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FIGHTING HAS BEEN RESUMED

Buller Has Had an Important Battle.

LOSSES LIGHT, BOER ARTILLERY SUFFERED HEAVILY

Commandant Olivier Captured—A Leading Man of the Boers.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.] LONDON, Aug. 28.—During Buller's recent attack, according to the Daily Mail's correspondent, the Boers lost heavily. Half of the gunners of the Palhel commando were killed, as well as its commander, Commandant Van Dalwig, cousin of Herr Krupp.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—Wiring from Belfast, Lord Roberts says: "Our casualties yesterday (Sunday) were wonderfully few considering the heavy firing and the number of hours we were engaged. Buller estimates his as two killed and twenty four wounded. His troops had to bivouac where they stopped after darkness fell, and accurate returns are as yet impossible. The casualties of the force operating north of Belfast were three killed and 34 wounded."

Roberts' despatch, announcing the capture of Olivier in an attack which the Boers made from three sides on Wynburg, adds that General Olivier was the leading spirit among the Boers in the southeast portion of the Orange River Colony during the war.

LONDON, August 28.—A despatch from Pretoria, dated August 27, says: "It is stated that fighting with Botha's commandoes was resumed this morning. The Boer lines are broken and the enemy is falling back. British casualties are reported considerable."

REPORTED DEFEAT OF ALLIED TROOPS

In a Battle in Peking City

EIGHTEEN HUNDRED CASUALTIES, MOSTLY RUSSIANS.

Chinese in Fortified Positions Bombarding the Allies.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.] PARIS, August 28.—A special despatch to La Seigle from St. Petersburg says: "It is persistently rumoured in St. Petersburg that the Russian Government has received a despatch, asserting that after a fierce battle inside Peking the Allies retreated, losing one thousand eight hundred men, mostly Russians. It is further said that the Chinese occupied fortified positions from which they are bombarding the allies in a murderous manner."

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Eloquent Oration by Mr. Geo. V. McInerney, M. P.

Able Speeches by Senator Ferguson and Messrs. Martin, Macdonald and Others.

The weather conditions yesterday were highly favorable for the Whelan Demonstration, and the managing committee prepared an excellent literary and athletic programme,—but the attendance did not come up to expectation. Those who were fortunate enough to be present passed a pleasant afternoon and thoroughly appreciated the programme provided for their delectation.

The speech of Mr McInerney was a masterpiece of oratory, and was followed with the closest attention throughout and frequently punctuated by applause. The synopsis of it which we are able to publish today gives only a slight idea of its worth. Able speeches were also made by Senator Ferguson, Mr S Stewart, Mr Martin and others.

The speeches were delivered from a special stand erected for the purpose. On the stand, in addition to the speakers, and others was seated Mrs. Whelan, the widow of the statesman to perpetuate whose memory the demonstration was held.

It was about three o'clock when ex Governor Howland opened the proceedings in a short speech. He expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to be chairman of such a meeting, and regretted that his health would not admit of his speaking at more length in reference to the late lamented Edward Whelan. When he was a boy he first knew Whelan. He also knew him in his more advanced years. Whelan had many rare gifts. He was an able writer and an eloquent speaker. Indeed, he never listened to a more polished speaker. If Whelan had gone to Ottawa he would be second only to D'Arcy McGee. Whelan had done much for the Island Province, and it was fitting that the people whom he had benefited, and their descendants, should perpetuate his memory in enduring marble. He welcomed all to the gathering, and concluded by introducing Mr. Geo. V. McInerney, M. P., who kindly came over from New Brunswick to speak on this occasion.

MR. MCINERNEY, M. P.

Mr. McInerney, on coming forward, was received with applause. At the outset he asked permission to tender his heartfelt thanks to the committee having charge of the celebration for the cordial invitation and the admirable opportunity afforded him of being privileged to say a few words on this memorable occasion. It was, he admitted, with some feeling of sacrifice that when the tocsin of political strife was sounding he agreed to quit the glorious field of battle in his own county and accepted the call to come here and take part in this vastly different but much more pleasurable reunion. The chief consideration that weighed upon him was that he was here to enjoy with the people whom he saw about him the glorious privilege of inaugurating a movement having for its object the raising of a monument to one of Canada's greatest men. His visit had been amply repaid by the hospitality extended to him since he came. He found the people prosperous and happy. It is about twenty years since he last visited the Island province—and he was pleased to observe that great changes had taken place—that it had gone ahead by leaps and bounds.

Edward Whelan was one of the greatest men that ever trod the soil of your fair province, said Mr. McInerney, and when the Canadian Pantheon shall have been raised Whelan's place will be second to none. You might plough your city streets, sow your fields with salt and tumble your public buildings into the Northumberland Straits and you would still be rich in the memories of the great men you have produced on this Island. "A nation's greatness lies in men not acres; One master mind is worth a million hands. No royal robes have marked the planet-shakers, But Samson-strength to burst the ages' bands."

The might of Empire gives no crown supernatural: Athens is here—but where is Macedon? A dozen lines make Greece and Rome eternal, And England's fame might safely rest on one."

It is true that Edward Whelan was "not native here or to the manner born," but in the breadth of his intelligence and the maturity of his intellect he was really a product of the conditions which obtained on this Island. He was born in the County Mayo, in Ireland, in 1824. He never knew Whelan but felt certain that the hills and hollows of his native country had laid the lines of beauty on his eyes and soul.

It was young Whelan's privilege to live at a time when O'Connell was in the zenith of his fame and the acme of his power and his youthful mind must have often been stirred by the eloquence of the liberator. O'Connell died in 1847. Curran and Grattan both died before Whelan was born. But in the schools of his native country there still hung the charm of the immortal speeches of Sheridan and Burke and the poetic grace of Goldsmith and Moore. Not only in English speech and English song has Ireland contributed to English fame, but in the rudiments of war she has been generous to the bounds of prodigality. She has given the Iron Duke, and later Wolsley, French, Kelly-Kenny, Kitchener and "Bobs."

At an early age Whelan came to Halifax, and was apprenticed to Joseph Howe in the office of the Nova Scotian newspaper. Striving events were transpiring in Canada then. There was the fight for Responsible Government in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. When the fight for Responsible Government began in Prince Edward Island Hon. Joseph Howe was asked to recommend a man for editor of the Palladium. Howe recommended Whelan, and at the age of nineteen he landed in Charlottetown and entered upon his editorial duties. This was in 1843. In 1846 he became editor of the Morning News. There is on this platform today, said Mr. McInerney, a gentleman who was present at St. Peter's when Whelan was nominated for that constituency. That gentleman is Mr. J. C. Underhay. Mr. Underhay was then a boy of sixteen. On the 14th of August, 1846, when twenty-two years of age, Whelan was elected as representative of the Second District of King's in the House of Assembly. Two years previously Sir John A. Macdonald was first elected for Kingston. Canada was at that time a few scattered provinces. The population was only a million and a-half. The total external trade was only thirty-three millions. There were then only sixteen miles of railway.

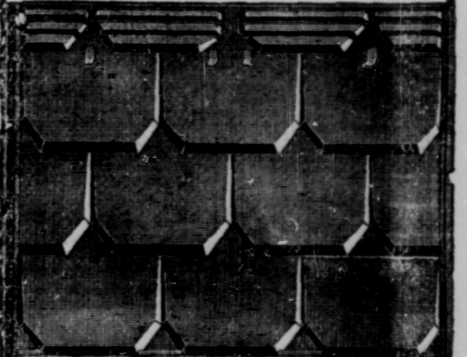
Whelan became editor of the Reporter in 1847, and in August of the same year he assumed the editorial chair of THE EXAMINER. In 1851 the first Responsible Government was established in this province with George Coles as Leader and Whelan as Queen's printer. Whelan's life was a busy one. Besides attending to his editorial work and his parliamentary duties he found time to deliver several lectures, his lectures on "Shakespeare" and "Eloquence as an Art" ranking with the best efforts in that line. Whelan's speeches in Parliament were not numerous; but when he did speak he exhibited a breadth of intellect and a grasp of subject that was remarkable. His speeches on responsible government, free education, the franchise, the land question, the patriotic fund and other burning questions were models of strength and eloquence. His speech on the patriotic fund, in 1854, was, perhaps, the best of his efforts. Whelan was a most ardent advocate of the principles of Confederation. But many of his co-religionists were opposed to Confederation, and Whelan was defeated. His last speech in Parliament was made on the 8th May, 1866, and was in favor of Confederation. At that time he said that within five years the provinces would be

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