

...SOCIETY.—Estab-
lished 1866, incorpor-
ated 1864. Meets in
Hall, 92 St. Alexan-
der street, on the
first Monday of the
month. Meets last Wed-
nesday. Rev. Director,
James P. P. Doherty;
Justice C. J. Doherty;
E. Devlin, M.D.; 2nd
Curran, B.C.L.; Treas-
urer, J. Green; correspon-
dence, J. Kahala; Rec-
ordary, T. P. Tansey.

...S. T. A. AND B. SO-
cieties on the second Sun-
day month in St. Patrick's
Hall, Alexander street, at
the committee of Manage-
ment same hall on the
of every month at 8
rector, Rev. Jas. Kil-
reedy, W. P. Doyle; Rec-
ordary, P. Gunning, 716 St.
St. Henri.

A. & B. SOCIETY
1863.—Rev. Director,
McPhail; President, D.
; Sec., J. F. Quinn,
Minique street; M. J.
r, 18 St. Augustin
on the second Sun-
day month, in St. Ann's
Young and Ottawa
30 p.m.

...ING MEN'S SOCI-
1885.—Meets in its
wa street, on the
of each month, at
ritual Adviser, Rev.
C.S.S.R.; President,
Treasurer, Thomas
-Sec., Robt. J. Hart.

CANADA, BRANCH
d, 18th November,
26 meets at St.
l, 92 St. Alexander
Monday of each
regular meetings for
on of business are
d and 4th Mondays
at 8 p.m. Spiritual
M. Callaghan; Chan-
cellors; President, P.J.
ec., P. J. McDonagh;
Jas. J. Costigan;
H. Feeley, Jr.; Medi-
cine, H. J. Harrison,
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ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

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tives; fratricidal factions have van-
ished in presence of a combined aim,
and a steadfast purpose. Conditions
in fifty years have become so radical-
ly changed that we of to-day can
scarcely realize all that we are told
regarding the Ireland of half a cen-
tury ago. It seems like a long
nightmare vision that never had a
reality, that was the creature of
poetic fancy. And yet no more ter-
rible reality ever existed. Let us
simply contrast the two situations,
and surely our common judgment will
ordain that the most optimistic view
of Ireland's near future may be logi-
cally taken. The very House of
Parliament that expelled O'Connell
because he would not subscribe to
the oath that grated on his Catholic
conscience, beholds four score
Irish representatives holding so firm-
ly the balance of power, that both
parties may be said to be at their
mercy. The Government benches
from which were launched Arms Bills,
Insurrection Acts, Coercion Acts and
all manner of legislative enactments
calculated to crush and ruin a people
have witnessed the introduction and
passage of a Land Act that has
brought landlords and tenants to-
gether, and that opened up—perhaps
unintentionally—the avenue to Home
Rule legislation in the near future.
The Sovereigns of Great Britain pur-
posely shunned Ireland, as men would
avoid a land of plague and earth-
quakes; systematic seemed to have
been this antipathy towards the
Green Island at Britain's door. A
Sovereign of the same realm now
breaks away from the traditions of
enmity and extends the hand of friend-
ship, walks freely amongst the peo-
ple of Ireland, and proclaims his
affection for the land and his inten-
tion of cultivating more closely a
knowledge of its needs. It would
seem as if he were repeating the
words of the ancient chief:

"MacJohn I stretch to yours and
you,
This hand, beneath God's blessed sun,
And for the wrong that I might do,
Forgive the wrong that I have done"

St. Patrick's Day, 1904, finds the
British Parliament in full session; it
finds a compact phalanx of Irish re-
presentatives with a solid and un-
compromising programme in attend-
ance. The year in which we live may
not behold the full realization of
Ireland's dreams nor of the aspira-
tions of her sons; but certainly, on
no national festival, for many a long
generation, has there been greater
cause for rejoicing. It is clear to
all who will see that Ireland's long
Lenten season of trials and explia-
tion is drawing to a close, and that
the Easter morning is at hand when
the smile will remove the tear, and
when the shadows—if not wholly van-
ished—will become golden, like the
flush of dawn, and the Angel of her
national Resurrection will descend to
roll away the stone and command her
to arise to her rightful position
amongst the nations.

ROUTE OF PROCESSION.—The
delegates of the various Irish na-
tional societies met at St. Patrick's
Hall, last week, for the purpose of
drawing up the programme for the
procession to be held on St. Pat-
rick's Day and to appoint a Marshal-
in-Chief.

Rev. Martin Callaghan, P.P., St.
Patrick's parish, presided, and Mr.
Robert Warren acted as secretary.

Mr. W. P. Ryan, of the Young
Irishmen's Literary and Benefit As-
sociation, was elected marshal-in-
chief.

The following will be the order and
route of the procession:

The Societies will proceed direct
from their respective halls to St.
Patrick's Church for Grand Mass at
9.30 a.m. sharp.

After Grand Mass the procession
will form on Radegonde street, and
proceed by way of Craig, Little Craig
St. James, Inspector streets, Cha-
boillez Square, Notre Dame, Seig-
neur St. Patrick, Laprairie, Centre,
Wellington, McCord, Ottawa, Col-
borne, Notre Dame, McGill and Alex-
ander streets to St. Patrick's Hall.

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

W. J. Ryan, Marshal-in-Chief.

Band—Flag.

1—The Ancient Order of Hibernians

2—Congregation of St. Michael's.

3—Congregation of St. Gabriel.
(Not members of any society.)

4—St. Gabriel '98 Literary and De-
bating Society.

5—St. Gabriel Total Abstinence and
Benefit Society.

6—Congregation of St. Anthony.

7—Congregation of St. Mary.
(Not members of any society.)

Band—Banner.

8—Holy Name Society of St. Mary.
Band—Banner.

9—St. Mary's Young Men's Society

10—Congregation of St. Ann.
(Not members of any society.)

11—St. Ann's Cadets in uniform.
Band—Flag.

12—St. Ann's Young Men's Society
Band—Banner.

13—St. Ann's Total Abstinence and
Benefit Society.
Band—Banner.

14—Congregation of St. Patrick's.
(Not members of any society.)

15—Boys of St. Patrick's Christian
Brotherhood Schools.

16—St. Patrick's Cadets, Company
No. 1, in uniform.

17—St. Patrick's Cadets, Company
No. 2, in uniform.
Band—Flag.

18—Young Irishmen's Literary and
Benefit Association.

Band—Father Matthew Banner.

19—St. Patrick's Total Abstinence
and Benefit Society.
Band—Banner.

20—St. Patrick's Society.
The Mayor and invited guests.
The Clergy.

St. Patrick's Society Will Hold Banquet

One of the important evening cele-
brations of the National festival in
this city will be the banquet to be
given by the parent Irish organiza-
tion of Montreal. Mr. Justice Do-
herthy, the president, will be in the
chair, and the guests will include the
Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, Minister of
Justice; the Hon. R. Prefontaine,
Minister of Marine and Fisheries; Mr.
R. L. Borden, M.P., Mr. F. D. Monk,
M.P., the Hon. Dr. Guerin, M.L.A.,
His Worship Mayor Laporte, and the
presidents of the following sister so-
cieties:—St. George's, St. Andrew's,
Caledonian, Irish Protestant Benevo-
lent Society, St. David's and St.
Jean Baptiste Society. The vicar-
chairs will be occupied by Dr. Devlin
Mr. F. J. Curran and Mr. Frank J.
Green.

St. Patrick's Entertainment At the Windsor Hall.

Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan has com-
pleted all arrangements for his en-
tertainment on St. Patrick's Day,
which will be held at the Windsor
Hall, afternoon and evening. His-
torical sketches portraying striking
scenes in Irish history, will be pre-
sented by leading performers of this
city. The afternoon will be devoted
to the entertainment of the young
folks, when the pupils of St. Pat-
rick's (Boys) School will put on the
boards a drama, and in the evening
the seniors of both sexes will be en-
tertained.

A. O. H. and St. Patrick's Day.

Division No. 5, A.O.H., has com-
pleted all arrangements for their
euchre and social, which will be held
in the Royal Bank Hall, Notre Dame
and Seigneur streets, on St. Patrick's
Day.

It is expected that a large gather-
ing will join the members of this
progressive and enthusiastic branch
on the occasion.

Young Irishmen Will Hold Celebration at Monument National.

The Young Irishmen's L. & B. As-
sociation will stage a grand old
Irish drama in the Monument Na-
tional on St. Patrick's night. As
already announced in the "True Wit-
ness," the cast of characters will
comprise some of the most clever
amateurs in Irish ranks in Montreal.
Not effort is being spared to secure
all the accessories that go to make
the presentation realistic in all its
details. Costumes, scenery and
music will be elaborate. The sale
of seats is progressing and it would
seem from present indications that
the old organization will attract a
grand gathering to join it in fitting-
ly celebrating the day of all days
of the year.

Ireland's Feast In San Francisco

Some idea of the enthusiasm dis-
played in San Francisco, in connec-
tion with the celebration of Erin's
national festival, may be had from
the following clipping which we have
taken from the Monitor of that city:
"K. R. B. Hall was taxed to its
utmost limit when Chairman M. Cas-
ey called the St. Patrick's Day con-
vention to order Sunday afternoon.
Every seat was occupied, and stand-
ing room within the hall was at a
premium. The hall committee,
through Mr. Mulhern, reported hav-
ing secured Mechanics' Pavilion for
the evening entertainment and ball.
Michael Casey informed the conven-
tion that he invited Bishop Conaty of
Los Angeles to deliver an oration on
the 17th, but up to that time had
received no reply. Mr. Mulhern also
stated that he had invited Mr. Mi-
chael Davitt, but owing to business
engagements that great Irish cham-
pion could not leave New York in
time to reach the Pacific Coast on
the 17th.

The afternoon celebration will in
all likelihood consist of athletic
events at the Presidio athletic
grounds, together with a hurling
game and Gaelic dancing. A com-
mittee will be appointed at the next
meeting to request the Mayor and
Board of Supervisors to raise the
Irish flag with the American over the
City Hall, and also ask the School
Board to allow children of Irish
parents to absent themselves from
school on the 17th without loss of
attendance, credits to take part in
the celebration. The press will be
requested to give space in its col-
umns for the purpose of asking busi-
ness houses to give a half holiday to
those of their employes who may
wish to attend.

Ecclesiastical Notes.

His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi has
made several important appointments
of which the following are the most
noteworthy: The Rev. George Gau-
ther has been appointed a titular
Canon of the Cathedral of Montreal.
Rev. Father Lecq, the able and dis-
tinguished Superior of the Seminary,
and of the Sulpicians, as well as
the Rev. Father Villeneuve, have
been created honorary canons of St.
James' Cathedral, Montreal. Rev.
Father Philippe has been made chap-
lain of the Cathedral. Rev. V. Du-
puis, the pastor of St. Cuthbert, and
Rev. G. M. LaPallieur, the beloved
pastor of the Church of the Infant

Jesus, at Mile End, have been invest-
ed with the dignity and titles of
Vicars of the diocese. Rev. M. Dezeit
Labreche has been appointed chap-
lain of the Institute of St. Benoit-
Joseph at Long Point, under the
charge of the Brothers of Charity.
And, finally, Rev. J. Dupuis has been
named chaplain of the Convent of
the Sacred Heart at Sault au Recol-
let. From time to time changes are
rendered necessary by the death of
priests, by promotions, on by other
causes, and it is thus that His Grace
perfects the grand work of this dio-
cese, by placing the proper workman
at the post where he can do the
most good, and by honoring the
faithful priests who have labored in
Christ's vineyard.

IN OUR PARISHES.

ST. PATRICK'S.—The last week of
the Lenten Mission, now in progress
as we go to press, for the men of
this parish, is a great success. Sel-
dom, if ever, in the history of the
old mother Church has such an as-
semblage been witnessed within its
walls. The exercises are conducted
by the Paulist Fathers.

ST. ANTHONY'S.—The proceeds of
a recent entertainment, which amount-
ed to \$600, were presented to the
pastor a few days ago. The amount
will be applied to the redemption of
the debt on the Church.
Miss Mary Doyle, who sold 130
tickets for the entertainment, was
presented with a gold ring.

ST. MICHAEL'S.—On Sunday last
a statue of St. Joseph, presented by
a parishioner, was blessed and placed
in position. Rev. Father Perier,
Chaplain of Archbishop's Cathedral,
preached the sermon. Leaving aside
the dignity of St. Joseph and the
confidence we ought to have in him,
Father Perier drew attention particu-
larly to the virtues of St. Joseph.
He was humble, devoted and pious.
Although he might have drawn al-
most the praise of the world, he liv-
ed in obscurity, always prepared to
follow the instructions of heaven to
secure the welfare of Mary and the
Child.

Fraternal Societies.

C.M.B.A.—The members of Branch
26 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit As-
sociation of Canada will attend in a
body at 8 o'clock Mass at St. Pat-
rick's Church, on Sunday, March 13,
to receive Holy Communion.
Mr. W. F. Wall, President of Branch
26, entertained the officers of the
Branch to a Progressive Euchre and
dinner, on the occasion of his eleva-
tion to the Presidency of this Branch.
The winners of the very handsome
euchre prizes were Mr. W. A. Hodg-
son and Mr. J. H. Kelly. During
the course of the evening Bros. G. A.
Carpenter, J. H. Maiden and J.
Blanchfield rendered songs in their
usual good voice, and a very pleas-
ant evening was brought to a close
by three cheers for the host and hos-
tess, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wall.

British Parliament.

A very brisk and interesting dis-
cussion on the Somaliland expedition
was originated recently in the British
House of Commons by Mr. Charles
Devlin, who drew attention to the
immense sum—already £2,400,000—
squandered on this ridiculous enter-
prise, while Ireland was refused even
the most trifling contribution to
such a purpose as Technical Educa-
tion. He moved a resolution of con-
fidence, and was supported, among
others, by Mr. Joseph Devlin, who, in
the course of a few vigorous and
pointed remarks, expressed a doubt
whether the Mullah was half as mad
as the expedition sent out to des-
troy him.