

Castlereagh, on Saturday, June 30. For nearly fifty years he had taken an active part in the public affairs of his country, and always exercised a beneficent influence upon public opinion, and doing his share in moulding his fellow-citizens so as to fit them to make the best of the means and opportunities at their hands. Descended from an ancient Irish stock—a race of kings in their day—the O'Connor Don was born in Dublin on May 7, 1838. His father, Denis O'Connor Don, was, like himself, a country gentleman who took in his time a prominent part in public affairs. He had been a member of Parliament for the County of Roscommon in the early part of the last century, and took a part with Daniel O'Connell in the agitation for Catholic Emancipation. So far back as 1860 the gentleman just deceased was elected member of Parliament for the County Sligo, and he occupied that position until the general election of 1880, when the Parnell movement, then in its infancy, began to subvert the established order of matters political in Ireland. He contested the seat for the County Wexford in 1883, and failed, because he could not go the length that popular feeling at that time required. Although the O'Connor Don had not been in Parliament for the past quarter of a century, he took an active and a useful part in the public life of the country. He was a large landowner in the counties of Roscommon and Sligo. The O'Connor Don's relations with his tenantry were of the most harmonious character, and even those who differed from him politically held high opinions regarding his sincerity and patriotism.

Mishap in a Church

During the celebration of eight o'clock Mass at Dungan Catholic Church, County Roscommon, on Sunday, July 1, the ceiling collapsed, injuring about forty people, including some constabulary who were present and went to the assistance of those in danger. Some of the congregation were seriously injured, and had to be conveyed to Carrick-on-Shannon Infirmary, where their wounds were attended to.

TYRONE—A Centenarian

Mr. John Donaghey, a farmer who lived near Carrickmore, County Tyrone, died the other day at the age of 100 years. He had five children living, with 23 grand-children and six great-grand-children.

WATERFORD—Death of a Dean

The Very Rev. Dean M'Donnell, P.P., V.G., Clonmel, died on July 1. The deceased Dean, who was aged 76 years, was a native of Tallow, County Waterford. He went from St. John's College, Waterford, to Maynooth, where he had a distinguished course. Subsequently he occupied a professorial chair in St. John's College, after which he labored as a curate in various parishes in the diocese of Waterford and Lismore. Some ten years ago he was appointed pastor and Vicar-General of SS. Peter and Paul's, Clonmel, and subsequently Dean of the diocese. He was chairman of the committee of management of the lunatic asylum and of the technical instruction committee.

GENERAL

Irish Industries

It is stated that as a result of Dr. Douglas Hyde's visit to the United States it is proposed to invest American capital in the lace and wool industries of Ireland. It is thought that a market for Limerick lace for vestments can be created in the United States and supported by the clergy of Irish birth or Irish parentage.

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Messrs. Dwan Bros., hotel-brokers and land and estate agents, Willis street, Wellington, report having made the following sales of hotel properties:—Mr. J. H. Pagni's interest in the Oriental Hotel, Willis street, Wellington; Mr. Joseph Coady's interest in the Commonwealth Hotel, New Plymouth; Mrs. Caldwell's interest in the Pahautanui Hotel; Mr. F. P. Ross's interest in the Ship Hotel, Port Nelson; Mr. R. J. Paul's interest in the Globe Hotel, Renwicktown; Mr. Gleeson's interest in the Albion Hotel, Napier; Mr. J. H. Fairbairn's interest in the Railway Hotel, Johnsonville; Mr. W. Hales's Hotel, Herbertville; also the interest of Mrs. Fuller in the lease of the Black Horse Hotel, Lincoln Road, Christchurch, to a local buyer.

People We Hear About

The death is reported of Mrs. Craigie (John Oliver Hobbes) the well-known novelist and dramatist. The deceased, like those other lady novelists, Lucas Malet (formerly Miss Kingsley) and Adeline Sargent, was a convert to the Catholic Church.

Apropos of a great fight which is going on in the House of Lords over the Earldom of Norfolk, the 'Daily Chronicle' says:—There is no money nor lands attaching to it—nothing but empty title; but the antagonists are very much in earnest. The Earldom is held at the present time by the Duke of Norfolk. It is claimed by a fellow-Catholic, Baron Mowbray, Segrave and Stourton. Curiously enough, both he and the duke have married into Lord Herries's family. The present fight is only a continuation of a struggle for the resuscitation of honors which was begun by the present peer's father almost thirty years ago, when he was simply Lord Stourton.

The death has occurred of the Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt, uncle of President Roosevelt, who had been for many years a well-known lawyer of New York. On giving up the practice of the law about thirty years ago, he turned his attention to literature. His wife, who predeceased him, was a daughter of Mr. John O'Shea, for a long period editor of the Nenagh (County Tipperary) 'Guardian,' and niece of Mr. Peter E. Gill, editor of the 'Tipperary Advocate.' Her distinguished brother, Mr. John Augustus O'Shea, who was correspondent for the London 'Standard' in the Franco-Prussian, Carlist, and other famous wars, died recently in London.

It is strange, writes an antiquarian correspondent, that the title of the late O'Connor Don was almost invariably written as 'The O'Connor Don,' whereas the correct form should be 'O'Connor Don.' The error arose from a confusion of ideas as to the affix 'Don,' several eminent scholars holding that it was the distinguishing adjective of one branch of the O'Connor family as opposed to 'Roe.' Certainly Turlogh Ruadh O'Connor, grandson of King Felim O'Connor, was called 'O'Connor Roe,' from the color of his hair, but in the case of his rival and namesake, Turlogh, the affix 'Don' had no such significance. In 1385 we meet with the name 'O'Connor Don' for the first time, and ever since the head of the family has uniformly been styled 'O'Connor Don.' Alexander, O'Connor Don, died in 1820, and with him ended the descent in the male line of Hugh Og O'Connor of Castlereagh. The headship of the family then devolved on Owen O'Connor of Belanagare, who had previously acquired the Clonalis estate, and whose death occurred in June, 1831. Denis O'Connor Don died in 1847, and was succeeded in the title and estates by his eldest son, Charles Owen, the late O'Connor Don.

Money can purchase many things but not wealth. Therefore the man who enjoys good health, even though poor, is far better off than the millionaire without health. Mr. Rockefeller, for instance, is worth an enormous sum, and his income is £6,000,000 a year. We are told that since 1891 he has been so delicate that it is impossible for him to eat a hearty meal. On his estate of 2000 acres in the Pocantico hills he often works for days at a time in the fields, hoping to regain his strength, but thus far his efforts have been in vain. After a day of exercise he sits down to a supper of crackers and skimmed milk, which is served at a temperature of 38 2-5 degrees, for nothing may pass his lips at a temperature lower than blood heat. Ice has been for years a forbidden luxury for him. Mr. Rockefeller must walk every day, whether he wants to or not. He often walks from his home, in Fifty-fourth street, New York, to his office, 26 Broadway. He cannot smoke cigars, drink wines or liquors, drive his fast horses or sail in his fine yacht. Anyone of these pastimes would upset him and make him sick for months.

The Rev. Fathers J. McCarthy, of Clifton Hill, Melbourne, and L. Martin, of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, have just returned from a three months' trip to China and Japan.

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