

some good to the cause—that I have consolidated the Irish vote here—that now we shall prove that we are a power in the land. (Loud cheers!) There never was such an opportunity given to the Irish people to show their strength throughout the length and breadth of this country. Now is the time to strike the blow. The government struck you; the Irishmen of Drummond and Athabaska struck back on the first blow.

Shall the Irishmen of Quebec East be recreant to the duty that is imposed upon them? Gentlemen, at the next general election the Irish people will be as one man, upon this question: (Cheers!) They will adopt the motto of the *Irish Canadian* to remember and avenge this insult upon our people. This recreant minister who comes here, now, with his gammoning words to this mock deputation that waited upon him—you will show him that you are loyal to the old traditions, and the old national spirit, and that in this land where you are contributing your mite to the general welfare, you must have your just rights and will not allow yourselves to be undervalued by any party. (Loud and prolonged cheers)

Whether it was by address before societies; whether it was to speak of the glories of the great O'Connell, or of Moore, or of any of the great patriots, whose days we celebrate, whether attending college examinations, endeavoring to urge the young people on to acquire that learning in this country, which was denied to their parents at home, to urge pupils on to grapple with the difficulties of learning, and to become able to discriminate to be spared the influence of the demagogues—wherever I could see on the good work I have done it to the extent of my ability. (Loud cheer) I feel that I have done