Thursday morning, together with all their contents. The flames spread with frightful rapidity and twenty horses and all the rolling stock of the company were destroyed, with the exception of two four-horse 'buses, which had gone out to Sillery convent with citizens who were attending the service there. The service on St. John street is suspended.

Urduguay and Paraguay, which have not been heard from. The first meeting of the union takes place at the United States Department of State at noon on Wednesday, January 7.

Stories of T. P. O'connor.

T. P. O'Connor, M.P., one of the visitng Irishmen of this country to raise funds for Ireland, is an illustration of what an energetic and industrious young man can accomplish on the other side of the water, where the opportunities for advancement to the poor man are so much less than in this country. Mr. O'Connor is the only Irish Member of Parliament who does not represent an Irish constituency. He represents what is known as the "Scotch" district of Liverpool,

Just why it is called the "Scotch" district Mr. O'Connor says he does not know unless it is because there are no Scotchmen in it. O'Connor's early struggles in London exceed almost anything known in the country. He is familiarly known among his colleagues as "Tay Pay." The newspapers in reference to him speak of him as "Tay Pay," even in their reports of the Parliamentary debates. He went to London when a mere boy ragged and friendless. For years be led a precarious existence, barely earning enough to keep body and soul to

His breakfast consisted of "bloaters" (fish) two for a penny, and his total living expenses did not exceed fifteen cents a day. Gradually he made his way and secured a place on one of the English newspapers as a reporter. His agreeable manners and bright mind made him friends and finally he attracted the attention of Parneli and was taken up by the party. All of the Irish Members of Parliament are paid a small salary, about £300 a year, out of the Irish Parliamentary Fund otherwise they would not be able to serve in Parliament, as the Government does not pay them any-

A Tew years ago Mr. O'Conner assisted in establishing the Evening Star in London. Its circulation the first day was 350,000, but it afterwards dropped to less than 35,000. The first day's circulation of any new paper in London always. amounts up enormously, but the currosity soon dies out. The Evening Star evertually made a big hit, and as often happens in such case the big stockholders begin to freeze the little chaps out. Mr. O't ounor was forced to self his interest in the paper, but he got \$75,000 for it, which as not so bad considering that he started

An incident is related showing Mr. O'Connor's popularity in Ireland. A big meeting was in progress in Dublin, and eight er tentiousand people were packed around the entrance to the hall. A stranger arrived on the scene who was inxious to get inside. Strangers are quickly spotted in an Irish crowd, and ie was soon asked who he was and what was his business. He mentioned the fact that he had a letter of introduction from Mr. O'Connor, and immediately word was passed along, "Make way for a friend of Tay Pay." The crowd parted, and the gentleman made his way to the hall. Arriving there, he found the door ocked and guarded by a man on the inside. The rentinel demanded the pass word and called out: "Shout out the pass animously voted down the proposition word and I'll open the door." The idea that extracts from the Bible be read of shouting a pass word within hearing of the crowd struck the stranger as being Mr. Thomas Magwood, of Mornington, particularly strange but here again the name of "Tay Pay proved to be a suffito contest the vacancy for North Perth cient pass word to open the door.

A Railroad Manager.

Ohio and Mississippi Railway, Office of was shot dead. He and others were comparing revolvers while attending a Christianii, Ohio, U.S.A., Nov. 15, 1886. Gentlemen: Recently while in the act of alighting from my car I stepped upon a as Postmaster in Montreal, will enter on foot, threw me to the ground with a his duties on the 1st of February. He severely sprained ankle. Suffering exwell be gazetted on Janusry 15. my man rubbed me most generalsly with arnica and kindred remedies, but to the to a seat as a representative of Mont-martre, M. Laguerre, one of the topological former supporters, voting it were bought and the application resulted at once in a relief from pain, which had become well nigh unbearable. I was out and about my work in three days. W. W. Pearody, Pres't and Gen'l

Ingenious Pauses,

Lord Erskine was in the habit of making a very effective pause in all letters replying to solicitation for subgratulations of the cardinals upon the scriptions. He wrote: "Sir,-I feel fifty-third anniversary of his first celemuch honored by your application to me, bration of the Mass. In his reply he said and I beg to subscribe"—here the reader he deplored the war of sects against the had to turn over the leaf—"myself your

a popular physician. This gentleman was pleased with a certain aerated water; 'Joco." In a drunkenspree he trampled this, he expected neither reward nor on the child and then ended its life with thanks. Imagine his surprise, therefore, a blow from a pair of tongs. The body was buried in a swamp. When the neighbors grew suspicious the facts came letter, stating that his kind recommendations and the arrest followed. The statement is made in New Hampshire that the French-Canadians living near the international line are forming an organization with a view of obtaining many of the abandoned farms of New Hampshire and of Vermont. It is here the turned the page, and found the sentence range of this circulars for the

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