

the various colonies became prosperous. George III came to the throne of England and began an unjust system of extortion, from the colonists. Had he but listened to the pleading words of Edmund Burke, the probabilities are that these early colonies would have still been loyal subjects of the present monarch Edward VII. But George III was going to force the unruly colonies to submit. In America, the settlers were aroused with indignation.

"Taxation without representation!!" "Never!" was the cry. The patriotic words of Patrick Henry "Give me Liberty or give me Death!" was their watchword hence forward. It was at this time that the colonists banded together and formed what has ever since been known as "The 13 Original Colonies." I need not recount the bravery and courage, the devotion and self-sacrifice of the patriots in that long and terrible struggle of the Revolution. The mere mention of the name of Washington, Franklin, Sullivan and Barry, are sufficient to portray the type of men that led the struggling colonists on to victory and formed the foundation of that Republic, which has ever since shown the world what is meant by Liberty and Justice! A nation where oppressed Irishmen have found that peace and happiness of which they were deprived at home.

But to-day, behold this nation! This paragon of progress! Stretching from the broad Atlantic, westward in marvelous highlands and lowlands to the boundless Pacific; and on the north, from the confines of the majestic St. Lawrence and this fair country of yours, far away to the sunny South till it meets the blue waters of the Gulf of Mexico. What wealth! What industries! What possibilities are held within her grasp! And yet the nation is but in her infancy! As an independant country she sprang into being in 1776, just 131 years ago. At that time the extent of her territory was only 400,000 square miles. This by tact and good diplomacy has increased till to-day she lays claim to 3,747,000 square miles. Within this vast expanse, live 80,000,000 of souls who enjoy the freedom and protection of their mother country. How does she control this immense population, and cause her children to live in peace and harmony, surrounded with the atmosphere of contentment and prosperity? By training her people to respect law and order and fit themselves as far as possible to become useful citizens of their beloved country. To do this she begins at the very foundation. Her best efforts are put forth to maintain an educational system, which is second to none on the face of the