

## Irish News

### ANTRIM.—Destined for Canada

A singular sight was witnessed at Belfast the other day, when some 85 fine healthy young Irishwomen, aged from 20 to 30, and hailing from almost every county in Ulster, left by the Liverpool steamship Caloric en route for Canada. They had been specially selected by the Canadian Registry Office for domestic service in the Dominion, and were in charge of Mrs. Sandford, who, on arrival at Winnipeg, will conduct them to their new homes.

### ARMAGH.—Bravery Rewarded

An interesting function took place recently in the Portadown Town Hall, when a representative company of the townspeople assembled to do honor to three young postmen named Joseph McDonald, Patrick Skelton, and Patrick Malone, whose plucky conduct in rescuing three persons from a burning house in Market street, on the morning of the 18th January, had been recognised by the Society for the Protection of Life from Fire. The society awarded certificates and a donation of two guineas each to Malone and Skelton, and a donation of one guinea to McDonald.

### DERRY.—Religious Exclusion

The 'Derry Journal' reminds the ascendancy press of the manner in which Catholics are rigidly excluded from all positions of responsibility in Derry. It says: 'The medical superintendent of the asylum is a Protestant, the matron is a Protestant, the assistant medical officer is a Protestant, the clerk is a Protestant, and even the store-keeper belongs to the religion of the dominant minority. Not merely in the officerships of the Lunatic Asylum does the principle of religious exclusion obtain in Derry. In every public office under the control or veto of the Tory Corporation not a single Catholic holds place. The Mayor, the Town Clerk, the Treasurer, the City Solicitor, the City Surveyor, the City Analyst, the Medical Officer of Health, the Executive Sanitary Officer, the Electrical Engineer, the Assistant Electrical Engineer, the Waterworks Engineer, the Cemetery Superintendent, the Water Superintendent, the Market Superintendent, are all gentlemen of the "true blue" tint.'

### DONEGAL.—Its Mineral Wealth

A recent issue of the 'Derry Journal' contains an interesting article on 'The Mineral Resources of Donegal,' from which it appears that there is considerable wealth in that country which has never been tapped by the delver for gold or other representatives of gold value. Donegal produces splendid granite, quartz and white marble. One mile from Cashel-na-Gore are the famous flagging quarries. They are almost two miles in length. 'These flags, we read, are beautifully arranged by nature, so nicely placed alongside of each other with the same regularity of that of a book's leaves, easily quarried with a bar and naturally polished, one would suppose that the operation was done by the hand of man.' The writer points out that from Letterkenny to Burtport is 'an entire mineral country. This country for minerals,' he says, 'has never been properly surveyed.'

### DOWN.—Fanatical Orangemen

At Banbridge, County Down, on May 15, a typical instance of Orange rowdiness occurred in connection with the distribution of prizes to members of the local Gaelic League classes. The students and their friends had assembled in the Town Hall, where the proceedings were to take place, when a drumming party accompanied by a mob surrounded the building. By shouting the most offensive party cries and furiously beating their drums they endeavored to disturb the peaceful gathering. After vain efforts to provoke a row they smashed the windows of the Hall and left. They next paraded the streets, breaking the windows of several Catholic residents and cursing the Pope as they went along. The police, under the command of an inspector, witnessed the disgraceful scene and never once interfered.

### Church Improvement

For some time past the Rostrevor Catholic Church, so picturesquely situated, has been undergoing extensive improvements in the way of painting and decorating, and the completeness with which the work has been carried out has so altered the appearance, and especially the interior of the fabric, that one can scarcely recognise in the elegance and beauty displayed inside what was a few months ago a very ordinary looking place. With commendable zeal the Rev. M. Lynch, P.P., set about to effect a change, and a striking change—transformation would be the better word—has been effected.

### DUBLIN.—The Manufacture of Poplin

The reference in the 'Westminster Gazette' to Irish poplin as a manufacture introduced into Ireland by the French Huguenot refugees who settled in the Liberties of Dublin may render it of interest to know that the Irish poplin known as 'tabinet' is called from M. Tabinet, a French Huguenot silk weaver in the Liberties of Dublin. The traces of the Huguenot settlement in Dublin are many and various. There are in the city three Huguenot cemeteries. A Huguenot service, conducted in French, was held in St. Patrick's Cathedral till early in the last century, and two of the Deans of St. Patrick's, Dr. Maturin and Dr. Leblanc, were of Huguenot origin. In the Liberties of Dublin names of Huguenot families are at the present time not uncommon.

### LIMERICK.—Fatal Accident

The remains of Mr. John Hogan, who was accidentally killed at Messrs Shaw's Bacon Factory while oiling some machinery, were removed from St. Michael's Church for interment at Killalea graveyard, Pennywell. The funeral was very large and representative, and fully testified to the great sympathy, which was expressed by the heads of the firm, the officials, and the employes, and very many outside friends, with the deceased's family in their great sorrow.

### ROSCOMMON.—The Gaelic Revival

Speaking at a meeting held in Castlerea to promote a County Roscommon Feis, Dr. Douglas Hyde referred with pride to the rapid strides the language movement was making in Ireland. In County Wexford it had been decided by a vote of 53 priests out of 56 priests that after January 1st, 1905, no school teacher be appointed in the county who is not an Irish speaker. In the County Cork it had been decided that no appointment be made in the City Council offices to any man who is not an Irish speaker. The County Mayo has come to a similar determination, and within the past three or four weeks the Corporation of Dublin had decided that in future no appointment be made in connection with the public offices where applicants could not speak the Irish language. All this was very encouraging to those who were working heart and soul for an Irish Ireland.

### TIPPERARY.—Services Appreciated

At a late meeting of the County Tipperary Asylum Committee, Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell presiding, Mr. C. C. Webb moved (for General Massy, C.B.): 'That the salaries of Dr. Harvey, R.M.S., and his assistant, Dr. Heffernan, be increased by £100 and £50 respectively.' It was stated that the medical officers were the lowest paid in Ireland and that they had by their efficient work reduced the cost of maintenance by about £2000 a year. After a long discussion the increases were unanimously granted, and the doctors returned thanks. Dr. Harvey is not a Catholic.

### The Late Count Moore

The estate of the late Count Arthur John Moore, 64 Prince's Gate, and Mooresfort, Tipperary, formerly M.P. for Clonmel and Derry City, and Chamberlain of Honor to the Pope, has been entered for probate at £20,435.

### A Distinguished Teacher Dead

In many circles in many lands (writes a Dublin correspondent) the death of Mr. L. J. Ryan late Head Master of the Central Model Schools, Dublin, and Vice-Principal of the National Board Training College, will be learned with deep and unfeigned regret. His pupils are to be found on every land on earth, many of them occupying important, lucrative positions owing to the great ability and zeal which he brought to the discharge of his arduous duty. He was devoted to his profession, and refused higher preferment in the services of the National Board. Even in his retirement he conducted a private school at Templemore, County Tipperary, where he had gone to reside. One of his sons holds a high position in New York, and another a well-known solicitor in Thurles. His two daughters entered the Loreto Order of nuns. One is Rev. Mother of the convent at Dalkey, County Dublin, and the other has charge of a branch house at Cambridge.

### WESTMEATH.—A Venerable Prelate

Archbishop Colgan, of Madras, India, who recently celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of his arrival in India is the sole survivor of fourteen young ecclesiastics who arrived in India in 1854. He was born in Donore, County Westmeath, Ireland, on April 1, 1824.

### WEXFORD.—An Old Industry Revived

Apropos of the acceptance by the King of a Tilley hat made by the Wexford Hat Company, it is interesting to recall that the manufacture of hats is not a new Irish industry, but an old Irish industry revived. The hat trade in Ireland in the eighteenth century was a thriving industry till it was suppressed by the legislation of the English Parliament, which suppressed the

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