

of Irish extraction, and that such Franco-Irish element was still further increased, at the conquest, by the absorption of the sheltered remnants of the Irish Brigade, then serving in Canada; and I shall conclude with a brief sketch of the services of the Brigade on American soil.

If any gentleman, in the course of my remarks, desires to sift the accuracy of my assertions, I shall be happy to oblige him; for I have here with me for reference most of the books, and extracts from the public documents which go to prove my statements.

In this work, just issued from the press, and compiled by the Reverend Father Tanguay from the Parish Registers of Lower Canada, we have a complete record of every marriage, birth and death, that has taken place, among the Catholic settlers, from the first settlement of the country down to our own days.

Of the 2,500 families that made up the population of Lower Canada, at the close of the seventeenth century, well nigh one hundred families are shewn by this book to be natives of Ireland; and, in about thirty other cases, either the husband or the wife is also shewn to be of Irish origin. In most cases, as I shall presently