

If, in this twentieth century, British statemanship can offer to Ireland no more acceptable form of government than a huge army of occupation and armoured cars and tanks and bombing planes and machine guns, with the accompanying violation of every fundamental principle of the Great Charter, then British statemanship is bankrupt, and we in Canada may well feel deeply grateful that our rights and liberties are safeguarded by three thousand miles of sea. I have never been an advocate of an Irish Republic, but I am quite satisfied that an Irish Republic would be a more decent and a more defensible thing than the present form of British administration in that island, or than the humbug Home Rule Bill which is now before the British Parliament.

In the pamphlet to which these few lines are a Foreword, the Reverend Dr. O'Gorman gives a dispassionate review of the last eight years of Ireland's history which is a complete refutation of charges based on suppressed truths, suggested falsehoods, and plain malicious lies. It is a concise, accurate, yet comprehensive statement of facts. It ought to be welcome to every man who loves truth, cherishes liberty, and longs to see broadened out the boundaries of freedom.

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A Chapter of Contemporary History

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One of the greatest Englishmen of the nineteenth century has told us: "Truth is never enforced except at the sacrifice of its propounders. At least they expose their inherent imperfections, if they incur no other penalty; for nothing would be done at all, if a man waited till he could do it so well, that no one could find fault with it." This is my only defence for accepting the invitation of the parish priest of St. Patrick's, Rev. Father Whelan, to tell you the truth about the Ireland of today.