

hearers politely lift their eyebrows, and smile incredulously at my assertion, that the closing scenes of the French wars in Canada witnessed more than one wild Irish huzzah, at some new triumph, on American soil, of the Irish Brigade of glorious memory. When my attention was drawn to this subject by the venerable O'Callaghan's statement that the Bearn Regiment is supposed to have been a portion of the Irish Brigade serving in Canada, I felt inclined to doubt the statement, because neither Forman nor O'Connor make any mention of the fact. Subsequent researches made by me have, however, convinced me that the 'Brigade served here; and I thought that I could not better employ the half hour allotted to me for my address this evening, than by endeavouring to do a tardy act of justice to that Irish worth which had helped to hew down the mighty forests of this fair Province, than by rescuing from oblivion that Irish valor, which if it had, at length, failed to conquer vastly superior numbers, yet had several bright days, and among them one that rivals in glory the never to be forgotten Fontenoy. My task this evening, then, shall be to show that a considerable portion of the French speaking population of this Province is