

numbers, 665,000—a large fourth of the whole population of the Province. I rejoice to find, too, that the counties in which our countrymen are most numerous are among the richest in the country—a plain proof that they have enriched Canada as much by their industry as they have fortified her by their numbers. I will take, as an illustration of this statement, our own city. A gentleman familiar with our municipal assessment rolls, has done me the favor to go over them, at my request, and to copy out the known Irish proprietors—Protestant and Catholic. He may have made some unavoidable omissions, but what he has done is sure work, and what does it show? Why, that the valuation of Irish Catholic property in this city—and the valuation is seldom in excess of the real worth,—amounts to the very handsome sum of \$1,993,330, and the valuation of Irish Protestant property (so far as my friend could identify the names), \$1,500,000; taken together, the assessed value of Irish property in Montreal amounts to nearly \$3,500,000. (Cheers.) And, gentlemen, we have other possessions far exceeding in intrinsic value all material property. That noble Church (pointing to St. Patrick's), the Orphanage beyond, and the Refuge beside it, all the altars at which we pray, all the religious schools in which our children are taught—these are possessions which we will defend to death. Here, on this very spot, as has been already mentioned, we hope by this day twelvemonth to see our St. Patrick's Hall rising up *vis-a-vis* to St. Patrick's Church, and representing \$100,000 of our surplus earnings. As to our Volunteers, I think we have shown to-day that we are not behind the rest of our fellow-citizens, and I am glad to be able to tell you that on Monday next we shall have, I believe, a still further addition to our loyal and gallant Volunteer defenders. How, also, do we stand towards our fellow citizens at large, in our municipal and political representation? Who represents Saint Ann's Ward? A worthy Irish Protestant Alderman, and two Irish Catholic Councillors, Mr. Rodden, Mr. McGauvran, and Mr. Donovan. Who represents (in part) the West and St. Lawrence Wards?—Mr. Devlin and Mr. Mullins—Irish Catholics. Who represents (in part) St. Antoine Ward? Mr. McCready, who owes his election in great part to the votes of the most influential and respectable inhabitants of the Ward, clergymen and members of other denominations, and who I am sure will not abuse the confidence placed in him. Who represents the Victoria Division in the Legis-