

McGee and Lt.-Col. Devlin, President of the St. Patrick's Society, entered the hall, and shortly after His Excellency the Governor-General appeared at the window. He was saluted with three rousing cheers, and three cheers were then given for the Queen, the band of the Victoria Rifles playing "God save the Queen." The following members of his Staff were in attendance:—Denis Godley, Esq., Private Secretary; Lieut.-Colonel Hon. R. Monck, Military Secretary; Lieut. Colonel Irvine, A.D.C.; Captain Pemberton, A.D.C.; Captain Bytheson, of the Royal Navy; with Major-General Lindsay, &c., &c.

His Excellency then addressed the Society and those assembled as follows:—

Gentlemen,—As the representative of your Sovereign, I thank you for this exhibition of loyalty paid to me as her representative. I have reason to believe that the sentiments of my fellow-countrymen in Canada towards myself are of the most kindly description. (Cheers.) But I do not consider this magnificent demonstration as one of personal respect to myself. I accept it as an evidence on your part of loyalty to our gracious Sovereign, and of attachment to the institutions of our land; and further, as a protest on your part against the principles and designs of wicked men who would disgrace the name of Irishmen by their conduct, who have threatened to desecrate the day sacred to our National Patron Saint by a wanton attack upon this peaceful, prosperous, and happy community. (Cheers.) I am rejoiced to perceive, alike from the manner in which I have been received, and the reception accorded to the observations I have made, that I have not misinterpreted your feelings. (Cheers.) I have proof of the existence among yourselves of the sentiments to which I have given utterance in addressing you. (Cheers.) And I have proof not only that you hold these sentiments, but this farther proof, in the position held by the President of the Saint Patrick's Society as the commander of one of the finest corps of Volunteers in the country, (cheers,) that you give no mere barren assent to these principles, but are prepared, if need should come—which God forbid!—to back your opinions with your strong right hands. (Loud and continued cheering.)

After some cries for "McGee," the procession moved on, and His Excellency retired from the window, being again greeted with loud cheers as he withdrew.