

elect to Parliament men of *their* faith ; yet they have always had it in their power to throw a casting vote, between parties, as they exist. With their aid and by their own innate strength, Robert Baldwin became the first Premier under responsible government, Robert Baldwin Sullivan the first President of the Council, and Andrew Manahan, a Catholic, the first member for Kingston, under the Union, when Kingston was the Capital. The same influence strengthened the position of men like Mr. Blake, the late eminent Chancellor. It is true the Catholic minority in Upper Canada has many difficulties to contend with ; but it is also true that, as compared with their own co-religionists, either in Great Britain or the United States, they possess many privileges and blessings of which they can hardly be too careful.

We can say with truth as to the actual position of the Irish in this country. From a few groups of pioneers and tradesmen, fifty years ago, they have now grown into a great community, possessed of Churches, Schools, property, political power, and social consideration. The following very general analysis of the Canadian census, taken five years ago (1861), will show at a glance their distribution throughout Canada, and the position they have attained.