

deny as facts, what claims have they to "Grit" support. The proofs of its falsehoods are abundant and at every one's hand. Indeed, considering all the circumstances, the conduct of the Reform party towards Irish Catholics has been more than generous, far more than could reasonably be expected at their hands, measured by the ordinary standard of human affairs.

MR. BLAKE.

If there ever was a time when duty and self-interest, if not self-preservation, point to the banner of the Liberal party as the rallying point for Irish Catholics, that time is the present, when its chief standard-bearer is one of our own race—one of our own blood—one of our own kith and kin; one too, who shall yet occupy a place beside Burke and Sheridan, Grattan and O'Connell, Shiel and O'Brien. Those who basely insinuate that because of his religion he is not worthy of the confidence of Irish Catholics, know they are vilely slandering our people. Was not Wolfe Tone a Protestant? was not Robert Emmett a Protestant? was not Lord Edward a Protestant? was not Smith O'Brien a Protestant? Is not John Mitchell a Protestant? are not Butt and Martin Protestants? What names so dear, what memories so revered, what tombs so hallowed, what shrines so sanctified as are these to Irishmen? Mr. Blake worships at the same shrine of liberal ideas as they did. He is actuated by the same love of justice, the same horror of oppression, which characterized them. Happily for us, we have fallen on better times, we are reaping the fruits of their martyrdom. Had Edward Blake lived in those dark days, an eye witness of, a sharer in, the tyrannies for which they ever will have an unenviable notoriety, could he control his indignation or would he be carried away by the generous impulses of his nature to be engulfed in the vortex which swallowed so many brave men and true, are matters of speculation on which we need not dwell. That he is ready to do his duty by the present, is sufficient for us. It may well be our pride and boast to be led by so worthy a leader.

OUR POWER.

Power in mechanics is the product of the weight or quantity of matter in a mass into its volume. Power in politics is somewhat analogous, for it is the product of numbers into the centripetal or adhesive force. Do we appreciate our power? do we sufficiently consider the influence we might wield in public affairs? we number about a half-million of souls, scattered all over the country from Halifax to Sarnia. It is this, which at first sight might seem a source of weakness, is our greatest strength. The elect-