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Minister of Justice Entertained

Catholic Club's Enthusiastic Tribute to Mr. Fitzpatrick—His Eloquent and Patriotic Speech

Winnipeg, Sept. 20.—The reception tendered to Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick at the Catholic Club was a most successful affair...

The rooms were handsomely decorated for the occasion and an orchestra discoursed musical selections from time to time in the main room of the club.

The reception lasted from 9 until 10 o'clock, when the party returned to the main club room and listened to a musical entertainment...

ADDRESS OF WELCOME. Following the musical part of the programme President T. D. Deegan delivered a short address of welcome...

Following the address was then read by Mr. F. W. Russell, the honorary secretary, on behalf of the Catholic Club:

To the Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick, Minister of Justice: Sir—Before you leave us this evening, the members of the Catholic Club wish to tender you an expression of the great pleasure it has been to them to receive you here and to give our people the opportunity of meeting you during your visit to the City of Winnipeg.

Established as we are for the promotion of the material and social interests of the Catholics of this city, as well as for their moral and spiritual well being, we delight to do honor to one of our co-religionists and compatriots who has attained such a distinguished position in the councils of Canada as that which you now fill and it was this spirit and this intention that prompted us to ask you to give us one evening of your present stay in Winnipeg.

AN HONOR TO OUR RACE and our faith, and as one of Canada's public men under whose administration the foundation is being laid of the great nation that is springing up in the west.

HOPEING that yourself and the ladies and gentlemen who accompany you will have a very enjoyable trip, and that you will carry back with you to your home in the east pleasant recollections of the evening spent in our club.

Your obedient servants, T. D. Deegan, President. F. W. Russell, Hon. Sec.

THE MINISTER'S REPLY. On rising to reply Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick was greeted with a round of applause and remarked that he need not say that he was indeed truly thankful for the flattering address and also obliged for the warmth of his reception.

Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick then went on to say that mention had been made in the address that he is an Irishman and he felt that he would have to plead guilty to the gentle imputation. The hall marks of the race cropped out upon him and there are no men who can point to a purer source of ancestry than those who can boast of the blood of their brave Irish forefathers and immaculate purity of their Irish mothers. While he

should dearly love the old land and its history we should allow that love to merge into a deeper and

MORE LASTING AFFECTION

for this land, which in some cases is the land of our adoption, but in the far greater number the land of our birth. It is a glorious land, not only in its present prosperity but in the vastness of its future possibilities.

The Minister said he was proud of the ancient faith of his Irish forefathers which had been handed down from father to son. He recalled the narrow, winding streets of old Quebec and the great procession of priests, soldiers and traders who had passed through them and who had left the indelible imprint of their footsteps and the evidences of their work along the course of the St. Lawrence, and away out to the western confines of this great continent.

ELOQUENT TRIBUTE TO CANADA.

Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick then entered into an eloquent and glowing description of the riches of Canada, from Cape Breton to the Pacific, speaking of development of its resources, the harnessing of its water powers and its vast potentialities.

A FUTURE NONE CAN FORESEE.

There is no man who can foresee the future which heaven has in store for this country if we are only true to ourselves. In being true to ourselves, we must preserve our rights of others, and treat with respect what we may consider the prejudices of others.

In closing, Mr. Fitzpatrick said he wished to see this country the greatest and brightest jewel in the British crown, and we should work out our destiny under the old flag which now floats over us, the flag which stands for liberty, equality and justice.

At the close of his address, the Minister of Justice was accorded a long and spontaneous outburst of applause.

Following the speech-making refreshments were served, and the reception was over shortly after 11 o'clock.

"It was terrible even to see the villain die," said the emotional girl at the melodrama. "Oh, well, consolation the old lady," he would have died anyway. Did you notice how many cigarettes he smoked?"

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DEATH OF MRS. MUNGOVAN

On Thursday, Sept. 18, Mary Quinn, widow of the late Thos. Mungovan, of the township of North Easthope, Perth Co., died in Orangeville at the residence of her son, Mr. D. J. Mungovan, editor and proprietor of The Dufferin Post, at the age of 76 years.

The late Mrs. Mungovan was a native of Clare Co., Ireland, and immigrated to Canada with her mother and other members of the family in 1842. She was married at Paris in 1845, and immediately removed to North Easthope, where the remaining period of her life was spent, with the exception of the last year, which she passed in Orangeville.

RENSIT GOES TO JAIL. A London cable dispatch says: Mr. John Rensit, jr., who has been addressing meetings in the streets, was ordered to enter into recognizances of \$200 and two sureties of \$100 each to keep the peace for twelve months, the alternative being three months' imprisonment. The defendant elected to go to prison.

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The pallbearers were W. S. Bolger, Jno. Makin, Jno. Way, M. J. Dillon, Wm. Makin and C. Quinn.

Sadly and tenderly the body of Mary Mungovan, who had been sorely tried in life with many afflictions and who had set a sublime Christian example in her patience and resignation, was laid to rest beside those of the husband, who died 23 years ago, and the children for whom she had struggled and had been so solicitous in life. May she rest in peace.

SIR WILFRID AND LADY LAURIER

Received in Private Audience by Pope Leo, Who Shows Much Interest in Canada.

Rome, Sept. 22.—His Holiness the Pope to-day accorded a private audience to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Premier of Canada, and Lady Laurier, and was very cordial to them. The Pontiff showed much interest in Canada, and said he had closely followed the proceedings of the Premiers' conference in London.

Father Strubbe's Good-Bye

Montreal, Sept. 20.—Rarely has such a crowd been seen on the Allan wharf and on the deck of the steamer Numidian as thronged down last night to bid good-bye to Rev. Father Strubbe, C.S.S.R., who sailed to-day for Belgium. It was difficult to make a way across the wharf and along the decks. All the way along the streets, to St. Ann's presbytery, the crowd had congregated, and amid cheers and words of farewell, the reverend father was driven along Ottawa street to the wharf.

He was stopped at every step on the way to the steamer by parishioners of St. Ann's, who wished to say good-bye to their "soggarth" and get his blessing once more ere he left them for many years, and perhaps for ever. Fully three thousand people were in the throng which pressed down to see him, and it was late before the last of them returned to their homes.

FATHER SPETZ'S JUBILEE. Reverend Theobald Spetz, C. R., celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his ordination to the Holy Priesthood at Berlin on Monday. The Jubilee High Mass was sung at St. Mary's Church at 10.20 a. m., and the evening services were held in St. Louis Church, Waterloo, at 7.30.

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ALONG THE KING'S HIGHWAY

My lucubrations are read, sometimes by those who have nothing else to read, and whilst I appreciate the favor as a personal compliment, I cannot admire the literary taste of those who are willing to sacrifice time, which might otherwise be better employed. I am asked why have I been silent for weeks, if not for months? Well the plain, unvarnished truth is that in your truly Ottawa had for a great portion of this time a pretty sick man whose bed was almost his inseparable companion. "What on earth has been the matter with you?" is a question which I hear on many sides. Well, my disease was as unique in its character as its cause was solitary in its nature. Perambulating recently through the beautiful streets of the "Washington of the North" I visited the home of a warm-hearted fellow-countryman, whose daughter, a young lady of modern finish, kindly volunteered to treat me to some music. "What will you have?" said she, as we adjourned to the parlor. I answered by stating that there might be fairly good music in other countries besides Ireland, but to me Irish airs were above and beyond everything else. Unfortunately she had no "pieces," and more unfortunately still she was out of "practice," but how would I like a "Russian Sottische?" Of course, there was nothing on top of the earth, nor under the earth, nothing on top of the sea nor under the sea, nothing between the Arctic and the Antarctic circles which I preferred to the "Sottische." I had heard a good deal about the Russian Czar, the Russian ukase, the Russian knout, the Russian bear, and several other things that were Russian, but high above the whole lot in my mind, stood the inimitable "Sottische," upon which I always fairly doted. Putting herself in order she commenced pounding with two ponderous fists, a squeaking, consumptive piano which evidently hovered between life and destruction. As I felt for the poor, sickly piano, I also felt some strange feeling creeping over my anatomy. What it was I cannot now describe, but it was enough to accelerate my departure. Day and night for several weeks since has that Russian Sottische haunted me. When I retired for the night the Sottische had full possession of my mind, if I dreamt it was all about Sottische, when I arose in the morning the Sottische was on hand, and when I went to my daily routine it was my companion. Thus did I pine away until a blast of the luckiest kind of wind blew me to the home of that clever and patriotic Irishwoman, Mrs. J. H. Mahon, of Nicholas Street. Here I was treated by Miss Martina Mahon, the talented organist of St. Joseph's Church, to such airs as "The Harp of Tara," "The Minstrel Boy," "The Meeting of the Waters," "The Last Rose of Summer," "Kathleen Mavourneen," etc. Of course, my recovery sat in at once, and now I have increased fifty pounds of honest weight and have become so active that I can kick football, kick against "Russian Sottisches," or kick like a steer if I can't get a fat office. Thanks to Mrs. Mahon and Miss Mahon, thanks everlastingly to both those excellent ladies.

Irish sentiment and feeling is now rapidly looking up in the Dominion Capital, thanks to the excellent young man who has been instrumental in providing a suitable meeting place for young and old in Ottawa. For many years this city stood badly in need of a central point, where Irishmen could congregate for social intercourse, and for the interchange of views and opinions. Mr. D'Arcy Scott, the young man to whom I allude, has by his untiring zeal in the cause which should be dear to the heart of every son of Erin placed his compatriots under a very deep obligation to him. An account of his recent trip through Ireland, which was given a week ago in the St. Patrick's Hall, was most interesting, and was listened to most attentively by an appreciative audience, who

occasionally punctured it with loud applause. A convention of representative Irishmen will in the course of a month or so be held either in Montreal or Ottawa for the purpose of devising some ways and means for assisting the men in the gap at home in their struggles for the political and social amelioration for that land of coercion acts and exterminating landlords. Already has Mr. Scott sent out circulars to prominent Irishmen, from most of whom answers have been received, cordially endorsing the idea of a convention and promising their heartiest co-operation.

THE CONNAUGHT SETTLEMENT

My last correspondence, which appeared in The Catholic Register was brought to a close at Green Valley, a station of the Canadian Pacific Railway about four miles south of Alexandria, but, like the tedious old stories which we sometimes read, a promise was made that it would be continued. From Green Valley my route is westward until the pleasant village of Chesterville, which lies in the heart of a fine agricultural country in the northern part of the County of Dundas is reached. In the Parish of Chesterville are to be met two flourishing Irish Catholic settlements, one bearing the name of the Imerick Settlement, called after the County of that name in Ireland, and the other named the Connaught Settlement, although those who were its first colonizers came directly from the County of Mayo and located on the Banks of the Nation River. Amongst the names which one encounters here may be mentioned those of Coyne, Kearns, Barrett, Martin, Reddy, Chambers, Manley, Jordan, McGowan, Galvin, Flynn, O'Grady, and Cliver, men who have had their homes in both these settlements. A few years ago all that was mortal of poor Patrick Jordan, one of the ablest and one of the most useful men in the County of Dundas was consigned to the tomb, where it was followed by the largest mournful cavalcade ever witnessed in this section. The Imerick Settlement has been the birthplace of Mr. Thomas McDonald, whose home is now in Morrisburg, where, with honor to himself, and with advantage to the public, he discharges the duties of Registrar of the County of Dundas. The eloquent voice of "Tom" McDonald has been heard from many a platform in the various counties of Eastern Ontario, and it is no exaggeration to say that few men were better equipped to delight and instruct an audience. Once he offered himself for the representation of Dundas, and although the County is regarded as a Tory hive, Mr. McDonald, a Catholic Liberal, made a most excellent run, yet it must be regretted that Irishmen of Ontario upon whom purse-proud duces are too frequently trusted never had the good fortune of being represented by so capable a man as Thomas McDonald. I shall resume the subject in my future correspondence.

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