

W. J. O'NEILL DAUNT.

DEATH OF THE IRISH VETERAN OF THE OLD GUARD.

Sketch of His Life—Was an Agitator with O'Connell—A Repealer and a Tenant Righter—His Literary Labors—Pen-and-Ink Picture of Daunt by One Who Knew Him.

The Irish veterans of the old guard, living in the old land, are dying one by one. O'Gorman Mahon, who was 90 years of age when he died, was one of the connecting links between the emancipation struggle of the first three decades of this century and the national movement of to-day. O'Neill Daunt was the sole surviving link; but now that patriarch has also vanished into the valley of the shadow of death, at the advanced age of 88 years, in his home, Kilcassan Castle, county Cork. O'Neill Daunt belonged to the Irish gentry. His estates were some 1000 acres. When the famine of '47-'48 cursed the Irish race with the horrors of starvation, O'Neill Daunt not only declined his tenants' rents, but at the castle the janitor was instructed to serve the tenantry each with four loaves of bread daily throughout the period of the famine—with the result that there was not a single death by hunger on Mr. Daunt's property. If all the other Irish landlords followed such an example there would have been no famine in Ireland, and the population of that country would be to-day over 10,000,000 instead of a beggarly 4,500,000.

EARLY CAREER OF MR. DAUNT.

William J. O'Neill Daunt was born in 1807 in Tullamore, famous for its prison where William O'Brien's pants were rent from his nether limbs by the wardens in the days of the Land League. His birth took place in the house of his maternal grandmother, the widow of Rev. Thomas Wilson, fellow of Trinity College, Dublin. Daunt's father was killed in a duel in 1826. Daunt from his earliest boyhood was possessed of two leading principles which were the main factors of his political career, and these were his eloquent and logical defence of the Catholic religion and his enthusiasm for the repeal of the union, coupled with his extraordinary knowledge of the financial relations subsisting between England and Ireland, proving that the latter country was overtaxed. He was a most omnivorous reader, and made a particular study of the period when the mercenary members of the College Green Parliament, towards the close of the last century, were bribed to vote for the union by the infamous Castlereagh. Grattan's immortal orations were his especial favorites. Despite the fact that he was a Protestant, when he reached his majority, and belonged to the British ascendancy party in Ireland, he delivered many enthusiastic and eloquent harangues in favor of rending the penal chains from the limbs of his Catholic compatriots. For this defense he was boycotted by the gentry of the county Cork. Shortly after he reached his 21st year he became a devout Catholic, thanks to the influence of O'Connell, who converted him to that faith. It was Father Mathew, the immortal apostle of temperance, who received the young and fervid tribune into the Catholic church. Daunt was, next to the chieftain of Derrynane, the great leader of the Catholic agitation for spiritual freedom. He compelled the Duke of Wellington to tell his sovereign, King George IV., that his majesty should choose between civil war or Catholic emancipation. George had to sign the bill which made the Irish Catholics free from spiritual bondage.

DAUNT AS A REPEALER.

He was in 1830 elected M. P. for Mallow. When Daniel O'Connell, in 1841, started the Repeal Association, O'Neill Daunt was the first leading Irishman to lend the great tribune a helping hand. When the agitation had assumed enormous proportions, O'Connell appointed him to a post as the Leinster director of the repeal movement, while John O'Connell was director of Connaught, Tom Steele was director of Ulster, and Maurice O'Connell the director of Munster. O'Neill Daunt, between the years 1842 to 1845, was an indefatigable organizer of the repeal agitation in the counties of Leinster. The army that followed his leadership numbered 1,000,000 stalwart men. In the capacity of organizer he paid various visits to England, in the leading cities of which country there were a large number of Irish immigrants. When the repeal movement was snowed under by the two fold causes of the secession of the Young Irelanders from the Repeal Association and the awful catastrophe of the famine, O'Neill Daunt, who had been for several years O'Connell's private secretary, refused to join the secessionists, and stood valiantly under the banner of his chief. On O'Connell's death he retired from public life. But it was only for a brief period, for when Gav. n Duffy, aided by Father Tom O'Shea, started a tenant-right movement, they were ably assisted by the chieftain of Kilcassan Castle. Unfortunately for that agitation, it fell into the hands of the ignoble Brass Band, whose leading lights were Keogh and Swail, both of whom in after years slit their throats with razors, the former in a hotel in Brussels, the latter on Hampstead Heath in London. Duffy left Ireland "a corpse on the dissecting table," and O'Neill Daunt once more retired from public life, disgusted more than ever with the failure of the tenant-right movement.

AN ESSAYIST AND NOVELIST.

O'Neill Daunt divided the day in his retirement from public life in his study, the library of which was provided with a large number of Irish volumes. He used to leave his bed at 6 o'clock, and after a frugal repast of a roll and three cups of Turkish golden-colored coffee, which is a writer's chief inspiration, he wrote his essays and novels, starting at 6.15 A.M., and continuing till 12 noon, and he turned out in that interval of time 6000 words. The rest of the day was devoted to the welfare of his tenants. Among the volumes which issued from his pen at this literary period of his career were the following: "Essays on Ireland," "Ireland Since the Union," and later on, when he reached the age of a patriarch, he penned "Eighty-five Years of Irish History." His chief work of fiction is the "Wife Hunter," a story of a quireson politician who was practically penniless, and who succeeded in taking to his bosom as his wedded wife the young and handsome widow of a pork jobber, who left his beautiful, relict £20,000, or £100,000. When he took possession of this sum he deserted his wife when the honeymoon was over and spent

the pork jobber's money in the gilded haunts of vice in London and Paris. His unfortunate spouse died of a broken heart. His next matrimonial adventure was with another young and charming widow, a blonde of sweet 16, who had married a septuagenarian peer, the Earl of Olanorty, who in dying left her his vast estates, valued for £50,000, or £350,000. He inspired the pretty bereaved countess with the

FIRE OF FIRST LOVE.

and she consented to become his wife. He insisted, however, on her settling all her dowry on himself. Her previous marriage having been barren, owing to the fact that the late count was more her father than her husband, and as she desired to have children, and as her suitor was still young and stalwart, she was so infatuated with him that she obeyed his very wish. When the politician got this young maiden into his clutches as his wife he treated her with the utmost brutality, whipping her nude body every morning after she had left her conjugal couch. She would then fling her arms around her husband's neck and shower him with her caresses. Victor Hugo once said: "La femme aime a être battue par son mari!" "Woman loves to be beaten by her husband!" The pounding she receives at his hands only increases her passionate love for him.

O'Neill Daunt's other work of fiction was "The Gentleman in Debt," published by Cameron & Ferguson, in which the riotous and bibulous excesses of the Irish gentry throughout the closing years of the eighteenth century are realistically depicted by his gifted pen.

PEN-AND-INK PICTURE OF DAUNT.

Daunt was, like McGee's Roman spear, a tall man, 6 feet 6 inches in his vamps. A year's life in Naples, where he went to study the picture galleries, rendered his features swarthy under the hot rays of a southern sun. He had an enormous chest, due to his physical exercises. He could jump, standing, over a barred gate eight feet high. He joined in the hunt, and otherwise built up a splendid constitution in his youth which defied the ravages of time. I remember seeing him when I was a boy entering my native town in Clonakilly, county Cork, poised gracefully on the saddle of his Arab steed, a noble and high-spirited animal. He held the reins with all the decorous attitude of a courtier at a royal court. A silver gray moustache was curled up at either end, and his snow-white beard swept his aged chest, flowing down to the region of his stomach. I was carried back in fancy to the glorious old days of my native land when Finn and his companions were the defenders of the republic of Innisfail. O'Neill Daunt reminded me of an old Irish chieftain. He was never ill throughout his life. He simply died of old age. May the dust over his grave lie lightly on the remains of this patriotic and intellectual Irishman.—EUGENE DAVIS in the Boston Republic.

TRADE AND COMMERCE

FLOUR, GRAIN, Etc.

Flour.—We quote: Patent Spring.....\$3.40 @ 3.50 Ontario Patent.....3.10 @ 3.20 Straight Roller.....2.95 @ 3.10 Extra.....2.50 @ 2.70 Superfine.....2.25 @ 2.45 City Strong Bakers.....3.40 @ 3.50 Manitoba Bakers.....3.25 @ 3.40 Ontario bags—extra.....1.30 @ 1.40 Straight Rollers.....1.50 @ 1.55

Oatmeal.—Rolled and granulated \$4.60, Standard \$4.45 to \$4.50. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.20 to \$2.25, and standard at \$2.15 to \$2.20. Fancy brands of both granulated and rolled are selling at higher prices. Pot barley is quoted at \$3.75 in bbls. and \$1.75 in bags, and split peas \$3.50 to \$3.60.

Bran, etc.—Car lots have been sold at \$15, and we quote \$15 to \$15.50 as to quantity. Shorts are at \$16.50 to \$17.50, and moullie at \$18 to \$21.

Wheat.—In Manitoba wheat, No. 1 is quoted at 75c to 74c; but for export it is said that not more than 70c or 71c would be paid. Chicago wheat is about 2c to 3c lower on the week.

Corn.—Market quiet at 58c to 57c duty paid, and 48c to 49c in bond.

Peas.—Sales are reported at 73c in store and at 73c adboat per 60 lbs.

Oats.—Sales of No. 3 at 37c and 37½c, and rejected at 36c; No. 2 has sold at 41½c to 42c.

Barley.—We quote at 44c to 46 for feed, and 50c to 55c for malting.

Rye.—At 52c to 53c. Sales at 52½c.

Buckwheat.—The market is quiet at 47c to 48c.

Malt.—Quiet at 72½c to 75c.

Seeds.—We quote Canadian timothy \$2.25 to \$2.50, and Western timothy \$1.90 to \$2.10. Alsike \$7.00 to \$7.50 for good to fancy. Red clover quiet at \$6 to \$7 as to quality.

PROVISIONS.

Pork, Lard, &c.—We quote as follows: Canadian short cut pork per bbl.....\$18.50 @ 20.00 Canadian clear mess, per bbl.....18.00 @ 18.50 Chicago short cut mess, per bbl.....18.00 @ 18.25 Mess pork, American, new, per bbl.....17.50 @ 18.00 Extra mess beef, per bbl.....12.25 @ 12.50 Plate beef, per bbl.....16.25 @ 16.50 Hams, per lb.....½ @ 10c Lard, pure in pails, per lb.....½ @ 10c Lard, com. in pails, per lb.....7½ @ 7c Bacon, per lb.....10 @ 11c Shoulders, per lb.....8½ @ 9c

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Butter.—We quote prices as follows:— per lb. Creamery, fresh.....18½c to 19c Eastern Townships dairy.....16c to 17c Western.....14½c to 16c Add 1c to above for single packages of selected.

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COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Baled Hay.—Sales of No. 2 shipping hay have been made at \$7 on track here and at \$7.25 to \$7.50 alongside vessel. In the country there

have been sales at all sorts of prices, at from \$5.50 to \$6.50 f.o.b. as to quality of hay and position.

Hops.—Slow sale at 11c to 13c. In New York State dealers say that they cannot get over 12c to 13c for best lots off-ring. Old olds are nominal at 3c to 7c as to quality.

FRUITS, Etc.

Oranges.—We quote prices as follows:—The Rodi oranges are coming in now, and are selling well: 180s, \$4; 200s, \$4.50 to \$4.75; 300s \$5. Messina, 100s, \$2.50 to \$2.75; 160s, \$3.50 to \$4; 200s, \$4.50.

Lemons.—Lemons are selling well at \$3.00 to \$4.50 per box.

Bananas.—Bananas are selling very well, and prices are firm at \$1 to \$2 per bunch.

Strawberries.—A few small lots of fancy stock of St. Johns berries are bringing 12c to 14c a box.

Cherries.—Receipts are light, and all the cherries are rapidly picked up at \$1 to \$1.25 per basket.

Gooseberries.—Good sales are reported at 50c to 75c per basket.

Raspberries.—Raspberries are meeting with good sales at 10c per box.

Currants.—The demand for currants is good at 50c to 60c per box.

Onions.—Egyptian onions are selling slowly at \$1.50 to \$2.10 per bag.

Potatoes.—New potatoes are selling freely at \$1.50 to \$2.00 per barrel.

FISH OILS.

Oils.—The market is still very quiet for steam refined seal oil, and jobbing lots are quoted at 35c to 36c usual terms; but these prices would no doubt be shaded for round lots, net cash. In cod oil, Newfoundland is quoted at 34c to 35c in jobbing lots, and Gaspe at 32c to 33c; but lower prices would be acceptable for round lots. Cod liver oil is quiet at 65c to 75c.

EVICTED TENANTS BILL.

PASSES ITS SECOND READING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, July 23.—In the House of Commons to-day Messrs. Chamberlain and Balfour spoke against the Evicted Tenants bill, and its passage was advocated by John Dillon and John Morley, chief secretary for Ireland. The division on the second reading followed Mr. Morley's speech. It showed a vote of 259 for the bill and 227 against it. The announcement of the result was greeted with prolonged cheers from the Government benches. The anti-Parnellites were especially enthusiastic.

Ethel: Was the wedding a very brilliant one? Gladys: Oh, very; they had to employ four detectives to watch the wedding presents.

Debtor: I can't pay you anything this month. Collector: That's what you told me last month. Debtor: Well, I kept my word, didn't I?

SLYBOY: Well, good-day, Charley drop in and see me some time when you haven't anything else to do. Charley: But I'm always busy. Slyboy: Yes; I knew you were.

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