

The Motherland

At a meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Belfast Catholic Association, the Most Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor, who presided, congratulated them upon the successful return of all the candidates of the Catholic Association at the recent municipal elections in the Falls and Smithfield Wards (applause). The presence of eight Catholic representatives in the City Council is certain to be of great service to the cause of Catholicity in Belfast and to the good name of the city (hear, hear).

The Marquis of Dufferin and Ava presided at a public banquet given by the citizens of Belfast in honour of the Lord and Lady Mayoress, the Hon. W. J. Pirrie and Mrs Pirrie. The chairman, having referred in eulogistic terms to the Lord and Lady Mayoress.

The Lord Mayor, in his reply to the guests of the Evening, said it was a matter of more than ordinary satisfaction to him that his term of office should have witnessed the carrying through of the bill for a great extension of the city, the Act having come into operation last month when the area of city was nearly doubled, its population largely added to, and a larger and more representative City Council elected, composed of men that he ventured to say would do credit for intellectual ability and business capacity to any chamber in any city of the United Kingdom.

Lady Auckland's conversion is also announced by The Tablet, is the daughter of a Lincolnshire notable, Colonel George Hutton, of Gato Burton, and she married Lord Auckland soon after his accession to the title. The Aucklands, by the way, are rather a distinguished line, for the last Baron was Ambassador to France, the second Governor General of India, the third Bishop of Bath and Wells, and the fourth a Secretary of Legation and Cuzco d'Affaires. The fifth and present Lord had at one time a company in the 2nd Battalion of the Dorsetshire Regiment.

Lord Charles Bessford's speech at the New Vagabond Club dinner on the worship of Mammon by the best society" was a characteristic outspoken performance. His allusion to the case of Lord Wm. X. will be an illustration of the decadent state of honor in society—which shielded him instead of hanging him to a tree and casting his body into a ditch—is the first candid word that has been spoken by any member of that society on that subject.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor, in the Weekly Sun, has some pungent criticisms to offer on the proceedings of the National Liberal Federation. "In principle I have no objection whatever to Home Rule all round. It is the ultimate, the logical, and the inevitable solution of the intolerable burden of work on the Imperial Parliament. But I have always doubted the wisdom, and I have even grave doubts of the good faith, of some of the men who bring it forward as the best form for putting the Irish demand before the British people. In the first place opinion is practically unanimous in Ireland, while it is very much divided in Scotland, and is not very enthusiastic in Wales. To make Home Rule for Ireland then dependent on Home Rule for Scotland and for Wales is to ask the people to wait for the sunrise. Secondly, a large voice in the solution of the Irish question must belong to the English constituencies. To ask John Bull to put the Imperial Parliament into the melting pot and to turn inside out and upside down with written consultations and all the rest, appears to me one of the maddest policies that ever emanated from the mind of man."

Farm and Garden

Foresight on the farm pays better than anything else. That is, in these times of fluctuating prices of farm stock it pays best to use brains and thought to look ahead. The farmer who lives and acts in the present, says the Western Agriculturist, is always behind and complains of his hard luck, while the farmer who reads, thinks and plans ahead wins success. He does not sell his stock because prices are low, but he holds out closer and picks up better horses and cattle while they are cheap, and breeds on up ready for the advance that is sure to come. He has faith in good stock. He reads the stock journals and learns something about breeds and breeding all the time. He profits by other men's experience and always has some good stock to sell. He makes his stock pay whether prices are high or low; it pays better than anything else, and with forethought plans to breed to suit the markets rather than his own fancy. Farmers who kept on breeding cattle and horses now have stock to sell at good prices, while the farmer who lost his courage when cattle were so cheap, said he would no longer pay, sold off his stock at a sacrifice, and is now buying stock at high prices to get up his grass and corn, and the farmer who was fooled by the electricity scare and got rid of his horses at any sacrifice before the horseless age could catch him has poor teams on the farm, and finds they still use horses in the city and on the farm, and he begins to wish for those fine draught mares to breed good horses, for he sees an enormous demand for heavy draught and fine coach horses in all the city markets as business revives and an export trade eager for American horses when they can find good ones at good prices, and the great scarcity of good horses is advancing prices, just as the cattle advanced.

In his address to the Swine Breeders, at the annual meeting held at Brantford a few days ago, President Brothour said: "It is many years since the breeders of pure-bred swine have had such a successful season, with brighter prospects in the near future. To-day our product stands almost at the top, in regard to quality and price, in the English market. I have recently been informed that Canadian bacon is likely to displace the famous Danish bacon."

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