

I do not pretend that the language of this address altogether pleased the audience, but I would have preferred a more decided tone. But I state that historically only, not controversially, because I am well aware that the address was the work of Mr. Gairdner and his friends, of which they were better judges than I could be. Such as the address was, I supported it with all my might. I felt that it was a very gripping and interesting and in its passage, Mr. Gladstone did not think the question was at that time one of practical politics; but I believe that our action was one of the many forerunners of the realisation of the practical politics (here, and here, and applause); and I believe, that at any rate, it was well for Canada that she should show, as she did show, that she was not a mere colony, but a people which so closely touched the interests and the honor of the Empire, and the welfare of Canada herself. (Cheers.)

... the Irish masses obtained

popular representation of the Irish se-  
als, representative of the people, and  
not elected on the basis of public opinion  
it, he brought in the Bill, and gave  
visions of that Bill, which included the  
the Irish Free State, and the British  
liament, but Mr. Curran, in his  
terms upon which the Bill was  
referred should be the basis of the  
era of Home Rule, which should be  
general principle of the Government  
local Government, including the  
of the representative system, the  
question, nationalist, and the  
ance. The decision was, as they  
Unionists, but as I have heard  
experts hear, I am not at all  
at that time still in the  
I thought the only  
most important, and the  
most laid in the me-  
most accordingly  
Costigan, who had  
amended to Minis-  
amendment—not in  
my opinion, an  
was a little parti-  
brains; but he  
amendment. That  
voted for the pro-  
posed with the  
House, save only  
of them voted  
not because he  
Home Rule, but  
amended resolution  
to be framed  
plan from here,  
The other five I  
that reason, and I  
they belonged to  
I have referred  
other hand, I am  
premier himself, by  
with the majority  
of the House, I  
thus, by a pro-  
tation in the year  
affirmed our resolu-  
seconded Canadian  
in the same sense,  
given by four ye-  
fresh election, by  
and made three  
period, but on the  
debate, I took occasion  
of action on this  
you now so that  
was stated and  
supported since I  
“What is required  
one, but of all classes  
the people; not of  
the House, the  
Irish Catholic me-  
and English, Scotch  
wards and all  
I therefore speak,  
as a party leader,  
a citizen of the em-  
to follow citizens  
not a Protestant  
are enemies of the  
It should not  
events, a Conserv-  
I regard those who  
they would try to  
by our own  
selves united in  
the advancement  
of us, substantially  
not meeting their  
wished. But Mr.  
30 votes. The  
and the House  
beaten, by a small  
liamentary major-  
induced. Our  
has also discussed  
from the people  
and in England  
the Commons a re-  
performance by the  
already twice ex-  
ment for Ireland, or  
the friends of Coe-

There was a divi-  
property of mov-  
Mr. McNeill pro-  
declined to deal with  
and the expression  
as to Home Rule,  
an amendment, with  
affirmance, declined  
the Crimes Bill, and  
defeated by over 100  
Mr. Davin moved  
regret of the  
was considered  
measure for Ireland  
conviction, as ex-  
and said, that  
for Ireland, which  
the links connecting  
unlike and guard-  
would be conducive  
land and the Str-  
amendment Sir  
powerful support  
only 20 votes, with  
tens 128.  
that had pointed out  
movements with  
made in Mr. Cur-  
adopted, and his  
of Mr. F. B. O’  
majority is in the  
extent of the feel-  
Home Rule; for  
opposed only to  
Bill. But of the  
ity, no less than  
for Mr. Davin’s  
of Home Rule  
their continued  
Ireland; so that  
of unanimity in  
dian Houses in  
Now, what was  
as it relates to  
the House, I  
the former resolu-  
“The House agree  
that may specify  
substantial measure  
while satisfying  
the people of Ire-  
and also be con-  
the Empire as a  
Home Rule to Ir-  
the already glorio-  
his Majesty as a  
will come with  
his her jubilee ye-  
her Majesty, now  
already devoted  
These sanguine  
The jubilee year  
odious Crimes Bill  
Lord Salisbury to  
Home Rule lines  
The Irish people  
expectations, shown  
patience and  
Feelings born  
that of hope in  
of hope in the  
in the moral  
the world—restraint  
of the most  
necesses world of  
were determined  
not to be just an  
that British state-  
for we are look-  
were determined  
soo led and sustain-  
every point of  
British its pro-  
everything possible  
Then came the  
fault, and his  
and his enemies  
and his enemies  
ed. Thus, for  
ed. Thus, for  
ed. Thus, for