

—thanks mainly to the good Redemptorist Fathers, —15,000 persons received holy communion, or very nearly every man and woman of an age to approach the Blessed Sacrament. Since New Year's we took up the project of building a St. Patrick's Hall, and during the first month \$75,000 of the stock was subscribed, and above \$10,000 of the first call promptly paid in! And these are the people, their own flesh and blood [though not of the same spirit], the New York "bloody sixth ward boys," are coming here to plunder, or, as they call it, "to liberate!"

Our rural numbers bear an almost inverse ratio to the urban, to what the same classes do to each other in the United States. I speak now of Canada. If not quite three-fourths, certainly the large majority of our emigrants in this Province now, live by land, and own land. There are at least thirty counties in Canada where the Irish Catholic vote ranges from a fifth to a third of the whole constituency, and in most of these, if the Irish Protestant and Catholic were taken altogether, they would form a clear majority of the whole. Persistent attempts have been made, and *greenbacks* have not been wanting to introduce the pest of Fenianism among our towns' people, but I am proud to say [with the single exception of Toronto] wholly without success. In Toronto one extreme is made auxiliary to the other; Orangeism has been made the pretext of Fenianism, and Fenian-