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HON. CHARLES FITZPATRICK

Delivers an Address on Canadian Patriotism, Duty and Greatness at a Banquet Given in His Honor.

Montreal, Oct. 7.—The banquet tendered by the citizens of Montreal under the auspices of St. Patrick's Society to Honorable Charles Fitzpatrick, Minister of Justice, at the Windsor Hotel last evening, was one of the greatest public gatherings of the kind ever witnessed in Canada, and certainly the most signal honor yet paid to an Irish Canadian statesman in the history of this city. Conservatives and Liberals, French-Canadians and English-speaking citizens, men of all shades of religious opinion came together from the principal cities of Quebec and Ontario, and the address they listened to was one worthy of the nature and spirit of the occasion.

Judge Doherty presided, and Hon. T. Duffy, Senator George Moffhug, Hon. W. R. Scott, Hon. A. R. Robitaille, Hon. J. J. Guerin, Hon. Sidney Fisher, Wm. Walwright, H. Allan, Rev. J. R. Teely, L.L.D., Arthur Dansereau, A. R. Greelman, Mr. Wm. Hingston, Dr. F. E. Devlin, Hon. Lomer Gouin, Hon. John Costigan, Judge Mathieu, Dr. W. H. Drummond, Hon. James McShane, Justice Taschereau, C. Shields, Senator Alfred A. Thibaudou, Sir Melvillebome Tait, Rodolph Lamleux, Senator F. L. Belque, Hon. S. N. Parent, Godfrid Langlois, F. A. Anstee, Senator Robert Mackay, J. A. Macdonell, Mayor Cochrane, Rev. Father O'Meara, Hon. F. H. Litchford, Hon. John Bittinger, Rev. M. Callaghan, Senator Haoui Dandurand, Hon. E. Archambault were prominent guests.

Hon. Dr. Guerin proposed the health of Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, speaking of his career as a gifted lawyer, a learned statesman and a patriotic Irishman.

The Minister of Justice in his reply said: "I most deeply thank you for your cordial welcome, which recalls a banquet given to me at Quebec a few years ago, when I first joined the present Government. Then, however, I could not recognize the faces about me those who had been, and were still, my friends and neighbors, for, as John Bright once said, 'I have lived much among the tents of my own people.'"

"Now the scene is changed. I see around this hall representatives of all shades of party politics and opinions; men of all creeds and nationalities. To a great number of these I am entirely unknown. Most grateful am I to the sight on which my eyes now rest, and most gratefully do I acknowledge this mark of esteem."

"You have been good enough, Mr. Chairman, you and Dr. Guerin, to refer to myself in very flattering terms, but I am not vain enough to imagine that..."

on the lawyer (laughter) I have to wish to follow St. Ives to canonization I would be terribly lonesome—there are so many of my friends of whose company I should be deprived. (Laughter) I am, of course, highly gratified with this expression of the warm, generous enthusiasm which is so characteristic of our race. At the same time I recognize in this varied assemblage in which you, Judge Doherty, and the gentlemen of St. Patrick's Society, the organizers of this banquet, are held, and evidence of the sympathy and regard entertained for their Irish fellow-citizens by those in the midst of whom they live.

WHAT THE IRISH HAVE ACHIEVED.

"Of that friendship and sympathy you and the Irish in Canada have not, I believe, wholly unworthily. Coming to this country under conditions to which no reference is now necessary, our people were forced to climb the steep ascent which leads to places of pre-eminence and power in the face of difficulties which to less courageous and vigorous men must have appeared almost insuperable; and we can fairly claim that some measure of success has attended our efforts. To the church we have given those numerous mitred statesmen of whom McGeoghegan spoke, and the name of the latter will live in this country so long as true eloquence is appreciated in our midst. Men of our race have worn the ermine with dignity and honor, and the profession to which I belong has not infrequently had an Irishman in the front rank; while in the medical profession Irish names have been, and are, household words."

"Among the great captains of commerce, as well as among those who are engaged in the silent task of clearing the forest and subduing the prairies, or in the work of diverting rivers and tunnelling mountains, we have had those of whom we are justly proud; in a word, in the development of this country we have borne our part, and we may fairly claim that we have never allowed the undying love we bear our motherland to interfere with the deep affection we give to this, to some the land of our adoption, but to the great majority the land of our birth."

THE SACRIFICES OF PATRIOTISM.

"Our forefathers had wrongs to remember. In that land there have been, and there are still, legal injuries to redress, but never have we filtered in our loyalty to Canada and Canadian institutions; never have we hesitated to give the best that was in us for the advancement of this country."

"Tried in the uses of adversity, we have learned that patriotism demands greater sacrifices than the mere payment of rates and taxes, and Irish blood has flowed freely when occasion demanded it in the defence of our common heritage."

"Perhaps I may be permitted to draw attention, in one phrase, but in no complaining spirit, to the somewhat anomalous position in which we have sometimes been placed. The Irish Catholics in Canada are a minority, and this minority is not only a distinct disadvantage, so long as the qualifications are made to depend upon considerations of race and creed, rather than upon fitness and capacity to do service to the State. If a position is to be assigned to form a part of the English-speaking minority in that class, if, on the other hand, language is a requisite, then we are of the Catholic minority. In either case, we are too often in the position of the man who is being ground between the upper and the nether millstone. Let us hope that we are approaching the dawn of the day—in fact, a streak of dawn is already in the sky—when honesty, ability, skill, training and devotion to duty shall be the sole qualification for public service."

DUFFERIN'S PROPHECY.

"Thirty years ago a distinguished Irishman, then on the eve of leaving his native land to assume the Governorship of Canada, said: 'It may be doubted whether the inhabitants of the Dominion themselves are yet fully awake to the magnificent destiny in store for them; or have altogether realized the promise of their young and virile nationality. Like a virgin goddess in a primeval world, Canada walks in unconscious beauty among her golden woods and by the margin of her trackless streams, catching but broken glances of her radiant majesty as mirrored on their surface, and scarcely recking as yet the glories awaiting her in the Olympus of Nations.'"

"These words, spoken by one who is now no more, are true of Canada and Canadians to-day. The limitation of our own greatness is in our own hands. We have a glorious heritage, the bonds of which we only dimly realize—a heritage unequalled by any other people. We are not sufficiently conscious of those priceless possessions for which our fathers

toiled, and which it is now our privilege to enjoy. Under that ample measure of responsible government, with political freedom, which is the envy of less fortunate possessions of the British Crown, it is time for us to turn ourselves, without reference to creed or party, to internal development, and to place Canada in that position to which nature calls her, which her resources warrant, and which her intelligence demands. This is a noble ambition that any patriot should make his own. I trust therefore that you will pardon me if I dwell for a few moments upon the nature of our great inheritance, and upon the part which it is our duty to take in its development."

"Indeed, how best to utilize to the utmost the splendid advantages with which nature has endowed this Dominion—must tax the statesmanship of this country for many a year. With unceasing eagerness we must press on the great work of development until the world is made aware that we are not only the possessors of the greater half of the North American continent, geographically; but that we are also the inheritors of an equally large portion of its natural resources, of its industry and enterprise."

"From Cape Breton to the Yukon we have mines of gold and silver, of coal and iron, so widely and so highly appreciated as to render superfluous anything more than a passing reference."

"Our agricultural resources are, almost unlimited. In eastern Canada our farmers can grow almost everything which will flourish in the temperate zone in Europe, and much besides. In southern Ontario we have miles of vineyards, and peaches are grown by the acre. In the west, each settler seems lord of a farm bounded only by the horizon, and of which the plough furrows are measured by the league, and the former roaming grounds of the buffalo have already become one of the great wheat belts of the world."

FORESTS ARE INEXHAUSTIBLE.

"In its forest products Canada has a national asset which economically gives her a place apart in the world. Properly managed, her vast forests are practically inexhaustible, and the stars in their courses are fighting for Canada to-day. The progress of scientific discovery has revolutionized the timber trade. The constantly increasing demand for timber, but has invested with a new value precisely the class of trees which in this Province is now found in the greatest abundance, and which has hitherto been passed over by the lumberman as almost unworthy of his notice."

"In addition, we have within our borders more than half the fresh water of the globe, and our national river, connecting the Atlantic with the great lake system in the very heart of the continent, must always remain the true commercial highway of the country, the royal road on the broad bosom of which should travel to the sea a large share of the products of all those lands bordering on the waters which it drains. I realize that the vast possibilities of our Canadian waterways are associated with cheapness rather than with speed."

"It is the cost of carriage, and not any fractional saving of time, which determines the route by which the produce of the west is taken to the market; but in these busy times it is necessary also to realize that the mile has practically ceased to be the measure of distance; it is now become the hour, and we must demonstrate that the route by the St. Lawrence is not only shorter, in point of distance, and cheaper than that by way of Buffalo and New York, but that, measured by time, our ports have ceased to be two days' travel away from Liverpool than the United States."

"But here I stop, through fear that I may be charged with repeating what I have already said, and because I am anxious not to poach on other men's preserves. In many other ways, however, this wonderful wealth of waterways weighs the

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scale when we are balancing the probabilities as to the future which fate has in store for the Dominion. Without insisting further upon the part which is played by the rivers and canals of Canada in bringing to market the produce of our prairies, our forests, our coal fields and our factories, there is another resource which is only beginning to be tapped and which ought some day to go far to secure for the Dominion a long lead in the great world struggle for commercial supremacy."

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"Speaking of the recent past, this is certainly true; but to-day we are in the presence of another force, which in many ways is likely to take the place of steam—I mean electricity. Given the right conditions, mechanical power in the shape of electricity may be stored as if the full gift of heaven. We may harness every torrent and cascade in Canada to make them work in unending labor, even while we sleep. Along the thousand miles of the Laurentian hills, not to take count of all the streams that fight and foam their way to the Pacific, Canada has an unnumbered succession of these torrents and cascades, which to-day run wild to the sea. Sooner or later, as the land is filled with people, all this riotous waste of force will be stayed, and the owners of half the fresh water of the planet will enter the industrial struggle with an unbought energy at their back, which will enable them to defy competition."

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THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT

Editor Catholic Register—

Sir—It was indeed refreshing to read Father Minehan's letter in last week's Register. I must confess that I read it several times—it had the right ring in it. I beg to concur in the suggestion given by Father O'Brien of Peterborough, in his letter to Father Minehan, "That the most effective way would be for individual societies to be established all over"—one in every parish. That is what is urgently needed. And later on, a Provincial Board or Executive could, if it was desirable, be formed. This would set at rest any thought that some personal or political advancement, etc., was in view. As the writer of several letters which have appeared in your columns on this subject, I can assure your readers and those interested in this movement, that I am one of those who take very little stock (if I may use that expression) in the way some so-called Catholic representatives, or leaders, have climbed into positions. They must sometimes wonder themselves how they got there and who they represent. No, Mr. Editor, the temperance cause it indeed too important a one to be made the football of politicians. I cannot close this letter without saying that The Register is deserving of all praise for the stand it has taken on this subject.

Yours, etc.,

A CATHOLIC LAYMAN.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH BUILDING FUND

On last Sunday afternoon an important meeting of parishioners was held in St. Peter's Church, Bathurst street, for the purpose of preparing the way for a new church to replace the present frame structure, which is daily becoming more unfitted both in appearance and accommodation for the needs of the congregation. The meeting, whilst not large, was thoroughly representative, and the unanimous sentiment was that parish work and progress demanded the erection at the earliest possible date of a suitable church. Those present backed up their opinions by putting down their names for subscriptions amounting to more than a thousand dollars. Committees were formed for the purpose of canvassing the parish and interviewing their friends for subscriptions. The parish being divided into various districts for this purpose, the gentlemen thus selected, books will be given authorizing them to receive subscriptions and signed by the pastor. No one without such book has any authority to collect. Another meeting for the same object will be held next Sunday.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

The usual quarterly meeting of the Children's Aid Branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was held on last Monday evening in St. Vincent's Hall, Shuter and Victoria streets. Father Rohleder presided on the occasion, whilst Mr. Matthew O'Connor filled his position as president of the Society. He gave a long and very interesting account of the work done, of the sad case met, of the difficulties encountered. He also brought home to those present the necessity of promptitude in acting and the responsibilities resting on those who took children away from their parents when the latter were unfit to be entrusted with them. The President's address showed that he entered into this work with the whole-souled energy he throws into all his undertakings. In the brief discussion which followed suggestions were made as to the advisability of having contribution boxes placed in Catholic schools and elsewhere, and also as to the wisdom of members applying their minds to the causes of parental shirking of duty and the remedies therefor.

There were present in the audience Fathers Hand, Treacy, Fraser and L. Minehan, whilst besides such regular attendants as the secretary, treasurer, solicitor and agent of the Society, several of our most prominent Catholic laymen were to be seen. It is to be hoped that even a larger attendance will signify by their presence at the next meeting their warm support of the work done—the noblest in which any Catholic society could be engaged.

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ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED IRISH LEAGUE

On Monday evening at a largely-attended meeting in Pythian Hall, the organization of a Toronto branch of the United Irish League was perfected. Over a hundred names were placed on the organization roll of membership. This was a most satisfactory start, and there is now no room for doubt that the Toronto Branch of the League will be one of the most active and flourishing in Canada. Mr. T. Cunerty presided.

After short and practical speeches by Mr. James Connee and Inspector Archard, the meeting proceeded to the election of officers, with the following result:

Hon. President, James Connee, M. P.; President, Terence Cunerty; Vice-President, E. J. Heary; Treasurer, John Hanrahan; Secretary, E. J. Sullivan; Sentinel, P. Kennedy; Executive, A. T. Henon, P. Cronin, M. C. O'Donnell, P. W. Falvey, C. A. Burns, George Knox, J. J. Landy.

Bylaws and rules of the branch were submitted by a special committee composed of Mr. E. J. Heary, B. L., and J. G. O'Donoghue, B.L. These were considered clause by clause and adopted.

Several matters were left to the consideration of the Executive which is to meet at an early date.

The membership of the League already is representative of all the professions and classes in the city, and Protestants friends of the Home Rule cause have been amongst the first to present themselves for enrollment.

ST. BASIL'S C. U.

The regular meeting of St. Basil's Catholic Union was held last Monday night. The President, Mr. J. J. O'Sullivan, occupied the chair. Nominations for the officers for the coming season were made and the elections are to come off next Monday night. Mr. E. V. O'Sullivan and Mr. T. G. Kernahan were elected delegates to the Inter-Catholic Club Debating Union for next year. Rev. Father Brennan was unanimously re-elected Chancellor.

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