

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS.



The organization known as the ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS had, as the name implies, its origin in Ireland. About the year 1700, while the Penal Laws in their most malignant form were still rampant, a body of men banded themselves together for the special purpose of guarding the Catholic priesthood and keeping watch while they offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the glens and caves of that country. No nobler duty could the youth and manhood of Ireland devote themselves to; and never was duty discharged more faithfully, as the history of the Order fully attests.

The A. O. H. is known in Ireland as the "Board of Erin," and under that name is still the governing body of the Order both at home and abroad. In 1896 the Order was established in New York City by an envoy specially commissioned and vested with the necessary power of the home authorities.

The Society soon took root among the exiled Irish in America and spread, not alone in the city and state of New York, but in many other states of the Union, till to-day the Order is recognized as one of the largest, most influential and beneficent in the wide domain of the Republic.

The history of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Canada is of recent date, the first Division having been founded at Hamilton, Ontario, in 1889, by John Lalor. He was the Division's first President, and held subsequently the offices of County and Provincial Delegate. In the same year Division No. 1 was organized in Toronto, in which city there are now five Divisions of the Order. St. Mary's, Ontario, followed, in which there is one Division. Next came Stratford; then Kingston, St. Thomas, Clifton and Dixie. Several applications from other places are now in the hands of the Provincial President, who is making the necessary arrangements for organizing the Order in each, and putting it in active operation.

NATIONAL OFFICERS.

At the last biennial session of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, held in Omaha, Nebraska, U. S., May, 1894, the following officers were elected:

Grand Chaplain—Right Rev. John S. Foley, Bishop of Detroit, Michigan.
National President—P. J. O'Connor, Savannah, Georgia.
Vice-President—J. C. Wendock, Bay City, Michigan.
Secretary—M. J. Slattery, Albany, N. Y.
Treasurer—T. J. Dundon, Columbus, Ohio.

PROVINCIAL OFFICERS.

The Order in Ontario held its biennial convention at Stratford, June, 1894, at which the following officers were elected for the term of two years:

Grand Chaplain—Very Rev. Dr. Kilroy, Stratford, Ont.
Provincial President—Hugh McCaffrey, 83 Wellington avenue, Toronto.
Vice-President—John Dillon, Stratford, Ont.
Provincial Secretary—John Falvey, Deer Park P.O., Toronto.
Provincial Treasurer—Michael Guerin, Box 43, Stratford, Ont.
Insurance Secretary—Thomas O'Dowd, 137 Simcoe street East, Hamilton, Ont.

YORK COUNTY.

County President—P. W. Falvey, Deer Park P.O., Toronto.
Division No. 1 meets 1st and 3rd Sunday each month, Temperance Hall, Temperance street.
President—Thomas McKeague, 239 Berkeley street.
Vice-President—John Travers, 53 Blair avenue.
Recording Secretary—W. F. Ryan, 177 Claremont street.
Financial Secretary—J. E. Dillon, 5 Morrison street.
Treasurer—Frank Higgins, 13 Massey street.
Division No. 2 meets 1st and 3rd Mondays each month, Red Lion Block, Yonge street.
President—M. J. Lenihan, 29 Queen's Park, Toronto.
Vice-President—J. Falvey, Deer Park.
Recording Secretary—M. J. Ryan, 574 Yonge street.
Financial Secretary—M. F. Hyland, 114 Scollard street.
Treasurer—T. Dorgan, 102 Bloor street east.
Division No. 3 meets every alternate Thursday each month.
President—William Moore, 131 Lippincott street.
Vice-President—William Dawson, 174 Richmond street west.
Recording Secretary—Geo. J. Owens, 235 Farley avenue.
Financial Secretary—Patrick J. Lowe, 49 Hackney street.
Treasurer—George Moore, 367 Niagara street.
Division No. 4 meets 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month in Reid's Hall, corner of King and Berkeley streets.
President—James Findley, 519 Queen street east.
Vice-President—John Foley, 194 Duchess street.
Recording Secretary—Joseph Coady, 136 Spruce street.
Financial Secretary—P. D. McDonald, 106 Sherbourne street.
Treasurer—Arthur Stuart, 583 King street east.
Division No. 5 meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday in each month at Dingman's Hall, corner of Queen street and Broadview avenue.
President—Hugh Kelly, 260 Logan avenue.
Vice-President—Michael Burns, 104 Sackville street.
Recording Secretary—Joseph Russell, 238 Sumach street.
Financial Secretary—Ambrose McTernan, 101 Jarvis street.
Treasurer—John Kane, 228 Ontario street.

PEEL COUNTY.

County President—F. J. Goulding, Summerville P.O.
President—Patrick McCarney, Summerville P.O.
Vice-President—Patrick Heary, Summerville P.O.
Recording Secretary—P. J. Lamphier, Burnhamthorpe P.O.
Financial Secretary—Francis Hickey, Summerville P.O.
Treasurer—Francis Lamphier, Burnhamthorpe P.O.

WENTWORTH COUNTY.

County President—Maurice Foley, 199 Walnut street, Hamilton.
President—M. J. Allen, 236 Victoria avenue north.
Vice-President—W. Magill, 342 Wilson street.
Recording Secretary—Thomas O'Dowd, 137 Simcoe St. East.
Asst. Recording Secretary—P. J. McDowd, Strachan St. East.
Financial Secretary—W. J. Mulhe, 61 Clark street.
Treasurer—P. F. McBride, 340 John street north.

WELLAND COUNTY.

County President—James Abbott, Niagara Falls, Canada.
President—James S. McDonough, Erie avenue.
Vice-President—Patrick Griffin, Erie avenue.
Recording Secretary—Simon J. Glynn, Ellis street.
Financial Secretary—Daniel J. Mahoney, Morrison street.
Treasurer—Patrick McGrail, Morrison street.

ELGIN COUNTY.

County President—P. J. Handley, Box 1, 168, St. Thomas.
President—P. J. McManus, St. Thomas.
Vice-President—John McCaffery, St. Thomas.
Recording Secretary—James McManus, St. Thomas.
Financial Secretary—B. McCaffery, St. Thomas.
Treasurer—Ed Moylan, St. Thomas.

PEKTH COUNTY.

County President—John Hoy, Stratford.
Division No. 1—President—M. F. Burns, St. Mary's.
Vice-President—James Graham, St. Mary's.
Recording Secretary—James Fleming, St. Mary's.
Financial Secretary—M. Fleming, St. Mary's.
Treasurer—D. Currie, St. Mary's.