

Lambert, an Englishman, with regard to Canada, the following extract, taken from a chapter on the census of 1808 :—" It is a remarkable circumstance," says the writer, " that among all the British residents in the two colonies, not two hundred Englishmen, perhaps, can be found." That since the period mentioned, the principal emigration has been from Ireland needs no demonstration. With regard to the United States, the same remark holds good, although the German immigration has been very great ; but the following figures, taken from "Holmes' Annals of America," and showing the arrivals of emigrants at the port of Philadelphia alone, so far back as the year 1729, go far to prove that the Irish element forms the largest share in the basis of the present population of the neighbouring Republic—English and Welsh, 267 ; Scotch, 43 ; Germans, 343 ; and Irish, 5,655 ; or a proportion of ten Irish emigrants to one from all other nations in Europe!\* Mr. Lambert, from whose work I have quoted regarding Canada, states that in 1801, the year of the union, 30,000 emigrants arrived from Ireland in the United States. Facts like these enabled Mr. Robinson of New York, to make an estimate of the descendants of Irish parents in the United States, to which the figures I have given are an approximation. An attempt to prove others of my assertions would be, I fear, too tedious, and I shall, therefore, proceed to refute the charge of improvidence that is frequently urged against us.

Is it not a well-known fact that the bulk of investments of Savings Banks, both in the United States and British Provinces, consists of the savings of Irish laborers and servants? Mr. Catermole, who published a small work on Canada in England, many years ago, stated, on the authority of the *Quebec Star*, that all the money deposited in the Savings Bank in that city, in 1831, estimated at £10,000, consisted of the savings of Irish laborers and servants, many of whom arrived penniless in the Province. The most astonishing proof of providence in our people, coupled with family affection, is that recently furnished by Dr. Cahill, in one of his letters from New York, wherein he produces a statement of the value of drafts issued in one office alone in New York each month, from the 1st Jan-

\* See McGee's History of the Irish Settlers in America.