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WHAT I KNOW OF HASTINGS

(Special to The Register.)

Amongst my many reminiscences of periodical journeys over a great portion of Canada during a period now covering nearly forty years, none have been more indelibly stamped on memory's pages than the visit made to the picturesque village of Hastings, situated on both banks of the Ottawa-River, in the County of Northumberland, on a beautiful day in the charming month of May 1865. I had but entered on the arduous, onerous and hazardous responsibilities of a highwayman, when the appearance of a Sunday at Hastings was an event simultaneous with my own; and as I had deliberately, and in the coldest of cold blood, set out to prey on an unsuspecting public, a sense of duty ever strong and vigilant, prompted me to offer up a prayer in a Catholic Church on that day, solemn and sacred, for my future protection, and future behaviour. After spending the preceding Saturday night under the hospitable roof of "Little Pat" Brennan, so-called to distinguish him from a very much bigger Pat of the same surname. I rose from my virtuous couch in the morning at an hour befitting a well-conducted man, and set out in search of a building over which the symbol of man's redemption would be likely to glisten when kissed by a May sunbeam. My philosophy and my guide was my genial friend Mr. Brennan, owner, a few years subsequently married a daughter of Mr. Timothy Conaghan, J.P., one of the oldest as he was one of the most respected and successful of the early pioneers of settlement on the shores north of the Otonabee. Husband and wife, widely esteemed, have passed to that home at the other side of the grave. There was no Catholic Church in Hastings at that early hour of its history, although the presence of numerous groups of all sizes and sexes, and of Irish birth or origin, hurrying rapidly along, proclaimed the fact that there must be a place of worship possibly a cave or a cavern somewhere. After speculating thus, Mr. Brennan led me in front of a massive stone building, towering from the centre of a dangerous-looking swamp, a building which, if placed at a higher altitude, would have passed for a bar of feudal times. The use of this structure for religious purposes was kindly granted by Mr. John S. Driscoll, one of the earliest settlers in the eastern part of the County of Peterborough, who many years ago sought and found a home in the newer regions of Parry Sound. I have lost track of Mr. Driscoll, with whom I stood on intimate terms, and hence am not aware if he is still in the land of the living, but whether dead or alive, I trust his soul is happy.

The congregation which assembled within the stone fortress to which I have already alluded, was large, the greatest proportion of which was made up of fresh importations from Ireland, and it was pleasant then, as it is now pleasant, to recall the light heart and the light step with which they passed over the rough roads and corderoy bridges; over swamp and sedge, through forest and fen, to assist at the solemn mysteries of religion.

My first Sunday in Hastings was the first in my long and chequered buccaneering career and it is with gladness I proclaim the fact, that portraits of many of the excellent Catholic Irishmen to whom I was introduced on that charming Sunday, are treasured in the halls of memory. First springing to the lips is the name of that grand type of an Irishman, Mr. Samuel Gibson, a native of the banner County—Tipperary—a man who displayed no polished esteem, but had within him as pure a heart as eper palpitated in human bosom. Mr. Gibson raised a respectable family, all of whom were truly Catholic. Benjamin, the eldest son, passed away after a few years of wedded life. Mary, whose eyes closed

in death within the past year, was more than one-third of a century the wife of Mr. Nicholas Bibby, also deceased. James, who owns and manages a hotel in Campbellford, which has won a wide reputation for order, has brought up a large family who inherited the best traditions of both sides. Another son of Mr. Samuel Gibson has passed away within the past twelve months within the shadow of the parental homestead, Mr. John Gibson, a man widely known, and wherever known, highly esteemed. It was my privilege to know John Gibson well and desirous as I am to pay tribute to his sterling qualities, which I heartily appreciated, I cannot add more than to say that he had pretty accurately followed in the footsteps of an excellent father. Quite recently I visited his late home, and it was with deep sorrow I noticed a vacant chair and missed the friendly grasp, the hearty grasp, the hearty Cead Mille Failte, and the pleasant story of its absent occupant. The name of Gibson, however, is not destined to die out on the "Cobourg Road" if we accept as a guarantee thereof the presence of three promising sons who appear desirous of emulating the good example of an excellent father. The faithful woman who bore his name for nearly one-third of a century, and added to the charms of home, is also present and although suffering bitter anguish, still maintains that life and admiration of girlhood which she possessed when I first met her in the neighborhood of Cobourg, now more than thirty-five years ago.

Another of those solid Irishmen who have swept the forest on both sides along the "Cobourg Road" was Mr. Timothy Collins, who passed from earth about twelve years ago. It would not be very easy to discover a finer man. Sober and industrious, honest and truthful, we cannot marvel at his success in rescuing many broad and fertile acres from primitive barbarism and bequeathing them unencumbered to his family, who, it is gratifying to state, seem determined to maintain a more tenacious grip of them than that practiced by some young Irish-Canadians whom I have met.

My description of Hastings, of its situation, its surroundings, and of its Catholic congregation, at the period of which I write, imperfect as it will be, would be infinitely more so if the name of Mr. James O'Reilly were omitted. "Big Jim" O'Reilly, as he was pretty generally called, was a native of the County of Down, Ireland, and settled in the Township of Percy over fifty years ago, where he resided until reaching a ripe old age, when death claimed him as its own. It was no misname to apply the term "Big" to James O'Reilly. Big he was, big physically, big intellectually, big in the generosity of his nature and in the warmth of his affections, big in his love for Old Ireland, and for the faith for which Old Ireland struggled and suffered, big in all things except meanness, and for a vice like this there was no room in "Jim" O'Reilly's whole anatomy. A son, another "Jim," has recently and under highly favorable wind, set out on the mercantile seas of Hastings.

Another of the oldest generation of Irishmen who composed the Hastings congregation and with whom it was my pleasure to become intimately acquainted, was Mr. Patrick Doherty, of the Township of Asphodel. Mr. Doherty, whose remains were followed to the tomb within the last couple of months, by a cavalcade of sorrowing neighbors, was a native of the County of Limerick, which place he left about fifty-seven years ago. This was a time when a dark pall overspread the land, and a terrible blight stalked abroad. There was famine in the land! Yes! but it would be a libel on divine Omnipotence to say that it was a famine not created by man. True, the potatoes rotted, and thousands of Irishmen and Irishwomen perished, but it was whilst the hills and the valleys were dotted with bullocks, the plentiful fields with golden grain, and the seas white with sails bearing away the rich productions of this country to feed the stranger and to enable Cromwellian and other landlords to continue on in lives of luxury and debauchery. It was in the year 1847 that Patrick Doherty, a little boy in the company of his parents, went down to a shipping port to sail for Canada. I had many interesting conversations, touching this period with him, and I could learn that whilst he fully realized the hellishness of Irish landlordism, a greater blow had, in his opinion, fallen upon the nation, when the sad news came from Genoa that O'Connell was dead, which mournful intelligence reached the family as they were on their way to the port of Limerick. Patrick Doherty was a man who read much, and whose mind was well stored; indeed I only voice opinion when I say that there were very few better informed men in either the Parish or the Township where he resided. An enthusiastic lover of his native land, a devoted member of the Catholic congregation of Hastings, a good neighbor and a kind friend. Recollection of Pat Doherty, and of my friendly intercourse with him cannot be easily obliterated.

It would weary the reader were I to particularize individually each member of the congregation, and hence I must close by saying that it was largely made up by men bearing such names as those of O'Reilly, O'Sullivan and O'Leary, Collins, Crowley, Boughlin, Corcoran and Cleary, Brennan, Brickley and Barry, Downes, Driscoll and Doherty; Keating, Kearney and Kennedy; Myles, McFadden and McDonnell, etc.

The late Father Quirk was the officiating clergyman on the occasion of my first visit to Hastings, but as I have drawn myself out to too great an extent already, I must reserve for another letter reference to the work of this lamented priest, as well as to the growth and development of the Church throughout this section.

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DEATH OF M. A. HEARN, K. C.
 It is with the deepest regret that we find ourselves called upon to record the death of Mr. M. A. Hearn, K.C., a gentleman whose professional and political career fills a considerable page in the history of Quebec during the last fifty years. The sad event occurred on Sunday morning, after a relatively short but severe illness, which he bore with the most Christian fortitude. Surrounded by the surviving members of his family, and supported by all the consolations of religion, he passed away to his eternal reward and his familiar figure will henceforward be missed from the courts of justice and political hustings which knew him so long.

At the time of his death Mr. M. A. Hearn was in his 71st year. Born in Quebec in 1833, of Irish Catholic parentage, his father being the late Mr. Patrick Hearn, a native of the County of Wexford, Ireland, and his mother Ann Aylward, a native of Newfoundland, he was educated at Hennessy, Thom's, and the Quebec Seminary, from which latter institution he passed to the study of law under the late John W. Ahern, one of the most eminent of the Quebec practitioners of that day, and was admitted to the Bar in 1855. In the practice of his profession by force of ability, and his clientele soon became large, and he was called to the bar in the city and one of the largest in the city and district. As a successful criminal pleader, he had for many years few equals at the Quebec Bar, and there were few of the "causes celebres" of that period in which his services were not retained and out of which he did not come victorious. As an Admiralty lawyer he also won great repute. In commercial and civil law generally, he was one of the leaders of the local Bar, and his eminence in that branch of the profession was deservedly earned by many notable successes. In fact, some of the briefs which he prepared for the Privy Council, notably in the famous cases of McLaren and Connolly, in both of which he was successful, are still cited as examples of the highest legal attainment. In 1868 his professional eminence was so universally recognized that he was honored by his colleagues with election as Batonnier of the Quebec Bar, and a year later he was raised to the distinction of Batonnier-General of the Province. At various stages of his distinguished professional career, Mr. Hearn practised in partnership with the late Mr. Edward Jones, Q.C., Messrs. Jordan and Roche, Mr. Dennis Murray, afterwards Judge Murray, T. Fournier, afterwards a judge of the Supreme Court. It was during his association with the latter that Mr. Hearn acted as the legal adviser of the Rev. Redemptorist Fathers of St. Patrick's, and it was largely through his able handling of the interests of the Fathers and congregation at that exciting time that the amendments to the charter of the church were obtained and the whole affair was brought to a peaceful and successful issue. Under the Mackenzie administration, the dignity of Queen's Counsel was conferred upon him.

From his father, who had been a life-long Liberal and one of the few Irishmen identified with the patriots of 1837, Mr. Hearn inherited those stalwart Liberal principles for which he was so noted, and which won for him the proud title of "the old Liberal war-horse of Quebec West." In fact he was one of the few remaining survivors of the staunch old guard Liberals, who so manfully fought the party's battles in this district and kept its flag flying under the most discouraging circumstances, and in the darkest hours; who stuck to their principles through thick and thin, and who sowed the harvest of honors and success which others more fortunate are now reaping. At an early period of his professional career he was induced to also enter the municipal and political fields.

Mr. M. A. Hearn was married on November 5th, 1855, to the late Miss Margaret Whelan, of Quebec, who predeceased him as far back as May 29th, 1884, and by whom he had nine children, of whom two daughters survive, one of whom is the wife of

REV. FATHER TWOMEY

Appointed to St. Michael's Church, Belleville

Archbishop Gauthier of Kingston on Saturday morning announced the appointment of Rev. Father Dennis A. Twomey, pastor at Tweed, as successor to Mgr. Farrelly, of St. Michael's church, of Belleville, which edifice was destroyed by fire one week ago. Father Twomey has a hard task ahead, but as he is one of the most efficient priests in the Diocese of Kingston, there is no doubt but what his efforts to restore the Belleville church will be successful.

Father Twomey is a native of Ireland. For twenty-two years he has been a priest. He was educated at the Grand Seminary in Montreal. For a time he was rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston. Twelve years ago he was appointed pastor at Morrisburg, and for the past four or five years has been pastor at Tweed, which church debt has been reduced from \$35,000 to under \$20,000.

St. John's School

Names of pupils who obtained 40 per cent. of the marks in each subject and 60 per cent. of the aggregate marks in Christmas examinations.

Senior Fourth—E. Kennedy, J. Price.

Junior 4th—V. Thomson, F. McEve, P. McEvay, J. Conlin and F. Annett equal.

Senior 3rd—L. Thomson, J. Rehill, R. Cullen, B. Tremble, J. Hodson, C. Sullivan.

Junior 3rd—J. Killackey, B. Dunigan, M. Rehill, L. Budd, J. Duggan, J. Bell, R. Gray, E. Beaver, W. Bell.

Senior 3rd—A. Thomson, O. Curry, A. Aymong.

Ald. John Dunn in Ward 5

Ald. John Dunn, who has consistently pursued an independent course in council for an unbroken period of service, longer than that of any other sitting member, is again a candidate in Ward 5. Mr. Dunn is a public man of few professions, but his record is known, and he enjoys the confidence of the electors of the Fifth Ward to an exceptional degree.

Many attempts have been made in past years to oust him, and various crises have been got up against him, but with uniform lack of result. The ratepayers for one thing know that John Dunn is not in the council either for gain or the hope of personal reward. He is a successful business man, whose history as a cattle shipper to Britain tells his capacity for large undertakings. As an alderman he has voted for economy and efficiency in the civic service at all times and has associated low taxes with strict attention to the practical and pressing problems of municipal government. The electors of the Fifth Ward will doubtless increase his well maintained majority of past years.

Phonograph Records at Vatican

The phonograph records taken by special permission of the Pope last summer in St. Peter's on the occasion of the centenary of St. Gregory, and which include all the Gregorian compositions executed at the time by the Papal choir, under the leadership of Maestro Perosi, were presented to Pius X. last week by the representatives of the company which had charge of the matter.

In the private apartment of the Pope and in the presence of several of the court prelates, one by one of the discs were placed in the machine in order that the Pope might pass judgment on the results obtained.

Pius X. expressed himself as pleased at the beauty and effect of the executions, and declared it to be his intention that a special library, including phonographic records of all the principal Gregorian compositions of sacred music approved under his pontificate, be established in connection with the Vatican library.

By order of Pius X. the members of the Sistine Chapel choir are to execute other compositions for reproduction in the phonograph, and it is expected that many churches throughout the world will soon take advantage of the means provided to familiarize their choirs with this kind of music approved by the Church.

Ordinations

The following is a correct list of those ordained at St. Basil's on Dec. 21st:

Mr. J. W. Byrne, for the Diocese of Columbus, Tonsure and Minor Orders.

Mr. J. L. Golden, for the Diocese of Scranton, Tonsure and Minor Orders.

Mr. P. J. McGrath for the Diocese of Monterey and Los Angeles, Minor Orders.

Mr. D. F. Sullivan for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Minor Orders.

Mr. H. Carr, for the Community of St. Basil, sub-deaconship.

Mr. W. V. Fitzgerald, for the Diocese of Nesquehony, deaconship.

Mr. Edward McCabe, for the Archdiocese of Toronto, priesthood.

His Grace was assisted by Very Rev. V. Marjion, C.S.P. Provincial, and Very Rev. D. Cushing, C.S.B., Superior.

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PURSE FOR FATHER KELLY

Douro Congregation Honors Their Parish Priest

Douro, Dec. 14.—On Sunday, Dec. 11th, Rev. W. J. Kelly was waited upon by his parishioners and presented with a well-filled purse. The presentation was made by Councillor Allen in the name of the Reeve, Councillors and Municipal Officers of Douro. The congregation was represented by Messrs. Martin McManus, and Wm. Condon of Douro, John O'Grady and Jas. Devlin of Otonabee, and Patrick Fitzpatrick of Dumfries.

Councillor Allen was spokesman in the unavoidable absence of Reeve McElliot. He said that the congregation of St. Joseph's, men, women and children, wished to place on record their love and respect for Father Kelly, who last July celebrated his 25th year as a parish priest in the County of Peterborough.

Father Kelly in his reply, said that the people of St. Joseph's had made his jubilee year a happy year in many respects. But their thoughtfulness on this occasion was phenomenal. He prided himself on the fact that though poor himself, personally, he had enriched two parishes during the past 25 years. The people had always made it their study to make him happy, and thrice happy was he just now, in the fact that the boy who had served mass for him 25 years ago in Ennismore, was now a bishop in God's Church—the first Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie. He had always looked upon Bishop Scollard as a vessel of election, and it was no surprise to him to learn that our gloriously reigning Pope, Pius X. had honored him with a mitre.

Father Kelly concluded by saying that every boy could not expect to be a bishop but every boy could be what Bishop Scollard had been when a boy—thoroughly conscientious, thoroughly unselfish, thoroughly God-fearing. Every boy with these characteristics would be a hero in the strife, and would be beloved like Bishop Scollard, of God and man. Viator.

Irish Demand Government Aid

The meeting of the Irish parliamentary party in Dublin last week to discuss the distress in the west of Ireland was held under the presidency of John Redmond. Resolutions were passed condemning the government and demanding aid.

The resolutions maintain that the proper temporary remedy is not charity, but the starting of works which will be of permanent utility in the distressed districts, enabling the people to earn their livelihood by honest labor.

It is declared that the provision of fresh potato seed is of urgent necessity, but the memorialists feel bound to point out that this measure will be ineffective for the relief of distress before August next.

The final resolution is as follows: We feel bound to condemn in the strongest terms the conduct of Irish landlords in aggravating the distress by pressing for full rents and arrears processes by wholesale.

Ex-Sergeant Vaughan

It may be necessary to inform some of our readers that R. C. Vaughan, whose election card for the Fourth Ward we publish in another column, is ex-Sergt. Vaughan, a gentleman long and creditably identified with the Toronto police service. Mr. Vaughan after leaving the force went into real estate and has become a most successful business man in that line. He therefore possesses a dual qualification for the aldermanic position; he knows the city's social problems and its requirements for the steady development of property. Mr. Vaughan is a man of sound judgment and may be relied upon to make his views effective in debate. He ran last year and lost the election by a few votes. His success this time should be certain.

The health of the body, as well as of the mind, depends upon forgetting. To let the memory of a wrong, of angry words, of petty meanness, linger and rankle in your memory will not only dissipate your mental energy, but it will react upon the body. The secretions will be diminished, digestion impaired, sleep disturbed, and the general health suffer in consequence. Forgetting is a splendid mental calisthenic, and a good medicine for the body.

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