IRISH DIASPORA

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FAMINE

- **Fungus Phytoptera** infested potatoes and caused crop failure.
- Began in 1845 and lasted 6 years.
- Killed over 1 million and caused another million to emigrate.
- Irish people.
FACTORS

- Intolerable social, economic, and political conditions
- Potato Crop Failure (1831-1842) and (1845-1850)
- Cholera
- Inadequate medical system
FACTORS

- Immigrants from Ireland settled in the UK, US, Canada, Australia, Argentina, New Zealand, Mexico, South Africa, Brazil, Peru.

- Moved to US to collect money for family and sent it back to Ireland.

- Popular jobs included building canals, building railways, policemen and firemen, streetcar and railway.
IMPACT ON LOSING AREA

- Immediate effects were devastating
- Long term effects were immense, forever changing Irish culture
- Biological, political,
IMPACT ON GAINING AREAS

- PROVIDED WORKERS FOR OUR EXPANDING ECONOMY
  - BUILDING CANALS, RAILROADS, ROADWAYS, ETC.
- IRISH IMMIGRANTS MOSTLY SETTLED IN IRISH COMMUNITIES
  - IRISH TRADITIONS HELD UP (ST. PATTY'S DAY) AND AN INCREASE IN NUMBER OF
TORONTO POLICE CONFRONT RIOTERS AT ST. LAWRENCE HALL
CURRENT SITUATION

- 80 million claim Irish descent (13 times population of Ireland)
- One of the most prosperous ethnic groups in US
  - Exceed averages in income, education, occupation status