

THE NUN OF KENMARE ON THE IRISH QUESTION.

WHY IRELAND IS DISCONTENTED.

I have long been convinced that if the American people were fully informed as to the true state of Ireland they would join us in our determined efforts to obtain the freedom which they so value for themselves...

Once a people have secured their own position and established themselves as a great nation, the wings of the eagle of freedom which they have sent to soar aloft droop and fall if they cease to keep other men to the attainment of what they have themselves obtained...

Such an hour has fallen upon us in Ireland; we stretch out our hands to the great American nation, till they may come over and help us. You came, ladies, with your gifts when we cried out to you as we lay perishing with famine...

But the American people will ask, what do the Irish want? Some turn from the subject with contempt, some blame our religion, some our race, some, many, let us hope, ask what it all means...

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Further, these gentlemen say—The employment of capital and labour upon the development of the country by the arterial drainage, the construction of railways and other public works and the encouragement of fisheries, has also been urged upon us by witnesses as one of the best remedies for the present oppression...

Report is published—it is placed on the table in the Houses of Parliament for the use of honourable members. It is quoted freely in the Times. It is discussed in the House, and we ungrateful people are not yet satisfied. The only remedy which remains to this great nation which takes such a parental interest in our welfare is to give us the other "C," and that, we fear, will be accorded only before this year...

But I do not wish to be unjust to England. The fact is that more than half the nation are under the impression that government has done what it talks of doing. They are sick of hearing of Ireland, what they say, you are always complaining. We are weary of debates on Ireland. Well, so are we. These good Englishmen fancy that when there has been so much talk, something must have been done for Ireland...

But one ounce of fact is worth a pound of argument. Let me give you facts. Amongst the Commissioners with which Ireland has been favoured we have had an Agricultural Commission. We are, in fact, the best informed about people on the globe...

In common with the rest of the United Kingdom, the agricultural depression of the years 1877-78 and '79 has greatly affected Ireland, and has been to some extent increased in that country by the absence of manufacturing industries and other sources of employment. There is no doubt that the depression has fallen with extreme severity upon the smaller farmers...

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perity and an improved condition of the people. Irish people, perhaps not unnaturally, would have supposed some years since that when English gentlemen informed their Majesty that Ireland so urgently needed fair laws and the encouragement of her manufacturing interests, when they actually stated that they believed that the majority of Irish landowners would not object to allow tenants to be protected from an arbitrary increase of rent...

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QUEBEC LETTER.

I deeply regret to have to announce the serious illness of Monsignor Cazeau. The venerable gentleman took ill on Monday. He received the last Sacraments on Thursday afternoon at the hands of His Lordship the Bishop of Chicoutimi.

INSANE.—James McCosh was before Judge Elliott, on Monday, at the instance of his wife who complained that she was afraid to live with him, as he several times drove her and the children out of the house and threatened a knife thrusting to kill them. As there was a difference of opinion among the physicians, he was remanded to jail for ten days.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS. London, Feb. 23.—To-day Gladstone gave notice that if the consideration of the Protection Bill as amended is not concluded to-day, he would give notice of motion for having all amendments put forth with it at 7 o'clock to-morrow evening, and for immediately afterwards commencing the debate on the third reading.

London, Feb. 23.—The consideration of the Protection Bill was continued in a dilatory manner. Two Home Rule amendments, intended to introduce a distinct provision in the Bill that prisoners be leniently treated, was rejected. The Government would do its best to prevent hardships. T. P. O'Connor was warned and Healy silenced by the Speaker for irrelevancy. The motions for the consideration of the Bill were not finished when the House was obliged to rise by the rule governing Wednesday's sittings.

LOCAL NEWS.

BROKE HER ARM.—Mrs. A. C. Stone slipped and fell the other day as she was going into Kingsmill's store, and broke her right arm. BROKE HER ARM.—We regret to learn that Mrs. Dinnes, of Beaton's mother-in-law, fell on last Friday, and fractured one of her legs.

GOING WEST.—Mr. John Purcell, one of the late prisoners in the Biddulph trial, has gone to Nebraska, where he intends to take up his residence in the future. SKATING MATCH.—Mr. Corbett, of St. Thomas, won the Brodie medal in the skating contest. He covered the ten miles in 48 minutes and 30 seconds.

REMOVING TO LUCAN.—Mr. Andrew Muir, who has been in the store of Mr. Frank Smith for a number of years, is about to remove to Lucan. He has bought out the grocery of Mr. Crummin.

CRACKED.—The wall on the north side of the jail yard, owing to the severe winter, has cracked, and if not soon attended to will in all probability topple over in the spring. LONDON JUNCTION RAILWAY.—The bill brought before the Local Legislature asking for an extension of time for the building of the railway, received a sixth month's postponement by a vote of 40 to 33.

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SETTLED.—Mrs. Henans, a confidence operator who defrauded a Montreal man out of about \$700, was before the Police Magistrate the other day, and the counsel for the plaintiff not bringing any evidence, she was dismissed. She had given her note at three months for the amount.

KICKED BY A HORSE.—As Mr. D. McKenzie, of Lobo, was knocking the ice off one of his horse's hoofs the other day, the animal made a spring and threw Mr. McKenzie under its feet, where he was jammed on, and severely injured about the head.

A GOOD OFFICER.—Of Detective Heenan, of London Township, about six months ago he fell from his horse and injured his knee. After suffering untold agonies Drs. Going, Arnott and Joyce attempted the limb above the knee, when it was found that a small piece of iron had been driven into the knee. The unfortunate man was gradually and died on Wednesday, 23rd inst.

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AN OPERATION.—Ex-Ald. Thompson, has had to undergo an operation of a very painful character. For some time past he has noticed the rapid growth of a tumor on his left arm. Dr. Brown, assisted by four other physicians, successfully performed the operation of removing the tumor. Mr. Thompson is doing very well under the circumstances.

IMPROVING THE MARKET.—The market committee of the City Council are making arrangements for lowering the floor of the present market house, and doing away with the basement. It is intended to run an corrugated iron roof over thirty feet, so as to shelter those coming to the market to sell their produce from the rain and the heat of the sun.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.—The annual report of this excellent society, whose only object is to assist and console the poor of this city, has been issued, and a perusal of it shows us the vast amount of good it has accomplished during the past year. The officers of the society are as follows: Spiritual Director, Right Rev. John Walsh, Bishop of London; President, Mr. John Wright; 1st Vice-Pres., Mr. Philip Cook; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mr. Martin Gould; Secretary, Mr. John McLaughlin; Treasurer, Mr. William Starr. Its total membership is twenty-seven, and we hope to see before the end of the present year that it will be increased to double that number. Although the membership is but small, the society does a great deal of good. The number of persons relieved during the past year has been 1458, and the number of visits paid to the poor was 156. They distributed besides \$100 worth of provisions. The society has a balance on hand of \$129.50. The members will hold their annual conference in St. Peter's School on next Sunday at 3.30 in the morning, and will go to Holy Communion as soon as they are able. Too much praise cannot be given to the members for their noble work, and the many sacrifices they make to assist those who are in need.

there an assortment of books that have been carefully selected and well suited to the name and objects of the society. At the last regular meeting the following officers were elected for this year:—Chairman, Rev. Father O'Mahony; President, Chris. Hevey; 1st Vice-President, R. Coleman; 2nd Vice-President, E. Dible; Secretary, Thomas Gould; Fin. Sec., Joseph Cook; Treasurer, Arch. McNeil; Marshal, J. Curtin; Librarian, J. Rauhman; Trustees, M. Mulrooney, A. McDonald and M. Gray; Tyler, Thos. Fitzgibbon. The society meets every Wednesday evening at eight o'clock in the Albion Block.

A VERY BAD MOVE.—It is proposed to abolish the teaching of music in the public schools. The children, it appears, from statements made by competent judges, have been making extraordinary progress under the tuition of Mr. St. John. He has worked energetically to attain this end. The public has just begun to feel a pride in the musical culture of the children, and have in various ways testified their admiration of the hard work and successful result attained by the accomplished gentleman mentioned. London has fewer good vocalists than any other place of its size in the Dominion. A couple of years more, and we will be able to claim that this is no longer the case, if we but keep on in the same course we have been pursuing of late. For this reason, we hope the motion before the Board will be voted down.

CANADIAN NEWS.

An inquest will be held on the body of Martin Moore, who is supposed to have met his death by foul play near St. Remi. John Connors, the C. S. R. brakeman, who was so seriously injured at Amherstburg last week, died from the effects of his injuries yesterday.

An old lamp lighter, named Patrick Farrall, dropped dead on Queen street, Toronto, last week, his death making the eighth case of sudden death within a week. Information has been received of the accidental death, in the woods of Michigan, of Mr. Owen Walsh, son of the Deputy Chief of the city of Quebec Police.

Alfred Duhamel, sentenced two years ago to St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary for four years for aggravated assault, has been pardoned by the Governor-General. An old woman named Griffin, living on the Bond Head street, Kingston, was found in a wretched condition on Wednesday. She had not tasted food for two days, and there was no fire in the house.

A report comes from Winnipeg that Mr. James Galliford, eldest son of the late John Galliford, of this town, was frozen to death some time ago, while out with a gang of men some two hundred miles north of Winnipeg getting out ties for the railroad. Mrs. Lamson, residing on Scott street, St. Thomas, while carrying a tin pail of water, on Feb. 20th, slipped and fell, the windpipe striking the edge of the pail, from the effects of which inflammation and frequent spasms of the parts affected ensued.

Montreal, Feb. 23.—The sentence on the Narbonne family has been commuted by the Governor-General to imprisonment for life. The grounds alleged for the act of clemency are the advanced age of the elder prisoners, and the fact that the actual murderer is of weak intellect. Detective Sheehan has arrested a clerk in the accounts office at Osgood Hall, Toronto, named R. M. Ross, for larceny. He is suspected of being the party who has committed the numerous thefts around the Hall lately.

A destructive fire took place at Cobourg on Sunday morning, in Smith's Block. The building was completely destroyed, together with several others. The loss will be in the neighborhood of \$50,000, which is partly covered by insurance. Dr. McLaughlin, who some time ago left Lucan to take up his residence in Stratford, has returned to Lucan again, and intends to take up his residence there. The people of Stratford express their sorrow at losing one of their best physicians and enterprising citizens.

Mr. Dowries, a farmer in Huntingdon county, Que., left his son-law's residence to pay a visit to a neighbor on Friday, and on the way committed suicide by cutting his throat with a pen-knife and then suspended himself to a tree. No cause is assigned for the act. A promising young medical student of Toronto, named John Perrall, was crossing Queen street east, on Wednesday evening, the 23rd, just after leaving his wife and two children at home, when he was struck by a runaway cab, knocked down, and killed by the animal as it passed over him. He was killed on the spot.

The building occupied by Mr. Murphy as a grocery store, at the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Station, Orangeville, was completely destroyed by fire about three o'clock Thursday morning, Feb. 24. There was nothing saved from the building, as the fire was too far advanced before discovered. It is not known how the fire originated. There was very little insurance. An awfully sudden death occurred in the township of Morris on Monday night last. Mr. W. Gallagher, an old settler, was in Wingham on Monday, went home, had his supper, and retired to bed at the usual time. He made no complaint of feeling unwell, and appeared in good health the morning his wife, who was sleeping beside him, discovered he was dead.

The Irish lady was a great success at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, on Wednesday, Feb. 23rd, over 300 ladies and gentlemen being present. Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Robitaille were especially from Quebec to attend, and were very warmly received by the company, which was composed of people of all parties and denominations. The old people deny having instigated the murder, and say that it took place through a quarrel between the two brothers. The young murderer adheres to his story that he was urged by his father and mother. He is evidently of weak intellect, but the old couple seem to be shrewd and sensible enough. They were all three in joy at escaping the gallows, and feel satisfied to remain in jail.

At 5 o'clock on Thursday morning, Feb. 24, a fire was discovered in a dwelling house in St. Catharines occupied by a woman and her daughter named Holland,

The place is supposed to have been fired by an incendiary, as the fire broke out under the front door step. The house and contents were destroyed, the women escaping in their night clothes. The building is said to be insured.

About 4 o'clock last Friday morning a fire broke out in Jas. Smith's block, Clinton, destroying the whole thereof, consisting of four two story buildings. Insured in the Gore for \$800 and in the Canada Fire and Marine for \$600. Two were occupied by Peter Robb as grocery and provision stores and dwelling. The stock was partly saved. Insure and clothing not insured—all lost. He with his wife and four small children escaped only partly clothed. The next store was occupied by John Meckid as drug and book store. Stock all lost, also the furniture in the rooms over the shop, where John and Percy Mackid were sleeping. They were aroused by the fire around them, and chopped a hole through the partition and woke Mr. Robb and then escaped from the window by the aid of a rope, the stairway being burnt.

THE SEASON OF LENT.

The solemn, sombre season of penance began last Wednesday, the Day of Ashes. The palms, that on the day commemorating our Saviour's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, was carried aloft, with joyous acclaim amid the shouts of "Hosanna to the Son David," are on this day reduced to ashes, and these are sprinkled on the forehead in the penitential and solemn injunction: "Remember man thou art but dust and to dust thou shalt return." This is worldly glory brought to heavenly humility, teaching us that all must sooner or later end, where our bodies originated. The church on this day arrays her ministers in His fast and purple, and asks her children, bearing the signs of mortification, to come with her into the desert away from the world, and there contemplate and imitate as far as weak human nature will allow, her Lord, her Saviour, her Judge, in His fast and prayer. This is the true spirit of the forty days of Lent, and by entering properly into it, the Christian soul can realize the truths of eternity, the falsehoods of time. The worldly days grow more material and the spiritual man outside the church would be an oddity. The age looks for some happy and availing in this life and constantly commences itself with what may be man's needs on earth or what may satisfy his passions. In the Church, too, there is danger of our becoming heedless of the true object of existence. We step along, perhaps unconsciously, looking where we may venture to taste the sweets of the world, but in imminent danger of taking the poison berries or suffering the fearful attacks of voracious animals. We may think to compromise the spirit of the Lent, but we must not forget that it is always that the church asks us to go away from the world, and to gain strength to overcome the antagonizing spirit, by placing a restriction upon sensual desires and satisfying the soul with prayer.—Catholic Canadian.

We call attention to the advertisement of the Detroit Machine and Marquet, R. R. Co., relating to lands in Michigan. The company are offering lands at low prices to attract settlers. In this connection we cannot do better than quote the following from the Toronto Weekly Globe, February 15th: "Our advice to Canadians is to stay at home, but if they will go to the United States, they had better go to Northern Michigan, where they will find flourishing Canadian settlements, good markets, good soil, abundance of wood, well paid work and a climate to which they are accustomed. They will not run the risk of freezing in winter, nor want of fuel, nor of having their crops destroyed in summer by drought or insects, as is likely to be the case in Kansas and Dakota. And then it does not cost much to go to Michigan, and if they do not like it they can return home. The Detroit, Mackinac and Marquette R. R. is a link of the Great Northern Pacific, and on its completion, which is promised this year, the lands will be rapidly settled and their value greatly enhanced."

ECCLIASTICAL CALENDAR.

MARCH, 1881. Sunday, 6.—Quadragesima. 1st. Semi-Double. Monday, 7.—Quadragesima. 2nd. Double. Tuesday, 8.—St. John of God, Confessor. Double. Wednesday, 9.—Quat. Temp. St. Francis. Thursday, 10.—St. 10 Martyrs. Semi-Double. Friday, 11.—Quat. Temp. St. Luce and Natis. Double. Saturday, 12.—Quat. Temp. St. Gregory I. Pope, Confessor and Doctor. Double.

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