

THE BELFAST TRADES AND THE  
CORK EXHIBITION.

A SPECIAL meeting of the United Trades Council of Belfast was held on Saturday evening in the Hall, College-street, for the purpose of receiving Messrs. Jolly and M'Carthy, deputation from the Cork Industrial Exhibition Committee, and president and secretary respectively of the United Trades Association of Munster. The president, Mr. Mitchell, occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of delegates. After the meeting was constituted the deputation was introduced by the secretary, Mr. Bowman. The members of the council gave to them a most hearty reception. The president, having bade them welcome to Belfast, asked the deputation to "tell their own story," which they did in eloquent and well-chosen terms, dilating on the necessity of a closer union amongst the industrial classes in the interest of our common country, and congratulating themselves on the erection in this Exhibition of a platform sufficiently broad for men of all shades of religion and political thought who have an interest in perpetuating old and in developing new industries for Ireland to meet upon. Able and interesting speeches in this same vein were made by Messrs. Robinson (shipcarpenter), Moran (lithographer), Savage (stonecutter), Murray (painter), Horan (flaxrougher), Agnew (mill-sawyer), Palmer (lithographer), M'Intosh (blacksmiths of Scotland), Workman and Bowman (flaxdresser). Afterwards meetings of the several trades were arranged for during the coming week. Messrs. Mitchell, M'Kee, and Bowman were appointed a deputation to wait on the Mayor, David Taylor, Esq., on Monday, in conjunction with the Cork deputation, in reference to the Exhibition. The meeting then adjourned.

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