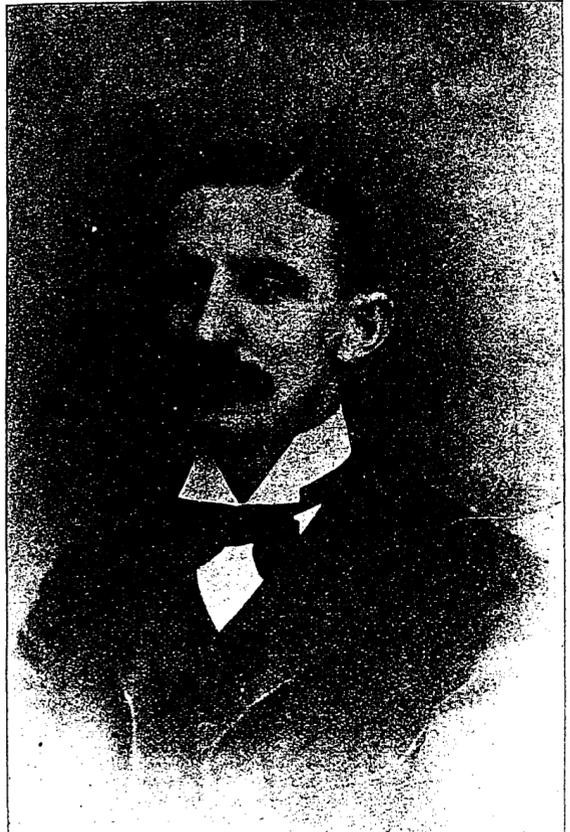




## THE SHAMROCKS ARE CHAMPIONS.



CAPTAIN THOMAS O'CONNELL.

Of the Shamrock Lacrosse Team, who led his men to victory on October 21st, 1899, by his unprecedented enthusiasm and energy, so characteristic of the Celtic race.

The Shamrock Lacrosse Team are champions of the Lacrosse world again. Their two last victories—one in Ottawa against the Cornwalls, and the other in Montreal against the Nationals—were brilliant and decisive, and demonstrated without any possibility of cavil that they are the foremost and ablest exponents of the national game on this continent.

three different occasions spectators ranging in number from five to six thousand. There is another section that should be remembered in this brief review, and which it is the duty of the "True Witness" to mention; and that is the enthusiastic members and supporters of the S.A.A.A. They have earned their share of the honor of the victory by their encouragement and support they have given on the "boys" by their cheers and their hearty appreciation of the different games during the season. Much praise is also due to "Barney" Murphy, the trainer of the team. He is without doubt one of the stalwart enthusiasts for the Shamrock colors.

Of the game in detail it is unnecessary to speak. Many columns of the daily press have been devoted to it. There are, however, lessons in connection with the victory of the Shamrocks, which Irish Catholics should take to heart. There is, first, the lesson conveyed by the unity, enthusiasm, and patriotic pride in the colors they wore, which the intrepid Captain O'Connell, and his team have displayed throughout the long summer months in preparing for the great final struggle through which they have so successfully passed. Were this unity, this enthusiasm and this patriotic pride shown in other fields of activity, what splendid results would be achieved! Then there are the administrative ability and tact shown by the members of the executive in directing the affairs of the organization in general, and in looking after the interests of the gallant little contingent which they had put in the field against the young men of other races and creeds while all honor is due to the players who carried the Shamrock's colors for the plucky and clever manner in which they upheld the reputation of the club. There is great credit due to Captain "Tom" O'Connell and to the men who sat around the council board and who have by their shrewdness and clear-sightedness and their masterly policy succeeded in attracting to the Shamrock grounds on

Now that the Shamrocks have won the victory and added another championship to their Association record, being the second one gained this year, as the hockey team had already secured the leading place in the national winter game, it is the duty of all citizens who appreciate sport to give some recognition to the young men who have fought so valiantly and so bravely to show all the fine points of Canada's great national game. It is in a special sense the duty of Irish Catholics to see to it that the men who have without emolument of any kind, worked so hard to add lustre to the Irish Catholic name and who have succeeded in doing so should receive a magnificent testimonial in commemoration of their splendid victory.

## NOTES OF IRISH NEWS.

**THE UNITY PROPOSALS.**—It is said that arrangements are being made for the assembling of a Conference of Irish members to take into consideration Mr. Redmond's recent letter on the question of unity.

**KENSIT IN DUBLIN.**—Mr. Kensit addressed a meeting in the Rotunda, Dublin, last week, under the auspices of what is known as the Dublin Protestant. Kensit was seemingly in his element. It would seem that a few Protestant clergymen in Dublin, have gone so far towards Rome as to show a representation of the crucified Redeemer in their churches. A Canon Smith is one delinquent. Kensit told his hearers to go to the Canon and say to him, "We demand you, as a honest, straightforward man, to remove that cross, and if you do not we will bring you long." Another vicar has put up

omnister Row says, must be taken down. "He wanted them to hold by the Church, and to turn the traitors out." The Ritualists have no better friend than Kensit.

**O'CONNELL MEMORIAL CHURCH.**—The Very Rev. Canon O'Riordan, P.P., Caheriveen, preached at last Mass at Holy Cross, Tralee, on Sunday, in connection with which he intends making a collection through the town during the week. Since his appointment to the Caheriveen parish, Canon O'Riordan has warmly taken up the laudable work of endeavoring to complete the church which his predecessor, the late lamented Canon Brosnan worked so zealously and indefatigably for years past. The sum of about £12,000 is yet required to complete the noble edifice.

**A NATIONAL RELIC.**—The Dublin correspondent of the New Era writes: We learn that the ruined Castle of Kanturk, Co. Cork, has been offered by the Countess of Egmont to the National Trust for places of interest and beauty, to be preserved for ever as a national possession. This curious edifice was erected on the banks of the Brougeen, a tributary of the Blackwater, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. The builder, Donough McCarthy, a chieftain, is said to have forced all passers-by to labor at this castle. In his anxiety to surpass all chieftains of the neighborhood, he gave orders that it should be roofed with glass. His neighbors became alarmed and complained to the Privy Council that the castle was much too large for a subject, whereupon an order was sent to McCarthy to stop his work just as the battlements were about to be raised. Unable to defy the Government, McCarthy, in his furious disappointment, gave orders that the glass roof should be dashed to pieces and thrown into the Brougeen, and the castle has never yet been inhabited. At the last meeting of the National Trust, it was decided to accept her ladyship's offer, and it is to be hoped that the interesting and striking relic will soon pass into the care of the society, to be held in perpetuity for the nation.

**LOOKING FOR HEIRS.**—The district lying between Portadown and Markethill has been the scene during the past fortnight of a most amusing comedy, the three principal actors being a United States attorney, Mr. Paul Wilkes, and two amateur detectives, Messrs. Webber and Power, also hailing from the land of the Stars and Stripes, says the Times Herald. To properly understand the plot, it is necessary to go back some forty years. At the time John McClelland joined in the great Exodus from Ireland. He doggedly overcame the usual obstacles which beset the path of the emigrant, and settled down in the far-off city of Dakota, U.S.A., where he soon laid the foundation of a substantial fortune. He gradually added to his store, and his bank book showed the splendid balance of £20,000 in his favor. Being his life Mr. McClelland was very taciturn regarding his early history, and spoke very rarely about his home. Nor did he communicate with his relatives, the Irish postmark on his correspondence being seldom, if ever, seen. This reticence seemed to increase rather than diminish with old age, consequently when Mr. McClelland passed away recently there was nothing in his papers to show who were his heirs. Then the local machinery of the United States was set in motion, and on the 2nd of September in Dakota City, an application was made to Judge Mason, for the appointment of an attorney to go to Ireland and seek out the heirs. The application was granted, and the nightfall Mr. Paul Wilkes, the appointed attorney, took train to New York, where he boarded one of the magnificent liners which trade between the old and the new worlds. But Mr. Wilkes was not alone, as when his appointment became public property two other men, Messrs. Webber and Power, anxious to have a try on their own account to discover the heirs, also packed their bags

and made their way to the nearest steamer stage. Strange to say, although the three men departed from Dakota by different routes, and at different times, they found themselves together on the steamer which left New York on the 16th of September. When the huge liner was berthed at Liverpool, there ensued an exciting race as to who should reach Armagh first. Who the victor was it is unnecessary to say, as when the three men took up their abode in Armagh, all was forgotten in the eager desire to find the relatives of McClelland first. The pace grew hot, and then cold. Many were found to claim a share of the old man's wealth, but to justify their claim was another matter. Lately the ardour of the two amateur detectives cooled, and they were forced to give up the search and consider themselves beaten. No so with Mr. Wilkes, who, going about his work in a systematic manner, traced Margaret Hamill and Mary McClelland, who proved that they were nieces of the deceased and sole heirs, so far as is known, to the fortune of £20,000. The affair has created no little excitement in the locality.

**THE LAMP QUESTION.**—The Chief Secretary, Mr. G. W. Balfour, has sent the following reply to the joint letter addressed to him by the Comynight Bishops:

My Lord Bishop—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter addressed to me, as chairman of the Congested District Board, by yourself and your colleagues in the province of Connaught, and conveying four resolutions unanimously adopted by you on Sept. 20. I gladly recognize the value and the opportuneness of the pronouncement which those resolutions embody, and shall have much pleasure in communicating them to the Board at its next meeting. In the meantime, perhaps I may be allowed to express on my own behalf, the gratification which I feel at finding the efforts of the Board to extend peasant property to the poorest districts of the West under the most favorable conditions which the circumstances admit of, cordially appreciated and a sentiment which I do not doubt the other members of the Board will share with me.

**PRAYERS IN IRISH.**—The Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin are publicly recited in Irish at the Dominican church of St. Saviour, Lower-Domnick-street, Dublin. A great number of the congregation usually are Irish-speaking, and the responses are given aloud in the Irish tongue from the body of the church. These devotions in the national language take place every Monday evening at the same hour. The Irish Dominicans are to be congratulated on such a meritorious innovation.

**NOTES.**—The foundation stone of the new church at Moyndevy was laid on Sunday last by the Most Rev. Dr. Gaffney, Bishop of Meath.

The death is announced from Limerick of a venerable priest, the Rev. Wm. Brady, at the age of seventy-eight years. For nearly twenty years he has resided at Limerick.

The remains of the lamented Rev. Richard Smith, pastor of Saint field, were laid to rest last week in Milltown Cemetery, Belfast. Office for the dead was chaired by the Rev. J. Kennedy, P.P., Glenravel, and the Rev. James Lannon, C.P., Portaferry. The Most Rev. Dr. Henry presided.

The death of the Rev. Martin Handrick, C.P., which occurred last week at the parochial house, Monasterhan had been announced.

A memorial has been erected in Rosgluss Churchyard, over the resting place of the late Rev. Edward Crawford, who for many years was parish priest of Dunsford. It is in the form of a Celtic cross. It was erected by the people of Ardglass and Dunsford and a few clerical and lay friends.

## DUBLIN'S LORD MAYOR IN NEW YORK.

New York, Oct. 25. Seeing that Dublin's Lord Mayor, and his travelling companion, Mr. John E. Redmond, M. P., are to visit Montreal during the coming month, it may interest your readers to know something about the movements and sayings of these gentlemen since their arrival in New York. It was thus the Lord Mayor spoke to a reporter at the Hoffman House the other evening:

We now feel are unjust and excessive. As a matter of fact Ireland is now taxed £2,750,000 more than she should pay, or nearly \$11,000,000. These are not our figures; these are the figures of the Royal Commission on the financial relations between Ireland and Great Britain. This vast amount is what we pay every year in excess of the amount we should pay under the Treaty of the Act of Union.

"We now have the management of local affairs in our own hands. Heretofore they have been in the hands of Grand Jurors, composed of the landlord class, whom we look upon as the garrisons of England in Ireland. Now we have got the affairs of the country districts—the county affairs—in our own hands. These are managed directly by the representatives of the people, elected by them. Town mayors, sheriffs, bailiffs, justices, all are elected by the people. We are fast coming to the American ideas when we will elect all our officers. If the people choose to elect the landlords to govern, why, all right. Let the majority rule.

"The Lord Mayor then said: "And so I think we are getting nearer home rule every day. Ireland already has her fair share of representation in Parliament. She has 103 members out of 670-odd. We do not mind the levying of soldiers on us, and we don't want the right to declare peace or war, and we don't ask a hand in colonial affairs. All we want is to have something to say about taxing ourselves. We consider ourselves better able to manage our own affairs than outsiders.

caused them to legislate more quickly than they otherwise might. Then, too, it had a great moral effect. And I am glad to say that there are indications that the party is coming together again.

"All England is looking at the effects of the Local Government Act. It has been in operation only a few months and yet it is succeeding well. It gives us a larger measure of freedom and allows us to manage our own roads, drainage, and the like, and to elect our own county officers. But we haven't the power to refuse a tax imposed upon us by England, but it is coming some day. Redmond, John Dillon and Brady are all working together for Home Rule, and we will win yet."

The meeting in favor of the Parnell monument held at the Music Hall was a large one.

The hall was decorated with American and Irish flags. At the left of the stage stood a life size picture of Parnell, said to be the only painting of the great Irish leader ever posed for. It was loaned for the occasion by John E. Fitzgerald. Music was furnished by the band of the First Regiment of Irish Volunteers.

Lord Mayor Fallon expressed his appreciation of the warm and cordial reception that had been accorded him. He then said: "I feel that my first duty this evening is to offer my respectful salutations to this great city, the first city of the New World, and the growing and advancing rival of the ancient city of the Old World. As the head of a municipality which has existed for eight centuries, on this my first visit to your city I was curious to examine and study the methods and systems of city government and

administration here. In Dublin we have found it necessary to learn from the progress and advancement of other cities, so that when we desire to initiate any improvement we send a deputation of the Council to the cities distinguished for the higher perfection of their municipal government as London, Glasgow, Birmingham, Paris, Brussels, Berlin and Vienna. In this way we try to profit by the best experience of the Old World.

Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., was next introduced. He said in part: "Tonight I make no appeal in behalf of any party or of any political section in Ireland or America." But I make a broad appeal to all friends of human liberty and to all friends of human progress to honor the memory of one who not alone was a great Irishman, but who was in the best and broadest sense of the term a great man—one of the great men of this century. For such an appeal to fail in America is an utter impossibility, and therefore it is with the utmost confidence that I address myself to the people of New York.

At the close of Mr. Redmond's address baskets were passed around and many envelopes, enclosing contributions, were deposited. The names taken to the platform and published in the subscription were as follows:

- Richard Croker, \$500; Judge J. Gorman, \$100; and from ladies, Mrs. J. J. Whelan, \$100; Thomas J. Donohue, \$100; McParland & O'Flaherty, \$500; W. Bourke Cochran, \$500; Robert A. Wyck, \$100; Morgan J. O'Brien, \$100; Martin J. Keogh, \$250; the Temperance Men's Association, \$125; William F. Gray, \$100; Jas. Fitzgerald, \$100; J. Whelan, \$50; J. E. Carroll, \$50; M. Kennedy, \$50; W. T. Emmet, \$50; Shanley Brothers, \$50; Jas. Shaver, \$50; P. H. McCarren, \$50; J. M. Fitzsimmons, \$50; J. J. Scannell, \$50; Peter De Lasey, \$50; Daughters of '28, D. A. R., by Mrs. M. Ryan, president, \$50; V. J. Dowling, \$25; Maurice J. Power, \$25; J. McCarthy, \$25; J. G. McMahon, \$25; and R. M. Waters, \$25. Other smaller contributions making a total of more than \$1,000 were announced.

## ARCHBISHOP GAUTHIER'S ANNIVERSARY

His Grace Archbishop Gauthier of Kingston, celebrated the first anniversary of his episcopal consecration at Rigaud, last week. Mgr. Gauthier received his elementary education at the college of Rigaud, and as a testimony of his affection for that institution, he decided to there commemorate the great day on which he was raised to the Archiepiscopal See of Kingston. Needless to say, that Bourke College made preparation worthy of the occasion. Never before in the history of that institution was so much enthusiasm and zeal displayed, and never was a grander and more brilliant while many of the invited guests could not attend, still the vast concourse of eminent members of the clergy, from all ends of the land, was a testimony at once striking and memorable.

Wednesday morning, at ten o'clock, the college chapel was filled with a penitential Mass celebrated with all the pomp befitting the occasion. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Feaghey, of the cathedral, it was an able, eloquent and a touching oration. After divine service a magnificent banquet took place in the large refectory of the college. The decorations were in accord with the festive gladness of the day. Beside his Grace sat Rev. Father Corcoran, C.S.A., assistant Superior General of the congregation in Paris; Rev. Abbe Reed, pastor of Rigaud; Rev. Father Michael, C.S.V., of the deaf and dumb Asylum, Montreal; Rev. P. J. Charlebois, C.S.A., director of the college. The list of the guests who filled the immense banquet hall would occupy a full column; suffice to say that a couple of hundred priests, of various orders, secular and regular, and coming from different parts of Canada, and the United States, took part in that splendid gathering.

In the afternoon a meeting was held for the purpose of organizing a grand convocation of all the former pupils, to take place next year. His Grace also presided during the afternoon, the few relatives that he has at Rigaud, Mgr. Gauthier, was born at Alexandria, Ont., his mother was Scotch and his father a French Canadian who had lived many years at Rigaud. All the institutions of the place were visited, and this memorable feast was closed with expressions of veneration and good wishes for the distinguished prelate.

On Tuesday evening Mgr. Gauthier arrived by the Ottawa train, accompanied by a large number of distinguished clergymen. A number of the citizens of Rigaud, headed by the Rev. Fathers Villanovet, L'Amour, Durocher, and Rev. Brother Croisette, of the college, gave him a hearty reception. The illumination of the college, and of the town, was simply magnificent, and presented a fairy-like picture of enchantment that will not be readily forgotten by all who had the pleasure of witnessing it. The welcome, the musical entertainment, the presentation of bouquets, the reading of beautifully worded addresses, the touching reply of the honored guest, would all take up columns to describe.

## NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

A grand reception was accorded to His Excellency the Delegate at the Rideau Street Concert, on Monday morning of last week, when an elaborate programme of addresses, and musical, vocal and instrumental, was gone through with. His Grace and a number of clergymen were also present.

His Excellency the Archbishop held a Levée at the Archbishop's Palace. Despite inclement weather there was a large attendance of Catholic men and women, as well as some non-Catholics. His Excellency was supported by His Grace the Archbishop, and the Canons of the Basilica, and attended by his two secretaries.

Rev. Father Labelle, the Apostle of Devotion to Jesus Christ through the Blessed Virgin, was in the city last week. He came to report to His Grace the Archbishop on the great success which has attended his tour of the archdiocese in furtherance of this devotion. Already there is one church in the diocese under the invocation of Our Lady of Light, one of the titles given by the Blessed de Montbord.

A booklet containing a brief sketch of the life of the venerable Margaret Bourgeois, foundress of the Congregation de Notre Dame, is in course of translation.

Rev. Dr. Fallon, was in New York last week on a business trip.

The Christian Brothers who have

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