

sufficient reasons for supposing that the Institution known as the family compact, the rotten remains of which yet obstruct the welfare of our community, had a great deal to do with their material prosperity and success.

They ushered themselves by some means or other into the order, and once in, being naturally selfish, they were not slow to avail themselves of the opportunities afforded by such an alliance in those days and to secure to themselves a vast preportion of the plunder.

Professor Bradshaw.—Well, well, Mr. Eldernap was this the secret of their rise ?

Mr. Eldernap.—Yes ! Mr. Bradshaw, 'twas the primitive source of their prosperity and what this failed to supply they obtained by robbery and theft.

Professor Bradshaw.—What, Mr. Eldernap, were they addicted to, acquiring wealth by these means ?

Mr. Eldernap.—Of course [Mr. Bradshaw, being gambling thieves by nature, their pigmy intellects were adapted for nothing else than the prosecution of this their natural trade.

Mr. Bradshaw.—Wonderful depravity, "Mr. Eldernap ! many indeed and notorious must be the instances of their pillaging.

Mr. Eldernap.—So many and notorious, Mr. Bradshaw, that they are too numerous to mention, that their injurious effects will outlive their memory and be sorely felt by generations yet unborn.

We might point for instance to the lonely emigrant landing on our shores from the green vales of Erin, and robbed of his rights by these infamous, jobbing, political blacklegs.

We might picture too, the ruined Highland homesteads of this county, and turn to their once happy owners, now silent in the grave, and ask them who caused their mournful