

entered Maynooth College in 1867 and was ordained in 1872. After his ordination he was appointed to several curacies in the diocese of Meath. He was successively parish priest of Eglisli, King's County; Taghmon, Westmeath; and Ballymore, to which important parish he was appointed about five years ago.

### GENERAL

#### Old Age Pensions

In reply to a question put in the House of Commons by Mr. J. Devlin, the Prime Minister stated that the number of persons in Ireland of 70 years of age and upwards is 173,359, and that the number who would be qualified for pensions is 87,585.

#### A Visit to America

The important announcement is made that the bi-annual Convention of the U.I.L. of America will be held at Boston, Mass., on September 22 and 23. At the urgent request of the Executive Council of America, Mr. J. E. Redmond, M.P., Chairman of the Irish Party, and Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., have consented to attend.

#### Irish Trade

According to the annual report of the Department of Agriculture, the total import and export trade of Ireland for 1906 was £111,963,896, the latter exceeding the former by about three-quarters of a million sterling. After dealing with various aspects of the Irish trade, the report goes on to say: In 1900 the Irish export of all classes of live stock was much larger than the imports from any other country into the United Kingdom. In this connection it is worthy of note that the export of horses from Ireland amounted to 33,896, and if from this figure is deducted even the total number of horses imported into Ireland, there remains a net export of 28,790 horses. The total number of horses imported into the United Kingdom from all foreign and colonial countries amounted in 1906 to 17,848, of which 11,665 came from Russia. Again, in the case of cattle the number exported from Ireland to Great Britain was 776,281, while the total import from foreign and colonial countries into the United Kingdom amounted to 561,215, of which number 398,887 came from the United States and 160,689 from Canada. But the total annual value of the import of foreign and colonial cattle which are all ready for killing is greater than that of the Irish export. The Irish export of butter to Great Britain was the second largest in quantity and value, the import from Denmark being first, and that from Russia third. Irish eggs were the second largest quantity and the largest value imported into Great Britain, a larger quantity coming from Russia, but the total value being lower than that of the Irish eggs. The export of poultry from Ireland was much greater than that from any other country into the United Kingdom. Ireland exported to Great Britain poultry to the value of £725,441, while the highest imports from other countries to the United Kingdom were—From America, £243,750; France, £203,714; Belgium, £194,978; and Russia, £185,635. As regards bacon and hams, the Irish export was fourth on the list, the largest quantities coming from the United States of America, Denmark having the second, and Canada the third place.

#### The All-Red Route and Ireland

Dr. Ambrose, M.P., writing with reference to interviews given by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, President of the Canadian-Pacific Railway Company, to the 'London Press,' takes exception to his statements that fast boats do not pay and are unpopular, and that the idea of including Ireland in the All-Red or All-British route is not advisable. In regard to the second point, the writer observes that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, who speaks of the difficulties of transshipment before final embarkation, has been told over and over again that it is intended to put passengers and mails into the train at London and take them without a change to Blacksod Bay, the final port of embarkation.

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## People We Hear About

The Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Coadjutor-Archbishop of Sydney, will be presented with an address by the New Ross Urban Council, on the occasion of his forthcoming visit to his native town.

Lord Knollys forwarded to Miss Florence Nightingale, who attained her 88th birthday on May 12 last, a gracious message of congratulation and good wishes from the King and the Queen.

Lord Acton, who was attached to President Fallieres during his visit to England, is the most polyglot of peers. He is as familiar with French as he is with German, Italian, and Dutch. His mother was the Countess Marie Arco Valley, of Bavaria.

The prize of £25 offered by the Technical Education authorities in England for an essay on technical education, without any limitations of nationality or domicile, has been won by Mr. J. Ryan, D.Sc., Superintendent Adviser of the Technical Education Committee, Dublin.

There are six British ex-Ministers now in receipt of pensions under 'The Imperial Political Offices Pension Act, 1869':—Viscount Cross, £2000; Lord George Hamilton, £2000; Mr. H. Chaplin, M.P., £1200; Sir John Gorst, £1200; Lord Balfour of Burleigh, £1200; and Mr. Gerald Balfour, £1200.

Of the people to whom old-age pensions were granted in New Zealand last year 790 were English, 364 Irish, 325 Scotch, 23 New Zealand born, 13 Welsh, and 80 Maori. Of the total number of male pensioners now on the roll there are 3353 laborers, 1071 miners, 463 farmers, 284 gardeners, 276 carpenters, 240 gum-diggers, and 107 bootmakers. The females include 5151 whose occupation is termed domestic duties, whilst there are 158 nurses, 58 laundresses, 41 charwomen, 35 needlewomen, 28 dress-makers, 17 cooks, and 13 washerwomen.

Mr. William J. Bryan, who has been chosen Democratic candidate for the Presidency of the United States, in an address to the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Washington, D.C., paid a high tribute to the Irish race and to the Catholics for the part they have played in the affairs of the world. He said that he had Irish blood in his veins, and that he was proud of it. 'I am satisfied,' he said, 'that no single strain of blood has been of greater value to the American people than that strain which comes from the Emerald Isle.'

Mr. Cornelius Denis O'Sullivan (generally known as Denis O'Sullivan), of San Francisco, the well-known Irish tenor and actor, who died on February 1, aged 39 years, left estate valued at £20,984, of which £20,000 is real and personal estate in California, and £984 estate in the United Kingdom. Probate of his will, dated September 17, 1902, has been granted to his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Curtis O'Sullivan, the sole executrix to whom he left the whole of his property, absolutely, declaring that he made no provision for his children, knowing that his wife would make due and adequate provision for them.

Mr. George Wolfe, who as a kinsman of General Wolfe, the hero of Quebec, will be present as a representative of his family at the Quebec Tercentenary this week, is of an ancient family and large estate in Kildare. He is a lineal descendant of the Theobald Wolfe from whom Theobald Wolfe Tone was named. He is, moreover, the nearest living relative of Arthur Wolfe, who as Lord Kilwarden and Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, made the famous protest in Wolfe Tone's case against the overriding of the decisions of civil courts by arbitrary military tribunals.

As we were informed by cable at the time, the Duchess of Norfolk gave birth to a son and heir at Arundel Castle on Saturday, May 30. The baptism of the infant Earl of Arundel took place on Monday afternoon in the private chapel of Arundel Castle. The Archbishop of Westminster officiated, and among the many clergy present were Rev. A. McCall, the Duke of Norfolk's chaplain, and Father Bernard Vaughan. The godfather was Lord Edmund Talbot, M.P., and the godmother Hon. Mrs. Eric Drummond, Duchess of Norfolk's sister. The child was given the name of Bernard Marmaduke. After the ceremony the Duke received his guests in the great hall of the Castle, where the Earl's health was drunk, on the proposition of one of the oldest tenants on the estate. The Mayor of Arundel proposed the health of Lord Edmund Talbot. The Duke of Norfolk received congratulations from King Edward and the King of Spain.