

dresses that New Plymouth has ever heard—that delivered by Mr. J. Devlin, M.P., the envoy of the Irish National Party, on the text, 'Home Rule for Ireland.' His Worship the Mayor presided, and there were also on the platform Messrs. E. M. Smith, M.H.R., W. T. Jennings, M.H.R., Very Rev. Dean McKenna, Rev. Father McManus, Rev. H. Bradbury, Dr. McClelland, Messrs. J. H. Parker, L. M. Monteath, J. J. Sullivan, and Buckley. The speaker was introduced by his Worship the Mayor, who made some interesting remarks on the movement in favor of Ireland's self-government. It was fortunate for Ireland and for the best interests of her people that with education had come the policy of appealing to reason, making this a constitutional movement, and avoiding all those revolutionary agitations that for so many years had retarded the growth of the Home Rule sentiment. He had always been a Home Ruler, and he was proud of the advance made towards the emancipation of Ireland and the granting of freedom to manage her own affairs. He referred to the Irish land laws recently passed to enable the Irish tenantry to obtain possession of the land they cultivated. Home Rule, he claimed, would soon bring Ireland on to even terms with those countries which had obtained such a great lead from her commercially and industrially.

At the conclusion of Mr. Devlin's address, which was mainly on the lines of those delivered elsewhere, Mr. W. T. Jennings moved—'That this meeting, after hearing Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P. for West Belfast, is of opinion that the granting of self-government for Ireland would result, as has been proved in Australia, New Zealand, and Canada, in strengthening the bonds of and consolidating the Empire.'

The Rev. Bradbury seconded; and Mr. E. M. Smith and Dr. McClelland also spoke briefly.

The motion was carried amidst cheering.

Mr. Devlin, in rising to return thanks to the meeting, and to move a vote of thanks to the chair, was loudly cheered, and the meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Mr. D. McKinnon Bain's orchestra played a programme of Irish music during the evening.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. and Mrs. D. O'Brien invited Mr. Devlin with the members of the committee and friends, to a supper in the Criterion Hotel. Mr. W. T. Jennings, M.H.R., occupied the head of the table, and first called upon the Rev. H. Bradbury to propose the toast of the committee who had brought the meeting to such a successful issue. Dr. McClelland returned thanks on behalf of the committee. Mr. Devlin, in well-chosen words, proposed the toast of the host and hostess for their magnificent hospitality and the excellent supper they had provided. Mr. O'Brien responded. Mr. W. G. Malone proposed 'Home Rule for Ireland,' coupled with the name of Mr. Devlin. Mr. W. Kerr also spoke on the subject, and was the means of calling forth a most feeling and sympathetic reply from Mr. Devlin. A most enjoyable gathering was brought to a close with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

LAWRENCE:

Mr. Donovan addressed his second meeting in New Zealand in the Town Hall, Lawrence, on Wednesday evening of last week. The attendance (says the 'Tuapeka Times') was large, all classes and creeds being represented. The chair was occupied by the Mayor (Mr. J. B. McKinlay), and on the platform were the Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, the Rev. Father Lynch, and Messrs. P. M'Inerney (chairman Tuapeka County Council), J. K. Simpson, and M. O'Connell.

The Chairman, in introducing Mr. Donovan, said it was hardly necessary for him to explain the object of their meeting. Mr. Donovan had come to them from across the ocean to speak to them on an interesting subject—whether they were favorably or otherwise disposed to it—viz., Home Rule for Ireland, and he felt sure he would receive a good reception.

Mr. Donovan's speech was received with marked attention, and was frequently applauded, and at its close the Chairman announced that an opportunity would now be given to those who wished to give material assistance to the cause, and this was freely availed of, upwards of £70 was collected.

Mr. J. K. Simpson moved: 'That this meeting heartily welcomes Mr. Donovan and approves of the principle of self-government as being the right of the people and tending to strengthen the bonds of the Empire, as well as contribute to the freedom and happiness of the people of Ireland.' In speaking to the motion he said he did not think anyone who had enjoyed the privilege of living in a country like New Zealand, with its free institutions, would deny the same privilege to the people of Ireland, and he felt that

the time was not far distant when the people of that country, who had suffered great hardships, would be granted this great boon.

Mr. M'Inerney seconded the motion, with the remark that he believed all present who came to the meeting opposed to Home Rulers were now converted by the eloquent address delivered by Mr. Donovan.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

A motion of thanks to Mr. Donovan for his interesting address was moved by Mr. W. F. Smyth, seconded by the Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, and carried by acclamation.

Mr. Donovan gracefully acknowledged the compliment, and moved a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for the able manner in which he had presided over the meeting.

WELLINGTON.

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

January 14.

The social gathering tendered on Saturday evening to the Irish envoy, Mr. Devlin, by the supporters of the Home Rule movement, was a most enthusiastic one and a fitting tribute to the personal devotion of the delegate and to the popularity of the mission on which he has entered. Supper tables were laid in the concert chamber of the Town Hall, but the seating accommodation was altogether insufficient for the numbers that attended. Music in harmony with the nature of the function was discoursed by a fine string band, under the direction of Mr. W. McLaughlin. Patriotic songs were contributed by Misses McKay and Hamilton, and Messrs. Foote and Carr, and Master Foote.

The toast of His Majesty the King having been duly honored, the chairman (Mr. Martin Kennedy) referred to the object of the gathering as a desire to show their appreciation of Mr. Devlin's services in the cause of Ireland, and their hearty sympathy with the Home Rule movement. The newspapers were speaking of a split in the Irish party, but there was no split at all. A few persons had left the party because they could not get things all their own way.

The Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., then proposed the toast of 'Ireland a nation.' He said no words of his were needed to induce Irishmen to honor such a toast. Ireland had been a nation from the beginning, and with God's blessing would be a nation to the end. He outlined the history of the desire for self-government and said that Ireland did not want to be separated from England; all that she asked was that her own domestic troubles and annoyances should be settled on College Green. The toast, proposed and honored amidst great enthusiasm, was fittingly acknowledged by Mr. J. Carey Fitzgerald.

The toast of 'Our Guest' was proposed by Mr. P. J. O'Regan, who referred to Mr. Devlin as a highly distinguished Irishman and a member of a party which had nobly fought, not only for national freedom, but also for the amelioration of the conditions of human life. The toast was drunk with musical honors.

Messrs. John Hutcheson and D. McLaren also spoke in eulogistic terms of the justice of Ireland's demand, the great sacrifices made by the Irish party, and the good work done by the Irish members in bettering the conditions of the workers of the Home lands.

Mr. Devlin, on rising to respond, received a fine ovation. He was profoundly grateful for the warmth and enthusiasm with which the toast had been honored. He took it not as a personal tribute to himself, but as a tribute to the party of which he was a member. There was a recent incident which had been cabled out with wonderful skill and ingenuity, and it was regarded as a serious matter. But what was the extent of it? One Irish member left the party about three years ago, because he differed from his colleagues, and since then he had attacked the party. That was simply a case of one man falling from the ranks; but the great army remained and was still carrying on the work for which it was called into existence. (Applause.) He had come out here to ask the people of New Zealand to assist the Irish party. (Cheers, and a voice: 'So we will'), because it was a united party, and as long as eighty-three members of Parliament remained bound under one authorized leader, the people of New Zealand might trust the cause of Irish nationality in their hands. He thanked the people of New Zealand for their personal kindnesses and for their splendid assistance.

Other toasts honored were 'The Land we Live in' and 'The Chairman.' Mr. Devlin spoke for nearly an hour.

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