

PARLIAMENT IN SESSION.

The Full Text of the Speech From the Throne.

On Thursday last, at three o'clock p.m., His Excellency the Governor-General proceeded in state to the Chamber of the Senate, in the Parliament Buildings, and took his seat upon the Throne. After the faithful members of the Commons had assembled he read the following speech:—

In welcoming you on your attendance at the second session of the present parliament, I desire to express the gratification I feel at the evidence which the loyalty and affection entertained by the Canadian people for Her Majesty the Queen, and of the desire to join with their fellow-subjects in all parts of the Empire in celebrating the Diamond Jubilee in a manner worthy the joyous event. And I am pleased to be able also to announce that in accordance with an invitation from the Imperial Government, arrangements are being made for an effective representation of the Dominion in connection with the commemoration of this historic occasion at the Capital of the Empire.

Immediately after the last session, the Government of Manitoba was invited to hold a conference with my Ministers on the subject of the grievances arising out of the Act of that Province relating to Education, passed in the year 1890. In response to that invitation, three members of the Manitoba Government came to Ottawa, and after many and protracted discussions, a settlement was reached between the two Governments, which was the best arrangement obtainable under the existing conditions of this disturbing question. I confidently hope that this settlement will put an end to the agitation which has marred the harmony and impeded the development of our country, and will prove the beginning of a new era to be characterized by generous treatment of one another, mutual concessions and reciprocal good will.

A measure will be submitted to you for the revision of the tariff, which it is believed will provide the necessary revenue, and, while having due regard to industrial interests, will make our fiscal system more satisfactory to the masses of the people.

You will be asked to give your support to a Bill abolishing the present expensive and unsatisfactory Franchise Act and adopting, for the election of Members of the House of Commons, the Franchise of the several Provinces.

My Government has determined that the advantages to accrue, both to our Western producers and the business interests of the whole Dominion, from the completion of the works for the enlargement of the St. Lawrence Canals, should no longer be deferred, and has, subject to the approval of Parliament, taken the initial steps for a vigorous prosecution of those works and for the perfecting of the Canal system by the close of the year 1898.

I have much satisfaction in informing you that arrangements have been concluded which, if you approve, will enable the Intercolonial Railway system to reach Montreal, and thus share in the large traffic centering in that city. The many advantages which will flow from this extension of that railway are apparent, and I have no doubt you will gladly approve of the proposal.

Appreciating the difficulties encountered by our farmers in placing their perishable food products on the English markets in good condition, my Government has arranged a complete system of cold storage accommodation at creameries, on railways, at ports and on steamers, by which these products can be preserved at the desired temperature during the whole journey from the point of production to Great Britain. The contracts made for this purpose will be laid before you.

It is desirable that the mind of the people of Canada should be clearly ascertained on the subject of prohibition, and a measure enabling the electors to vote upon the question will be submitted for your approval.

The Behring Sea Claims Convention constituted during the past year to adjust the damages payable to the owners of the British Sealing vessels, seized by the cruisers of the United States on the high seas, has completed taking the evidence submitted to it by the respective Governments of Her Majesty and the United States, and has adjourned for a time to hear the arguments thereon on behalf of both Governments. I indulge the hope that a final and satisfactory adjudication of those long delayed claims will now speedily be reached.

The calamity which has befallen our fellow-subjects in India has evoked a widespread sympathy in this country. The generous manner in which the appeal for practical tokens of this feeling has been responded to, has elicited warm assurances of grateful acknowledgement from the Government of India which have also been specially and heartily endorsed by the Imperial authorities.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons: The accounts of the past year will be laid before you.

The Estimates for the coming year will be presented at an early day. They have been framed with every regard for economy consistent with the efficiency of the public service. I regret that the receipts from ordinary sources continue to be inadequate to meet the charges against the Consolidated Revenue. The proposed revision of the Tariff and the application of the Government will, I trust, restore the equilibrium between income and expenditure.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons: Among the Bills which have been prepared and will be submitted for your approval, are Bills amending the Superannuation Act and the Civil Service Act. These and other measures I commend to your earnest consideration and ex-

press the hope that your deliberations under Divine guidance will tend to increase the happiness and prosperity of every class in the Dominion.

MR. THOMAS O'REILLY PASSES AWAY.

SEVENTY-ONE YEARS RESIDENCE IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

A SUCCESSFUL RAILROAD CONTRACTOR AND LUMBER DEALER—FATHER OF THE LATE REV. FATHER O'REILLY OF UTICA, N.Y., AND B. O'REILLY, ADVOCATE, OF PLATTSBURG, N.Y.

One by one the sturdy pioneers who came to this country more than a half century ago, in order to seek that freedom for the exercise of their talents which was denied to them in the Old Land, are passing away from the scene, leaving not only the record of a life devoted to honest enterprise and industry, but also in a great many instances substantial evidences of thrift and self-sacrifice to save their off-spring from the necessity of undergoing the same course of severe trial.

This week it is our sad duty to chronicle the death of Mr. Thomas O'Reilly, a man prominent in his sphere of life and successful in the pursuits to which he turned his attention. The deceased had just reached the threshold of the decade that would have given him the title of centenarian, being 80 years old at the time of his death. A long life, well spent, should not be lamented at its close, for the final reward is certain; and Mr. O'Reilly acquitted himself of the duties of each succeeding phase of life, from early boyhood until the snows of age settled on his brow, with a fidelity that proclaimed him a good son, a kind husband, and an indulgent father. He left the County of Longford, Ireland, when 18 years of age and came to Boston, where he was a professor in a private school for some years, afterwards removing to Plattsburg, where he saw there was an opening for an active young man, and made it his future home. Mr. O'Reilly after a few months entered into the business of a sub-contractor in connection with railroads and was interested in the building of the line between Plattsburg and Caughnawaga. But he did not confine his energies and abilities to this sphere alone, but devoted considerable time and attention to the farming and lumbering industries of Chateaugay Lake, in all which undertakings he was very successful. Mr. O'Reilly was the father of four sons and two daughters. One of the former was Father O'Reilly, of Utica, N.Y., and another, B. O'Reilly, a lawyer of Plattsburg. His daughters are Mrs. M. J. Spellsey, of Canning street, and Mrs. F. M. Wilson, of Mansfield street, this city, and it was at the residence of Mrs. Spellsey that the devoted father breathed his last. A sister of Mr. O'Reilly died during the scourge of yellow fever in New Orleans—Mother Seton of the Sisters of Charity.

The funeral took place from his daughter's residence, 75 Canning street, on Saturday morning, March 20, and was largely attended by many friends and acquaintances. A solemn Requiem Mass was sung at St. Anthony's church, at which the pastor, Rev. J. E. Donnelly, officiated, assisted by deacon and sub-deacon. After the ceremony the cortege proceeded to the Bonaventure depot where the remains were transferred to the New York train and taken to Plattsburg.

PAPAL DELEGATE ARRIVES.

Mgr. Mery del Val Passes Through Montreal on His Way to Quebec.

Mgr. Mery del Val, the Papal Delegate to Canada, reached Montreal yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, accompanied by his secretary, Rev. Father Tampieri, Mgr. Gagnon, and Rev. Abbé Arsenault, of the archdiocese of Quebec, and Mr. T. G. Shaughnessy, vice-president of the C.P.R. He was received at the depot by Canon Racicot, Archambault, Vaillant and Martin of the Archbishop's Palace. They at once entered carriages and drove to the Dalhousie Square C.P.R., where Mr. Shaughnessy's private car, "Champlain," was placed at Mgr. del Val's disposal for the journey to Quebec.

Preparations on a large scale were made at Quebec to worthily receive the distinguished visitor, who arrived at 3 o'clock.

When the train pulled in Monsigneur Marois, the administrator in the absence of Archbishop Begin, ascended Mr. Shaughnessy's private car, accompanied by Archbishop Langevin of Manitoba, and several prelates of the Bishop's Palace. Mgr. Marois escorted the delegate to Cardinal Taschereau's state carriage.

The suite was provided with carriages and the procession started up the palace hill to the Basilica, where a solemn thanksgiving service was celebrated. The ceremony ended with Te Deum. The chancel of the Basilica was filled with priests and curates from the different districts adjoining. After the service a reception was held at the palace at which the clergy assisted. Mgr. Mery del Val then handed his commission, which is in Latin, to Mgr. Marois, who read it aloud.

Prof. Cortant, organist of St. Jean Baptiste Church, has composed a Mass for male voices, which will be rendered by the choir of the church on May 9 next.

From Stratsburg, N.Y., comes a shocking story of youthful savagery. Four schoolboys of that place, ranging in age from 10 to 16, took two younger companions into the woods and tied them to a tree, and after piling brush and leaves about them set fire to the heap and fled. Fortunately, however, one of the young torturers became frightened and returned and released the prisoners from the pile of burning brush. The fire had spread to the neighboring trees and it was some time before it could be extinguished. The boys have been caught and a severe punishment will be meted out to them for their heinous cruelty.

DOINGS IN NEW YORK

Preparations for the National Pilgrimage to Ireland in Commemoration of the '98 Centenary.

Portions of the Grant Sarcophagus Mutilated—Patriotic Greeks Leave for the Scene of Battle—An Exhibition for New York State, and Other Matters.

The Ninety-Eight Centennial Association held a meeting last week at the rooms of the Irish National Club, to perfect arrangements for their coming visit to Ireland in June or July. Philadelphia, Boston, Providence, New-Haven, Pittsburg, Scranton, Rochester and Troy, and other American cities, were represented by delegates to the meeting. Great interest had been aroused in the plan and it is believed that it will be necessary to form several parties of 500 people instead of one limited to that number as at first intended. The date of departure has not yet been fixed but it will be determined by the date fixed by the Dublin Committee for the principal event of the Dublin Celebration. It is intended not only to visit the scenes of the Rebellion of 1798 but also to erect a monument in memory of its heroes. The cost of the excursion to each person will be \$100 payable in three instalments, and the treasurer and secretary will receive communications at their offices, No. 656 Broadway, New York.

Great indignation was manifested when it was made known that some vandal, actuated doubtless by a mania for curio collections, desecrated what will be the last resting place of General Grant, last week, by chipping away a quantity of stone from the upper surface of one of the granite blocks which support the head and foot of the great sarcophagus. From all appearances it was the work of an expert stonecutter.

The steamer La Champagne, which sailed last week for Havre, had among her passengers 150 Greeks who go abroad to fight the Turks. The patriots were escorted to the pier by fully 500 of their friends, headed by a brass band and a Greek flag. They expect to reach the end of their long journey in about three weeks.

The present indications are that the military parade in connection with the Great memorial exercises next month will be the largest ever held in this city. The authorities are now actively engaged in making preparations for the event. The whole of the National Guard of the State will attend.

Senator McNulty, of Brooklyn, is pressing the attention of his scheme for an exhibition in commemoration of the incorporation of Greater New York which recently passed the State Legislature. The bill which he has presented creates a commission to have charge of "an exhibition of arts, sciences, manufactures, and products of the soil, mine, and sea. The commission is authorized to expend, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of \$2,000,000, to be raised by the issue of municipal bonds. The bill is now before the Cities Committee.

The Central Labor Union delegates recently discussed the question of whiskeys at a meeting, and the result was a general demand that a tax be levied on the wearers of the obnoxious growth on the ground that it was a menace to the barber trade; that a man who hid the beauty of his countenance with a hedge of whiskers should be made to pay for the privilege; and that while there was a tariff on wool there should be a tariff on whiskers.

It is reported that ex-Mayor Grace will donate \$2,000,000 towards establishing an institute for young women, where they may receive the necessary training in various branches of trade and commerce.

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ENGLISH LETTER.

PLEADING IRISH LANDLORDS.

Things have changed wonderfully when it has come to pass that a number of Irish Landlords wait on the Premier of Great Britain and beseech him to assist them in their endeavor to escape what they call the torture of Sub-Commissioners and Court Valuers. Lord Salisbury's reply to the deputation was a peculiar mixture in its way. After urging the members of the deputation to assert themselves by making their grievances known throughout the country, he concluded by promising to consult his colleagues in the matter.

THE FAILURE OF CREMATION FAD.

The recent report of the "Transactions of the Cremation Society of England" is referred to in the following terms by the Catholic Times of Liverpool: We are told that "During the year under review one hundred and thirty-seven cremations were carried out at Woking as compared with one hundred and fifty in 1895." Compared with the total number of deaths in England, the number of cremations are, it need not be said, insignificant, and the figures we have quoted do not hold out any great prospect of progress. And yet the disciples of this cult, as we may call it, are generous in giving and zealous in advertising. They freely subscribe to the Society and liberally circulate literature advocating cremation. The custom, however, is not only pagan but too gruesome to permit of their making any converts. For instance, we read that "the remains are conveyed into the

crematorium, where they may be followed by one friend of the deceased; but no inspection of the process is on any account permitted. The operation usually occupies about one hour and a half, and the ashes are then gathered together by the Society's officer and placed in an urn for preservation. Scrupulous care is taken to maintain them intact and pure for this purpose. The urn containing the ashes may be left in one of the niches of the chapel for one calendar month from the date of the cremation free of charge, to enable the friends to secure a suitable permanent resting place; if it be left beyond that time, a fee of five shillings per month is required." The mass of mankind who respect the sanctities associated with the interment of the dead will never take to this unwholesome cult. Its advocates seem to us to be of the class who, as Wordsworth says:

Would peep and botanize
Upon their mothers' graves.

The Tablet, in referring to the splendid display of energy and enterprise evinced by the Catholics of Liverpool, says:—

"Liverpool is gradually falling into line with London in the work of social union initiated by Cardinal Vaughan in the metropolis. Another parochial hall, in addition to those recently erected in connection with the Pro-Cathedral and the Church of the Sacred Heart, Mount Vernon, has been built by the energetic rector of the Benedictine Church of St. Mary, Highfield Street, the oldest of the thirty-three missions in that city. Primarily designed for the local Young Men's Society, which is the parent branch of that splendid Catholic organization, it will also serve as a meeting place for other bodies and a centre of religious intellectual and social action. This is the trend of Catholic activity in this as in other countries; and Father Cox, who is a rector with up-to-date ideas of working a mission, is fully alive to the wants of his people, and in touch and sympathy with them, as a priest should be in this democratic age. This gathering of the people together frequently for their mutual instruction or entertainment is attended with many advantages when everything is carried out under the supervision of an experienced and prudent priest. Among these may be specially singled out the marked decrease in the number of mixed marriages which have been found to be the result of promoting social reunions in a parish. Mixed marriages are strongly disapproved by the bishops, and are a prolific source of leakage, and anything that would at least tend to minimise the evil is worthy of the laity's support and encouragement."

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Rev. Father MacAnis, who some five years ago was Professor of Discipline at Ottawa University, died recently at Philadelphia, Ireland.

The project of purchasing a site for the Nurses' Home in Boston, evoked considerable discussion in the City Council at a recent meeting, without any satisfactory conclusion being reached.

The Ladies' Altar society of St. Bridget's Parish, Ottawa, held their sixth annual concert on Tuesday evening, March 23rd, and an excellent programme, which included a fancy scarf drill, was presented before a large audience.

The funeral of Mr. Jules Taché, late of the Department of Colonization and Mines, took place at Montigny on Tuesday, March 23rd. The deceased gentleman was a son of Sir Etienne P. Taché, formerly Prime Minister of Canada.

It is reported in the New York Herald that before long the Baroness de Hirsch will bestow the magnificent sum of \$1,800,000 on divers benevolent enterprises in the United States, but the greater portion is to be applied to the alleviation of distress in entirely new channels of charity.

Their Excellencies the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen visited Rev. Father Champagne at Gattineau Point, and inspected the bell placed in the church by their direction. Their Excellencies expressed themselves as pleased with its tone, and congratulated the pastor on the appearance of his neat church.

Early next month the new American battleship, the Iowa, will make her trial trip over the government course between Cape Ann and Cape Porpoise. If she exceeds a speed of sixteen knots for four consecutive hours her makers will receive a bonus of \$50,000 for every additional quarter knot. The Iowa will, when completed, be the most formidable battleship in the world and it is estimated will cost \$3,000,000.

Last week it was reported that the Imperial Government had almost decided that the next Governor General of Canada would be the Duke of Leeds, a Catholic, Sir George Goldolphin Osborne, tenth Duke of Leeds, succeeded to the title in 1895, and left the House of Commons, where he sat for more than one seat. He is a young man of 35, but with ability and considerable experience. He is of fine personal appearance, tall and lithe, an aristocrat, but of easy manner, and the advantage of having been a member of the House of Commons, which he was loth to give up. He is married to the granddaughter of the famous Canadian Governor, the Earl of Durham.

Advance Agent—You Western people don't seem to be quite up to opera. Everywhere we go the audience weep in the wrong place. Local Manager—You won't have any trouble here. My ushers are instructed to eject anybody who does not weep in the cuspidor.—Detroit Journal.

Emerson used to say that when a new book was recommended to him he took down an old one, and in these days, when literary wares of small value are persistently pushed, the average man would occasionally do well to follow his example.—Speaker.

An Oklahoma editor expresses his thanks for a basket of oranges thus: "We have received a basket of oranges from our friend Gus Bradley, for which he will please accept our compliments, some of which are nearly six inches in diameter."

Religious News Items.

Arrangements are already in progress for a pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Peter Canisius at Friburg, Baden, which shall take place immediately before the conference of German Catholics, which is to commence at Friburg, Switzerland about the 29th of August. Dr. Lieber, the leader of the Catholic party in the Reichstag, will take part in the proceedings.

The Very Rev. Augustine F. Hewit, has celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination. Father Hewit is the Superior General of the Paulists; he was associated with Father Hecker in founding the Paulist Congregation. His father was a Congregational minister. Father Hewit is now 75 years of age and the last thirty years of his life have been spent as a student, writer and professor in the Paulist scholasticate. He is the author of a number of theological works.

The 25th anniversary of the enrolment of Leo XIII. as a member of the Third Order of St. Francis will be celebrated on May 30th next.

His Holiness grants a plenary indulgence for the occasion to all members of the Third Order who shall make a public novena, or when that is not possible a private novena from the 22nd to the 30th of May, inclusively, and who, having gone to confession and received Holy Communion, shall piously visit a public church or oratory and pray to God for peace between Christian rulers, for the extinction of heresies, for the conversion of sinners and for the exaltation of Mother Church. The indulgence may be applied to the souls in purgatory.

Clara—Why so melancholy? Belle—Oh! I had the worst shock this afternoon that I ever experienced. You know those flowers I was going to take down to the golf to that poor man who murdered all his first cousins? Well, I got into the wrong cell, and gave them to a big, bleary-eyed brute, who was there for robbing a banana stand.

"Theoretically," remarked the man who had lived in flats for years, "there are always two sides to a story. Practically, however, after you get above the fourth story, the inside doesn't amount to much." He spoke something lightly, as knowing the potency of an allusion of gaiety and incoherence to lighten the sternest sorrows.—Detroit Free Press.

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