

CARDINAL MORAN IN AUCKLAND

HIS EMINENCE RECEIVES AN ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

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His Eminence Cardinal Moran arrived in Auckland on Sunday evening. The 'Manuka,' by which he travelled from Sydney, was detained on the coast by a dense smoke blown off the land from the bush fires in the North. The vessel anchored in the harbor at five o'clock, and was berthed at a quarter past seven. Two steamers, which met it outside, conveyed large numbers of people to welcome his Eminence. On board the steamers were his Grace Archbishop Redwood, his Lordship Bishop Lenihan, Monsignor O'Reilly, and nearly all the local clergy, also the Garrison Band. About 4 o'clock the 'Manuka' appeared out of the dense smoke, and immediately enthusiastic cheers were given as the Sydney steamer approached, and as the Cardinal and party were seen, renewed cheering took place. Accompanied by the escorts, the 'Manuka' steamed up the channel and around the Heads, and then for two hours she anchored, while medical inspection followed. After 7 o'clock she approached the wharf, upon which Archbishop Redwood, Bishop Lenihan, the clergy, the reception committee, and the members of the Auckland and Onehunga branches of the Hibernian Society formed up and, amidst Irish national airs from the Garrison Band, vociferous cheers were given, which were taken up by thousands of people outside the barriers and the top of the wharf. The greatest enthusiasm was displayed, and hats and handkerchiefs were waved on all sides. The scene was a memorable one. The first to board the steamer was Bishop Lenihan, with Archbishop Redwood and the Very Rev. Dean Gillan, V.G. Shortly afterwards Bishop Lenihan appeared on the gangway, followed by the Cardinal. Great cheers rent the air at the appearance of his Eminence, wearing his Cardinal's robes. His Lordship Bishop O'Connor, of Armidale, his Lordship Bishop Gallagher, of Goulburn, Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran, and Fathers Rohan (2), Kirby, and Grenning, of the Cardinal's party, followed. The Hibernians were drawn up in two lines, through which his Eminence passed to his carriage, in which he was joined by Archbishop Redwood, Bishop Lenihan, and Monsignor O'Haran. At this point the crowd broke through the barrier, and swarmed around the carriage, eager to see and cheer the venerable prince of the Church. With difficulty the carriage, drawn by four fine greys, moved slowly off through the enthusiastic, densely packed, and cheering throng. On leaving the wharf, mounted constables had some difficulty to clear a passage for the carriage containing his Eminence. The second carriage contained Bishops O'Connor, Gallagher, Monsignor O'Reilly, and Dean Gillan; and the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth bore visiting and local priests. Then came the Marist Brothers, the representatives of the laity, the Hibernian District officers, the reception committee, and private carriages—making in all a grand procession of thirty-eight carriages. By this time night had fallen and the effect of the long and brilliant cavalcade, and of the orderly and enthusiastic crowds, was most inspiring. All along the route to the episcopal palace, the footpaths were lined with people, and loud encomiums were passed on the admirable manner in which the great demonstration had been arranged and marshalled.

Meanwhile on the lawn before the palace many hundreds of people had congregated. Bishop Lenihan addressed the assembly from the palace steps, and heartily welcomed the Cardinal to Auckland. He said that he, his priests, and his people were profoundly grateful to the Cardinal for his visit amongst them. They all knew what a busy life his Eminence led, and the cares and anxieties attached to the great archdiocese of Sydney, over which he ruled. Yet at the Cardinal's time of life, when rest was needed after a zealous campaign, he put all that aside to show in what esteem he held the people of Auckland. They were proud to have in their midst so eminent a prince of the Church, and he welcomed him once more on behalf of the priests and people of Auckland.

His Eminence then stepped forward, amidst loud cheers, and said:—My Lord, I have to thank you and your priests and people for the enthusiastic reception you have accorded to us. I feel very sorry that the late arrival of our steamer somewhat interfered with the arrangements you had made for our reception. This could not be avoided. However, the manner in which you received us was most gratifying. As I shall have

further opportunities, before I return home, to speak to you at length, I shall not detain you to-night, as I learn that you have been waiting throughout the afternoon to receive us, and you must therefore be anxious to return to your homes. I thank you again for the heartiness and kindness which you have so unmistakably shown to us this afternoon.

An Impressive Scene

followed; the people knelt on the green sward and, with bent heads, prepared to receive the Cardinal's blessing. A moment of stillness ensued, and then in a clear voice the venerable Prelate, with hands raised in benediction, sang the 'Sit nomen Domini benedictum.' The assemblage chanted the response, and the solemn blessing of the people followed. The spectator was held spell-bound, and not until the people had risen to their feet and commenced to cheer, did he realise that the benediction was finished. Cheer upon cheer was given for the Cardinal, and further cheers were given for Bishop Lenihan, the visiting Prelates, and the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran. The Cardinal then bade the people good-night, whereupon the gathering dispersed.

During Monday his Eminence visited the Cathedral, and several ecclesiastical institutions, with which he was greatly pleased.

On Monday evening the Cardinal opened

The Dominion Fair,

which was packed to the doors. His Eminence was accompanied by Archbishop Redwood, Bishops Lenihan and O'Connor, the Mayor and Mayoress, and the local clergy. It was a brilliant scene. As his Eminence entered the hall the whole assemblage rose and cheered lustily, the band playing Irish national airs. When all were seated, Bishop Lenihan, who was received with loud applause, said that he had much pleasure, on behalf of the diocese, in extending a hearty welcome to Cardinal Moran, who had come such a long distance and at much personal inconvenience to assist and encourage them in the good work upon which they were entering (applause). His Eminence had come to Auckland primarily for the purpose of taking part in the dedication ceremony at the Cathedral on Sunday, but, hearing of the Dominion Festival, he had graciously consented to be present and to declare it open (applause). His Lordship also expressed his recognition of the kindness of the Mayor and Mayoress in being present, and he said they were always ready to give them assistance in every possible way (applause). He also expressed appreciation of the good work done by the committee, and he specially commended their wisdom in securing the services of Signor Borzoni in arranging the grand display in connection with the festival. His Lordship then called upon Cardinal Moran to open the festival.

The Cardinal's Address.

His Eminence the Cardinal, who was received with cheers and applause, thanked the Bishop for his kind invitation to be present to witness such a fine spectacular display. On his previous visit, some 22 years ago, it had been his privilege to open a grand fair held for a similar purpose, and he remembered with pleasure how, on that occasion, citizens of every class and denomination co-operated in making the function a success. He therefore had no fear but that the same co-operation would be forthcoming to ensure similar success on the present occasion (applause). He congratulated the citizens of Auckland on the marvellous change that had taken place in the city and in New Zealand since his last visit. There had been a great change in many respects, but the principal was the transition of the country from the position of an ordinary colony to that of an integral part of the Empire, in a development that had fully earned for it the title of Dominion (applause). When that designation was conferred upon New Zealand the people of Australia were unanimous in the opinion that the distinction was well deserved (applause). New Zealand had been blessed by every prosperity—a result due to a democracy guided by enlightened statesmen. During the past there had been a great development, not only in their social orders but also in their religious orders. When he was last in Auckland, their churches, schools, and convents were in the first stage of development, now they had attained their full growth, and were spreading around the many blessings attendant upon such a development (applause). Referring to St. Patrick's Cathedral, which he had visited that day, his Eminence said that it was now complete in all its details, and it was a fine structure, well worthy of the sacred purpose to which it was devoted. Cathedrals had useful functions beyond the religious purposes for which they were built, and as an embodiment of the sentiments of true enlightenment and patriotism, as well as of religion, they set before them the highest

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