

# ***IRISH DIASPO RA***

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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



# FACTORS

- **INTOLERABLE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL CONDITIONS**
  - **POTATO CROP FAILURE (1831-1842) AND (1845-1850)**
  - **CHOLERA**
  - **INADEQUATE MEDICAL SYSTEM**
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# FACTORS

- IMMIGRANTS FROM IRELAND SETTLED IN 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

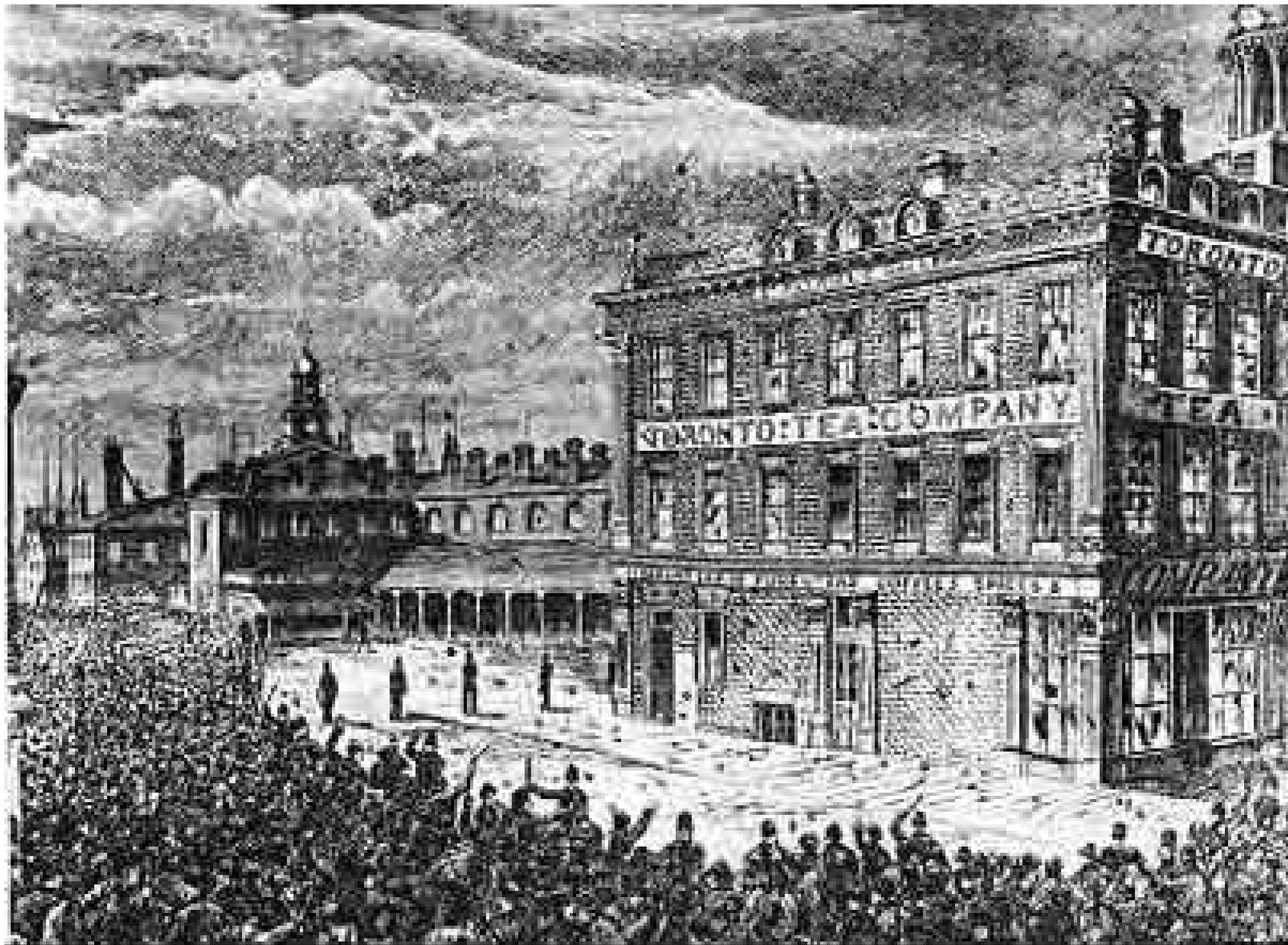


# IMPACT ON LOSING AREA

- IMMEDIATE EFFECTS WERE DEVASTATING
  - LONG TERM EFFECTS WERE IMMENSE, FOREVER EVER CHANGING IRISH CULTURE
  - BIOLOGICAL, POLITICAL,
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# **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**



# *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*