

Father Harris mentions that Father Gordon's mission included Niagara Falls, Dundas, Trafalgar, Toronto Gore and Adjala, a care that might well frighten the doughtiest apostle even in these days of rapid transit.

In 1846 of 9,600 who arrived in New Brunswick 9,000 were Irish. Of these about half were unable to find work, and pushed on to the United States. In Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island large numbers had also settled, and those whose business or interest it was to know, spoke in the highest terms of their industry and capacity. Instances were very frequent in Halifax where men who began as laborers came in a few years to be possessors of considerable wealth.

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The main difficulty with these Irish Catholics was the scarcity of priests. Travellers reported having visited many villages almost wholly made up of Irish Catholics, who

could not have access to a priest and whose distress on that account was great and genuine. His Grace Archbishop Walsh tells of his experience when a young priest of having found on one concession line twelve families which had attached themselves to other faiths for this reason alone. Vast numbers of people who would not take such risks went on to the cities of the United States. It is indeed a not improbable assertion that is sometimes made, that if there were plenty of priests in Ontario between 1820 and 1860, the preponderance of population would have been, if not actually Catholic, at least very little on the other side. Johanna Kelly, wife of Oliver Kelly of Pine Grove, Township of Vaughan wrote home to her father in 1846 that "every day is like a Christmas day for meat," a statement that meant a great deal in the days of hunger. Let us hope the worthy couple found always increasing prosperity.

