

lation, set the current and form the standard of public opinion and infuse a healthy moral vigour into their nation. In Ireland, for three or four generations, such men were steadily weeded out. Can we wonder that the standard of public morals and of public spirit should have declined?"

N.B.—Emigration from Ontario and the Maritime Provinces was infinitely more rapid than in Ireland.

APPENDIX "N."

Sir Frederick Borden, *re* Census of 1891.

Dr. F. W. Borden, M.P. for King's County, Nova Scotia, now Minister of Militia, speaking in the House of Commons, as reported in the Hansard of June 12th, 1894, said:

"According to the census returns, the population of that county was 1,000 less in 1891 than in 1881. Now it happened that a gentleman in my county had some doubts whether the figures returned by the census as the population of that county in 1891 were correct. He was satisfied that gross mis-statements had been made in certain sections of the county, and he took the trouble to investigate the matter by going around and calling upon a number of families and ascertaining who had been enumerated, and whether the persons returned as being then residents of those localities were really so, or had emigrated. Now, I have here the result, or a portion of the result, of that gentleman's investigations. I have a list of some fifty names, as to which I was asked to ascertain whether they were on the list returned by the enumerators for King's County or not. About a year and a half ago I saw the census commissioner here with reference to those names, and asked to be allowed to see the lists. He said he could not show me the list unless I took an oath that I would not divulge anything I there saw. I said that would not meet my purpose. He said, 'If you will give me a list of the names, I will ascertain whether they are on the list or not.' I gave him the list of names