

Judiciary, in politics, in commerce and in society.* This high standing has kept up the standard of the class, while, happily for us Catholics, the Church in these Provinces has always been sufficiently up with the people to preserve its legitimate control of their faith and morals. We are, however, but a tithe of our race in North America, and though we hold our own respectably and influentially with the rest of the Provincial population, it can hardly be expected that the example of 400,000 of us in the Provinces can bring about any radical correction in the conduct of 4,000,000 of Yankee Irish. I have great faith, for my part, in our steadily doing our duty by our own government, by our fellow-subjects, and by one another as Irishmen. I feel that we, at all events, have achieved a home and have a position to guard; I feel that we are in the right path; if we go on steadily in that path, good must come of it, for us and for all.

Let me give you an illustration drawn from this very spot, where 120,000 witnesses can vouch for what I state. We are "all told" in Montreal, men, women, and children, some 27,000 souls—Irish Catholics. At St. Patrick's, our principal church, between the middle of December and New Year's day

* See Appendix A.