

THE IRISH QUESTION

St. Gabriel Branch of the Irish National Land League.

Lecture by J. D. Purcell, Esq., M.A., B.C.L.

St. Gabriel Academy was crowded Thursday evening on the occasion of the lecture delivered by Mr. Purcell on the "Irish Question," and under the auspices of the Irish National Land League.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen: I have always considered it to be the duty of every Irishman, and of the son of every Irishman, to assist any cause which may, either directly or indirectly, reflect credit on the time-honored race to which it is our proud distinction to belong.

country's welfare can they have, when they have no stake in the country, but find themselves toiling without hope in their native land, and see the proceeds of their toil going to support those who have made life a burden to them? A people so situated can find but little charm in life, and John Stuart Mill forcibly defined the position of the tenants when he said "that the Irish tenant was the only human being in existence who had nothing to gain by increased industry and nothing to lose by increased idleness."

IRISH CATHOLIC REPRESENTATION

MR. JOHN O'DONOHUE'S REPLY TO ALD. RYAN'S LETTER.

In last week's Irish Canadian Mr. John O'Donohue replied to the letter by Ald. Ryan on the above question in the previous issue of the same journal. After sketching the history of the "Catholic League," Mr. Donohue goes on to say:

"The leaders of Mr. Ryan's party promised by written pledges to secure Catholic representation in the House and in the Government, and even went so far as to point out the constituencies. The Conservatives, without any pledges, took warning lest they should lose the Catholic vote. Both parties on this occasion vied with each other as to which should bring out the larger number of Catholic candidates in the approaching elections.

love of justice, which is not monopolized by any one party, would forbid it, and though we may not have a large number of Irish Catholics in Parliament from Ontario I don't look on myself as being unrepresented, nor am I in the least dread of being worse used than my Protestant neighbour.

played to aid this great industry and to promote the welfare of the population engaged in it, during recent years. In Great Britain and other European countries, and also in the United States of America and in the Australian Colonies of Great Britain, great advantage has been found to result from the collection of statistics. A measure to secure like advantage to this Province will be submitted for your consideration.