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It has been said that Irish enmities are perpetuated because reland lives more by memory than by hope. And it is her past wrongs rather than her past glories that are mostly before her. The national emblem of Ireland has lost its significance. The harp has been exchanged for the shillelagh. An Ireland, harp in hand, might be persuaded to a life of peace and harmony even with an ancient foe. An Ireland, armed for offence, is beyond argument. If the modern Irishman would study the history of his harp it might teach him much. In the story of the old Crusade conducted by Godfrey of Boulogne we learn that "all the concert of Christendom in this war would have made no music if the Irish harp had been wanting."

Ireland has not been without her enthusiasts for national art and customs, and much that is valuable in the old harp music has been preserved. Perhaps in a new Ireland the harp will be heard once more. But meantime stark Fraction Mineral Claim, situate in there is little sign of revival. Its ning Division of Cassiar Dis- voice, one imagines, is too modthe northwest branch of est for the Sinn Feiner. The harp has allowed itself to become TAKE NOTICE that I, Wm. T. Kergin, genteel and sophisticated. In its 9475 C, acting as agent for best days it was the companion 18231 C, and for of the greatest, and was nowhere sixty days from the date more honored than in Ireland-Mining Recorder Irish composers go back as far as Crown Grant of the the fifth century, and the fame of and further take notice that the Irish school of harp playing 85, must be com- spread over all the world. The ce of such Cer- last appearance of the Irish harp-Dated this 10th day of April, A. D. 1918. ers was a curious one. On a day in July, 1792, there was a great MATERS PROTECTION ACT procession through the streets of Belfast, a review, a convention, and a banquet. The Irish Volunteers were celebrating the fall of the Bastille and declaring themselves in favor of Catholic Emancipation and the Rights of Man. . In the midst of all this political turmoil ten harpers, mostly old and blind, were gathered in the Exchange Rooms before a select and curious audience. They were the last custodians of the traditions of the Irish harpers, and had been drawn from all parts of the country by circular and advertisement with promise of honors and prizes. The festival was one of the most important 16th day events in the musical history of Ireland, for by its means Edward Bunting, musician and antiquar-I. A. Cleveland, Civil Engineer and jan, was able, as his friends said, "to restore a page in the history of man." Various societies were formed in Belfast, Dublin, and elsewhere to popularize the harp and preserve the new-found enthusiasm; and among widely scattered subscribers were Thos. Moore and Walter Scott. But after a few years the majority of the societies broke up from lack of funds. Bunting's volumes contain all that was valuable in the festival and its resulting activi-

> Bunting himself protested against the view that Irish music was plaintive, melancholy, and complaining, and "partook of our national feeling at the state of country." He noted that all the melodies of the harpers at the 1792 festival were played "with a great degree of animation, quite different from the common adopt-. . a spirited, animated, and highly lively style, which certainly and in truth accharacter of the Irish than the drawing, dead, doleful and dieaway manner in which our airs are played and sung to this day by our public performers." So Ireland requires not only to take down her harp, but to strike it to a manly measure. Irish music has been much in the moonlight, and tends to sentimental brooding. Inspired by hope the harp of Ireland may find its soul again in a new song.-G.H.

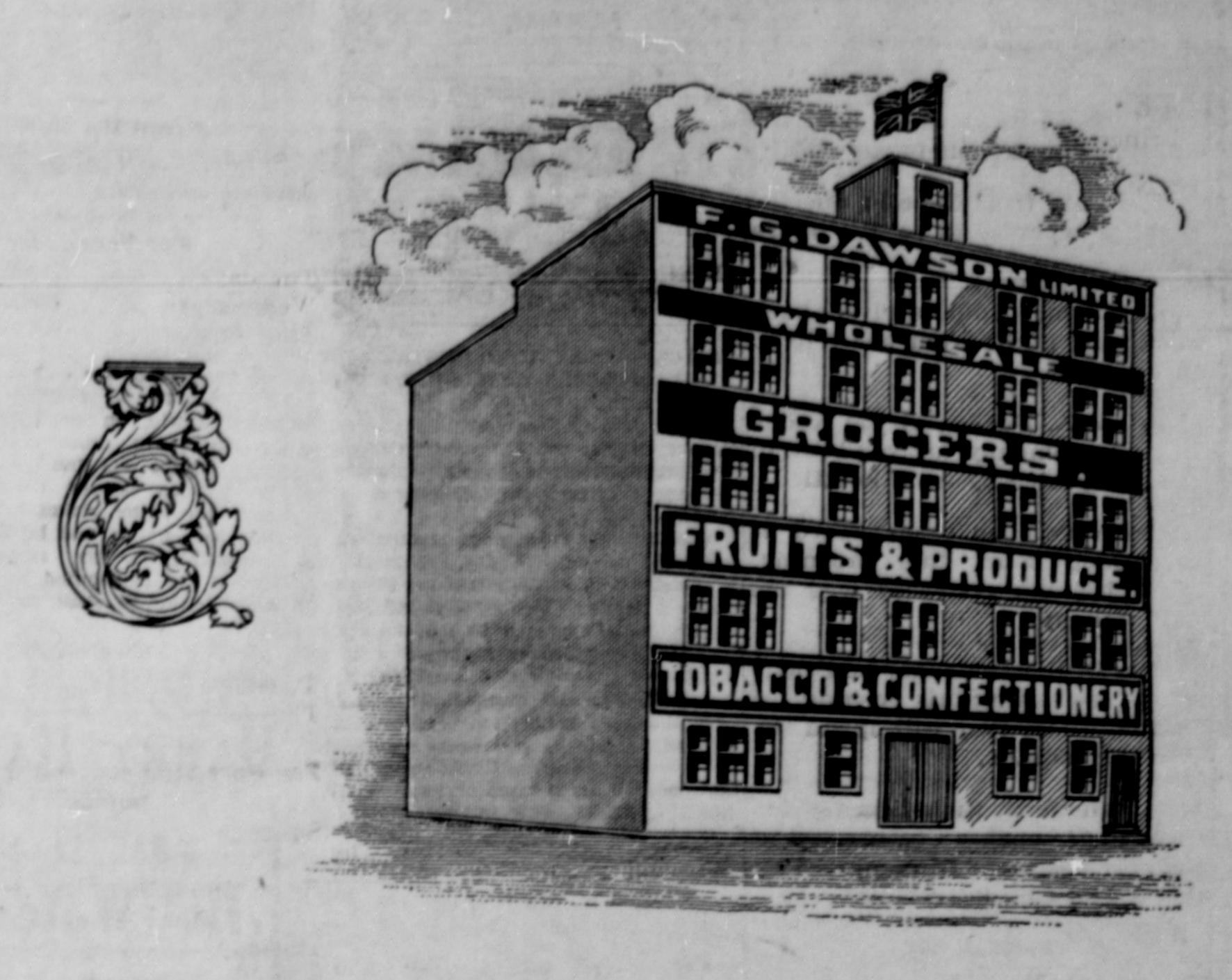
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