

invade it, they would meet with a warm reception, and the old flag would be stuck to for ever. (Prolonged cheering.)

Some remarks were also made by the Presidents of the St. Patrick's Benevolent Society and the St. John Baptiste, and other gentlemen, after which the following address was delivered by the Hon. Mr. McGee:—

Gentlemen,—I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General to thank you, in his name, for the compliment you paid him in calling at his present residence, and the cheers and music with which you greeted him. I deliver myself of this message with great satisfaction, for I think it is quite as much to the honour of the four societies as to that of Lord Monck—the scene we have just witnessed in Great St. James Street. (Cheers.) It so happens, gentlemen, that this is the first St. Patrick's Day I have ever been in Montreal—as in all former years since I resided here, Parliament was called not later than February; and I may say I have observed this day's proceedings so far with great satisfaction. I am not, as you all know, an advocate for public processions of one class of citizens—even when that class is our own; yet I cannot but congratulate you on the spirit which has governed your movements this day. We first went, as was most proper and laudable, to return our thanks to Him to whom we owe that we are here to-day, and where we received, from the lips of His minister, an instruction on our duties as Christians and citizens, which I trust we will all long remember. (Cheers.) You next, on your tour of the city, went to pay your loyal homage to the representative of our Sovereign, the Governor General; and you are now here to receive from the Mayor of the city the gratifying acknowledgment, that Montreal looks upon you, not as step-children or as foreigners, but as children of her own household, whom she does not distinguish unfavourably from any of her other children. (Loud cheers.) His Worship the Mayor has a large family; pretty well up to 130,000 of us; what we call in Ireland “rather a heavy charge.” But it is pleasant for him, and for us all, to know that we are all pretty well able to take care of ourselves, and the Irish part of us not less so than others. I have analyzed the census of Canada, taken in 1861, and I find the Irish Catholics by birth a fraction under 300,000, and the Irish Protestants a fraction over 378,000, or, taken together, in round