

terians have the *Regium Donum*, amounting to about £70,000 a year, something like £75 to each clergyman. Now, said Mr. Miall, I could overturn any government, but I will not be factious. I will never do anything till I have 350 men at my back; then we will have the majority, and will demand the extinction of all church patronage in a week, and will obtain it." The late Lord Canning said that the Church establishment was the most outrageous injustice in the world; and that for 500,000 people in Ireland to compel 6,000,000 to pay for their religion was monstrous. It is a terrible thing to have to pay for the shoes of another man or the meat that he eats, but it is an awful thing to have to pay for the opinions another man has in his own head alone. (Laughter.) To pay a man for abusing you from one end of the year to the other was certainly a case of great hardship. (Laughter.) But the minority say that they will drive the majority out of the country and kill them off by act of Parliament. They are driving them out of the country as fast as they can, in order to put an end to agitation in Ireland which is a shocking thing to the minority there. This is now called the Parliamentary argument. The minority are determined upon universal expatriation and extermination. This, as I said to my friends in Richmond, is one of the reasons that we are always howling. The gentlemen said they had never heard these facts before. This minority will take down the majority, but I suppose the justice of England will settle it before destroying another million of us. The people of Canada are comparatively very happy. If I asked you would you destroy the Union, you would reply "no." I say neither would the people of Ireland if they had the same kind of union. My friends, I can praise your government here with all my heart. (Loud applause.)

And here let me sum up the case of Ireland. For 700 years we could not read nor write. We had no commerce; how could we, with an acre of land, and a quarter acre of bog? no money, and were not, during 700 years, able to fill one public situation. We have suffered more persecution than any other nation. Every other nation has been broken and united again, but we never; and in this respect we are the same that we were 700 years ago. But, at all events, we have maintained our religious integrity, and will never join hands with any one that insults our creed or country. [Applause.] All the world may change in these respects, but we never will. If you ask me, is there no good to be derived from all these evils? I answer, yes, there is. God has scattered us over the world to spread religion. If he had made us a nation as prosperous as England, we might never have sent so many saints to Heaven. Thus we may have peopled His kingdom with more inhabi-