

THE CONNAUGHT RANGER'S CORNER.

The Third annual concert and ball of the Hibernian Knights held on the 19th instant was a most decided success, notwithstanding the fact that there was a smoking concert held on the same night by the members of Division No. 2, the Knights have nothing to complain of. This is the first time since the County Board was organized, some six years ago, that such a thing was permitted. The hall was neatly decorated, and it looked as if the Knights had evicted the Victoria Rifles from their cosy quarters and became the owners of the Cathcart street Armory. The programme while very fair was not as good as expected, as some of the talent who had promised their services were unavoidably absent. The centre attraction was Miss M. Brennan, whose rendering of "Erin's Flag" created great enthusiasm. Equally good was Mr. Thomas Foy's recitation of "Orange and Green." Almost every seat in the hall was occupied, and the committee are to be congratulated on the magnificent success which attended their efforts. Amongst those present were Alderman and Mrs. Kinsella; Mr. Denis Tansey, President Division No. 7, and Mrs. Tansey; Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Hauly; Dr. E. J. C. Kennedy, President St. Patrick's Society; E. B. Devlin, R.C.L.; Mr. M. Phelan, President Division No. 5; Mr. William Rawley, County President; Capt. F. T. Rawley, Mr. Geo. Clarke, Past County President; Mr. H. T. Kearns, President, Div. No. 4; Ald. Galloway; Lieut. A. J. McCracken; Lieut. Doyle; Mrs. Allan, Provincial President Ladies' Auxiliary, A.O.H.; Miss Howlett, County President, L.A.; Miss Mack, County Secretary, L.A.; and the presidents of Divisions No. 1, 2 and 3, of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Captain Patrick Keane presided, and after thanking the audience for their attendance in such large numbers said:—As you are aware we are an independent military company solely under the jurisdiction of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and consequently debarred from the many privileges extended to the militia corps of Canada. The love to bear arms is the Irishman's pride, a characteristic of the Irish race. It was that pride that won the day in the woods of Fontenoy; it is that pride that has brought together our present company of the Knights who, despite many disadvantages and a great personal sacrifice on their part, are thoroughly equipped and conversant with military tactics. The Captain's spirited remarks were greeted with much applause. The following programme was then carried out: Selection of Irish airs on the piano, Mrs. Galloway; song, "It was," Mr. Thomas Foy. In response to an encore he gave "Astoria." A song, "She was a Soldier's Sweetheart," by Mr. Wm. Bertrand was really good. Mr. W. Powells sang in a fair voice, "The Gap of Dunloe"; a comic sketch by Messrs. Smith and Sloan was superb. An Irish jig by Mr. H. T. Kearns, was cleverly executed. Song, "Just as the Sun went down," by Harry Nolan, was rendered in fine style; as was also "Gru Gal Machree," in the Irish language by Mr. J. C. Mangin. "Mollie Bawn" by Miss Foley was excellently rendered. Mr. J. W. Kelly's manipulating of the phonograph was much appreciated. Messrs. Bennett and Anderson were also good and received an encore. "God Save Ireland," in the Irish language by Mr. J. C. Mangin, the chorus of which was sung in the same language by eighteen of the Knights in uniform, brought a pleasant evening's enjoyment to an end. After the concert the hall was cleared, and dancing indulged in. The grand march was led by Captain and Mrs. Keane, with about two hundred and fifty couples following. Mr. H. T. Kearns had charge of the dancing programme and the refreshments were in charge of Messrs. Ward and Hickey.

A circular, signed by Mr. W. Rawley, Jas. McNichol and P. Keane, calling on the young men of the Ancient Order to form themselves into a dramatic section under the auspices of the County Board, has been issued. This is a good move.

My right to discuss matters pertaining to the interest of the A. O. H. in this column has been questioned. I don't know that I have injured the Order by doing so. If the gentleman who objects to publication of notes of interest, such as given by me from week to week, will procure a copy of the last issue of the "Hibernian Record," the official organ of the Order in America, he will see that the official journal has copied a half a column of Hibernian News, for its last issue, from the "True Witness." The venerable State Secretary of Conn., would not do this if the notes were not newsworthy, and interesting to

its readers. It seems to me that the A. O. H. should be proud of the "True Witness," owing to the space which it devotes to all matters of public interest concerning it. Irishmen of Montreal want to read about the Order and its doings, and the "True Witness" is the proper medium to communicate these matters, because the members may depend upon it that every line which appears in its columns will be worthy of the Order and its aims.

At the last regular meeting of St. Mary's Court No. 164, C. O. F., the various committees having charge of the excursion to Cornwall on Dominion Day gave progressive reports. St. Mary's Court is one of the most flourishing Courts in Quebec, and since its organization eight years ago, has been very fortunate in not losing many of its members by death, only three members having died in that time.

The regular monthly meeting of the Hibernian Knights was held in their hall Craig street, on Sunday afternoon. Considerable business of importance was transacted, and a corresponding secretary elected. Two applications for membership in the company were received, and a communication ordered sent to the County President. Notice of motion will be given at the next annual meeting making it compulsory on all members of the company to learn the Irish language. This action was decided upon in anticipation of their trip to Boston next year. A report of the concert was given by the committee which showed it to be a financial success.

Division No. 6 is still after new quarters, and will not be satisfied until they have a hall of their own. I would not be at all surprised if the North End boys took the initiative in this matter. They are an energetic hard-working body of men and not afraid of almost any enterprise. They also adopted a set of resolutions in connection with the coronation oath, something similar to those already adopted by Division No. 1. Three new candidates were initiated.

Division No. 4 held its regular meeting last Monday evening, a pretty fair attendance of members being present. Three new candidates were received into the Order, and applications from ten others handed in, and referred to the proper committees. Other matters of importance to the members of the order were discussed.

"If the men of the A. O. H. will strive to keep themselves thoroughly informed of the various matters happening throughout the country it will make them more firm in their devotion to their own divisions and when these occurrences are related as of course they could be in the meeting room for the good of the Order, the enthusiasm and interest of others will be awakened. We would urge all Hibernians to look for Hibernian news, and repeat it in the meeting room, so that all may be informed of the progress being made; and of the earnestness with which public efforts to help Ireland's cause are being undertaken." This extract is taken from the official organ of the Order.

Yes, Bro. Cunningham, that would be the proper mode of educating our members but bless your heart, how many of our Division, aye, or individual members will support or patronize a journal that is trying to educate them to that standard.

Wednesday was a day of excursions for our Catholic Young Men's Societies. St. Anthony's Catholic Young Men's Society ran two special trains to St. Rose, over the C.P.R., from Windsor Street Station, both of which were well patronized.

St. Mary's Catholic Young Men's Society had a pleasant outing to Cornwall, which was largely attended, but the Young Irishmen's excursion to Iberville was the most successful of them all. Two trains, one in the morning of nine cars, and another in the afternoon of thirteen cars, every available space on both trains being occupied, steamed from the Windsor Station. The park at Iberville is a beautiful spot and only requires a little "firing up" to make it one of the most pleasurable resorts in this Province. Our young men's societies should encourage the national games of Ireland at their excursions; the games which made the men of early Irish history a giant race.

An enthusiastic meeting of Branch 26, Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, Grand Council of Canada, was held in their hall, 92 St. Alexander

Street, Monday evening, when business of the greatest importance to the Branch and to the Society in general was transacted.

CONNAUGHT RANGER.

C.M.B.A., Grand Council of Quebec.

At an emergent meeting of the Grand Council, C.M.B.A., of the Province of Quebec, it was moved by Grand President Leclerc, seconded by Vice-president McCaffrey and carried unanimously that:—

Whereas, it has seemed pleasing to Almighty God to remove from the midst of his labors at a time when his services could ill be spared by this Association, our lamented Brother Supreme Recorder Hickey.—be it

Resolved, that the members of the Grand Council of Quebec desire to place on record the expression of most devoted respect and sincere esteem which they have ever entertained for the personality of the deceased brother, who, since the inception of this council, has always proven himself one of our most faithful friends, whose loyalty to the Association was not the least important reason for our existence, and whose kind encouragement and sympathetic interest were largely instrumental at one time in preserving our integrity as a Grand Council of our honored Order.

Resolved, that we tender our sincere sympathy to the Supreme Council which has lost so valued and efficient an officer, and that we offer our respectful condolence to the family of our dear departed brother.

Resolved, that the charters of all branches under our jurisdiction be draped in mourning for one month as a slight mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

Resolved, that copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the Supreme President, to Mrs. C. J. Hickey, Brooklyn, and for publication to the "True Witness," of Montreal, and the C.M.B.A. News of Pittsburgh.

OBITUARY.

Miss Margaret Heelan.

It is with deep and heartfelt regret that we learn of the death of Miss Margaret (Maggie) Heelan, daughter of Mr. Wm. Heelan, master carter, Mackay street. This sad event occurred on Wednesday the 21st instant, after a long illness which was borne with true Christian fortitude and resignation.

Deceased was a former pupil of St. Patrick's Academy and was one of the most brilliant among her classmates to whom, as well as to all who knew her, she endeared herself by her unassuming manner and kindly disposition. The funeral takes place this morning from her father's residence.

The "True Witness" extends its most sincere condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Heelan in their sorrow and deep affliction.—R.I.P.

LOCAL NEWS.

The concert, room of the Catholic Sailors' Club on Wednesday evening was filled to overflowing by a most appreciative audience, who were assembled to witness the regular weekly concert. Those ladies and gentlemen who contributed to make the evening's entertainment a success, surpassed their former efforts and deserve great credit. Being the Queen's Birthday the concert, opened by all singing "God Save the Queen." The following ladies and gentlemen took part:—Miss Teetsie Durand, Miss Morrow, Miss Donaldson, and Messrs. Hodges, Harburg, Gilling, Vermont, Marshall, Kelly, and T. Hogan and sailors Simpson, Smith, Morrison, Gascoigne, Kisbey. The chairman for the evening was Mr. T. Beamish Esq. Father Kavanaugh has to acknowledge a large parcel of very interesting reading matter for the use of the seamen frequenting the club.

The collection taken up on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone by His Grace Mgr. Bruchesi for the new St. Jean Baptiste Church on Sunday the 14th inst. netted the handsome sum of 603.40.

A most interesting and impressive ceremony took place on Wednesday morning at seven o'clock at the church of Notre Dame de Bonsecours. The occasion was the blessing of two lamps which were donated to the Shrine of our Lady of Bonsecours by the pilots. Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Hurteau, assisted by Fathers Latour and Beaudoin as deacon and subdeacon.

The historical temple was filled to its utmost capacity, and nearly twenty-five pilots were present. Rev. Father Labelle, of Notre Dame Church, delivered an appropriate sermon, reminding seamen that they should not only confide merely in their experience or capacity, but also in supernatural protection. He eulogized the bravery which is character-

istic of the mariner and he exhorted them to have always a great love and veneration for the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. Mr. Theo. Dubois' "Ave Maria Stella" was sung by the choir at the Offertory. The two lamps will be placed in front of the shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, and they will be kept lighted day and night during the whole season of navigation.

THE RE-DISTRIBUTION BILL.

A Redistribution Bill which has been introduced into the House of Commons at Ottawa contains some important provisions affecting this province, but more particularly the province of Ontario. It may at once be stated that the main object of the bill is to secure representation on the basis of "municipal county" organization. This principle was at one time supported by the late Sir John A. Macdonald, and is now supported by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. In the past, the old county boundaries have been interfered with, and these are to be restored under the bill. The parish of Lavaltrie, for instance, which for all purposes, municipal, judicial, and otherwise, formerly belonged to the County of Berthier, but is now part of the County of L'Assomption, is to be transferred back to Berthier.

The parish of Lacolle, together with the islands situated in the Richelieu river opposite thereto, is transferred from Missisquoi to St. Jean and Iberville, to which it belongs for all purposes, municipal and judicial. The parishes of Notre Dame de Stanbridge and Notre Dame des Anges de Stanbridge, together with the island opposite in the Richelieu river, are transferred from St. John and Iberville to Missisquoi. The parish of St. Pie is transferred from Rouville to Bagot.

The parish of St. Marcel is transferred from Bagot to Richelieu. The parish of St. Eugene de Grantham, now in Bagot electoral district, is transferred to Drummond and Arthabaska. The parish of St. Nazaire and St. Christine as municipally constituted is to be included in the electoral district of Bagot, and the electoral district as reconstituted is to consist of the town of Acton, the village of Lipton and the parishes of St. Andre d'Acton, St. Ephrem d'Upton, St. Helene, St. Hugues, St. Liheire, St. Pie, St. Rosalie, St. Simon, St. Theodore d'Acton, St. St. Dominique, St. Nazaire and St. Christine. The parishes of St. Guillaume d'Upton and St. Bonaventure d'Upton are transferred from Drummond and Arthabaska to Yamaska. This is done because the parishes for federal purposes belong to the county of Yamaska. The parishes of St. Eulalie and St. Samuel will form part of the electoral district of Nicolet. All that part of the township of Stanford, which forms part of the parish of Notre Dame de Leonard, are transferred from Drummond and Arthabaska to Megantic.

The bill also provides that when the population of a county justifies its claim to one or two additional members it is to be subdivided by judicial authority in separate electoral districts, within the old county boundaries.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT ST. JOHN, N.B.

A despatch from St. John, N. B., says that a disastrous fire occurred on Thursday, in the extreme north end of the city. That part known as Radiantown, where the river and lake boats land, was swept by fire. The buildings were for the most part wooden dwellings and stores. A rough estimate places the number of buildings burned at 200, and the total loss at almost half a million dollars. Some of the residences at the foot of Radiantown, were valuable homesteads, well furnished and mostly comfortable. These were all destroyed.

There were two fatalities. Miss Chénard, sister-in-law of Dr. McClary, was burned to death in her house, refusing to leave when urged to do so. She was 80 years. Mrs. Mowery, also an aged lady and an invalid, died of shock, just as the fire broke out. The total insurance is about \$300,000.

GLAZING LUXFER PRISMS.

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