

tensions to grammatical perfection or elegance of style ; all I have endeavoured here to do has been to express homely and, as I believe, useful truths in language which, if not highly polished, is, I know, at least intelligible to those for whose benefit this has been written. I am confident, therefore, that my work, if not found wanting in other respects, will receive, in spite of my rough and ready style, favourable consideration at the hands of my readers.

In dedicating this work (by permission) to the Governor General of Canada, I have neither considered his Excellency's politics, nor his exalted rank, but have dedicated it to Earl Dufferin because I firmly believe, that he is the right man in the right place, fully understanding his duties and responsibilities, and ever ready and anxious to perform them with credit to himself and benefit to the Canadian people. Nothing can exceed the courtesy extended by him to all classes of the community ; he has ever manifested an earnest desire to assuage injurious dissensions, to unite clashing interests, and to firmly consolidate the union of the various sections of the Canadian Confederation.

I cannot refrain from noticing in this place the generous and patriotic conduct of Mr. James Mulligan, of St. James, Fort Gary, Manitoba, who, during my stay there, deposited £100 in the Merchant's Bank of the City of Winnipeg, in the names of Mr. Boyle, Editor of the *Irish Canadian*, Toronto ; Mr. M. P. Ryan, M.P., Montreal ; and Mr. P. F. Johnson, Kanturk, Ireland, as trustees for the assistance of such Irish emigrants to Manitoba as may arrive in that province during the next two years. I trust that the example of Mr. Mulligan will be followed by others of my wealthy countrymen in Canada and the