

his memory, copied from the *London Times* into our provincial newspapers, but none of you saw in that article any allusion to the land of his birth. No, for it is the rule with that journal not to mention the native land of any illustrious individual, should it happen to be poor Ireland; but it is mentioned readily enough should the subject of its remarks be a murderer or a thief! Yet, it was a townsman of my own that won for that journal, by means of his powerful contributions to its columns, the name of "thunderer." In Australia, the Irish have a host of illustrious representatives, the foremost of whom is Mr. O'Shaughnessy, late Premier of Victoria, and member for Melbourne; while in point of intellect and energy, Charles Gavan Duffy, late Minister of Lands and Public Works, has no equal.

With regard to the United States, I will simply remark, as a proof of the political power our race is acquiring in that country, that a few weeks since, an Irishman, and a son of an Irishman, were elected Governor and Deputy Governor of California.

Before I conclude, Mr. President, I must draw your attention to one very important fact, exhibiting an extraordinary disregard for the feelings of the Irish inhabitants of this country. The fact is, Sir, that while Ireland has contributed about two-thirds of the population of Upper Canada, our county nomenclature does not embrace a single Irish name, while about nine-tenths are English or Scotch. This circumstance may not have before struck any of the gentlemen around this board, and I beg to remark now that it is an invidious state of things that the Irish population of Upper Canada should no longer tolerate. I am not one of those who think that the Irish population should be united *en masse* for political purposes, because I do not consider such a combination would be right or just, at the same time that I deplore their factiousness towards each other. Apart from its impolicy I think any attempt at such a combination would be utterly impracticable, because there is no man in the world who values his independence so much, and maintains his own private views with more tenacity, than the Irishman. It is impossible to weld the Irish element into one mass in this way; hence the everlasting, stupid cry of Irish disunion. But when so flagrant an injustice, amounting to insult, is done us, as a people, I think a demand to repair the wrong