

great emolument, have all been named by the Conservative Government. The facts are there (Cheers!) we have Irishmen filling the highest positions in the country. (Cheers!)

I may tell you, gentlemen, (and I see present here, a Minister of the Crown) that less than twelve months ago, an office was vacant; and the local government, wishing to do fair play to the Irish people, offered me that position of over six hundred pounds per year. I said to Mr. Chapleau, "I am extremely obliged to you; I know your offer is made in a good spirit. But I will not go into any permanent government office; I have too much Irish Grit and Irish Canadian ambition to become the slave of any government by taking a permanent situation. (Cheers!) And I may tell you what was done in my own case subsequently. The Local Government required the services of an English-speaking lawyer to act as secretary in the Consolidation of the Statutes, and without my asking them, the government retained my services for the performance of that duty at two thousand dollars per year. I would not accept any office that would deprive me of the right of standing upon the public platform, and speaking on the questions of the day; I value my independence too much; I have fought too long to make an independent position for myself in my profession; I have spent too many days and rights in the cause and I think I have earned some small share of the confidence of my country-men. (Loud applause).

Whether it was by addresses 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 above the influence of vile demagogues,—wherever I could urge on the good work, I have done it to the extent of my ability. (Hear! hear!) I feel that I have done