

country is virtually out of the debt, and the laws every where respected. I have one further remark, Mr. Mayor, (now Chairman) to offer as to the popularity of the present system of education, which is, that I may mainly attribute that popularity to the banishment of sectarianism from the schools, and the strict prohibition of every thing approaching to sectarian teaching therein; and I have no doubt the governors of education will, as they have heretofore done, wisely adhere to this rule which they have established. With these remarks, Mr. Chairman, I conclude, and with much pleasure second the resolution of my honourable friend Mr. Whelan, namely, that the thanks of this meeting be tendered to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for his able conduct in the chair.

[This speech met with much applause.]

His Worship the Mayor then submitted the resolution to the meeting, and the same having been unanimously adopted, he, in a few well chosen words, tendered it to His Excellency in the name of the meeting.

His Excellency having appropriately acknowledged the resolution, three hearty cheers and yet another, proposed by His Worship the Mayor, were severally given to Sir Dominick and his amiable lady, after which the company separated, evidently well pleased with the proceedings of the day.