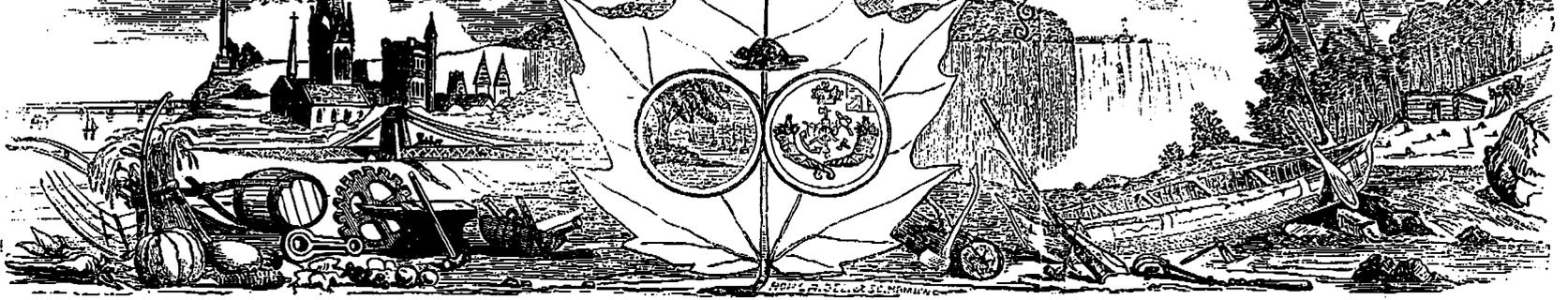


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HON. MICHAEL FOLEY, POST MASTER GENERAL.

Mr. Foley is a resident of the town of Simcoe, in the county of Norfolk, and is a lawyer by profession.

REV. DR. CAHILL.

As the subject of our notice is at present on a visit to this country, his portrait, together

with a very brief biography, will not, we think, be unacceptable to our readers. Dr. Cahill was born in Queen's Coun-

ty, Ireland, about the beginning of the present century. His mother was of Spanish extraction: his father of Celtic origin, and had acquired considerable reputation in his native country as an engineer and surveyor. The young Cahill was thus almost necessarily from his earliest years, practised in those sciences upon which, in a large degree, eminence in his father's profession depended. Whether it was from choice, the wish of his parents, the tendency of his studies, or all combined, the army seems to have been looked to as the sphere in which he was to display his talents. The state of Europe too, in those days was such that one possessed of engineering and scientific knowledge, might hope soon to rise to fame and station in the military profession. This idea, if ever it had taken a deep hold of his youthful mind, was abandoned, and his attention was turned to the ministry. He studied for some time at Carlow College, and afterwards at Maynooth, and in due time was taken into full orders in the church of which he is a member.

He was appointed Professor of Natural Philosophy in Carlow College, and for some time taught also mathematics and astronomy. He removed from it to Dublin, and subsequently had a Seminary at Seapoint. While engaged in teaching he was known as a forcible and eloquent speaker, and was often invited to preach upon important occasions. He finally gave up his Seminary to enable him to devote his whole time to the ministry.

The portrait is from a photograph taken by Mr. O'Connor, since his arrival in Toronto.

The Hon. Michael Hamilton Foley, is an Irishman by birth. His political career began as the publisher of a Reform newspaper at Simcoe, in the County of Norfolk. He was first elected to Parliament in 1854 for North Waterloo, for which riding he has been returned ever since. At the general election of 1861 he was also returned for the County of Perth, but preferred to sit for Waterloo. In 1858 Mr. Foley was named Post-Master General, in the Ministry formed by Mr. Brown of Toronto, Mr. Dorian of Montreal.

At the commencement of the Parliamentary Session of 1862 he was elected to the leadership of the Opposition. In May of the same year, upon the defeat of the Cartier-McDonald administration, and the formation of the present, he became Post-Master General. During his nine months of office he has exercised considerable energy in his department, and if sustained by the present House will without doubt, make such changes in the management of his office as will give general satisfaction to the people of Canada. He is a very good speaker, though much more effective when amongst his constituents than on the floor of the House. He is a man who has the happy disposition of being friendly with all his co-members in Parliament, whether opposed or not to him in politics.



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