

of the scoundrels till their political complexion is of the required tint; and Sir John Thompson's refusal to obstruct the present inquiry is an event uncommon as it is welcome."

Extract from *London Daily News*, August 20, 1891:

"Nobody so far as we are aware ever imputed to Sir John the actual receipt of a bribe. But it was the policy of himself and his colleagues to secure the support of the wealthy companies by concessions which it was not always clear that the public welfare demanded. Now that Mr. Mercier, who acts with the Liberal party in Dominion politics, is in the same boat with a Conservative Minister, we may hope that an unsparing investigation will be made into the whole subject."

APPENDIX "M."

(Chapter 2, Lecky's "History of Ireland.")

EMIGRATION.

"These examples might be easily increased, but they are quite sufficient to show how large a proportion of the energy and ability of Ireland was employed in foreign lands and how ruinous must have been the consequences at home. If, as there appears much reason to believe, there is such a thing as the hereditary transmission of moral and intellectual qualities, the removal from a nation of tens of thousands of the ablest and most energetic of its citizens must inevitably, by a mere physical law, result in the degeneration of the race. Nor is it necessary to fall back upon any speculations of disputed science. In every community there exists a small minority of men whose abilities, high purpose and energy of will mark them out as in some degree leaders of men. These take the first steps in any public enterprise, counteract by their example the vicious elements of the popu-