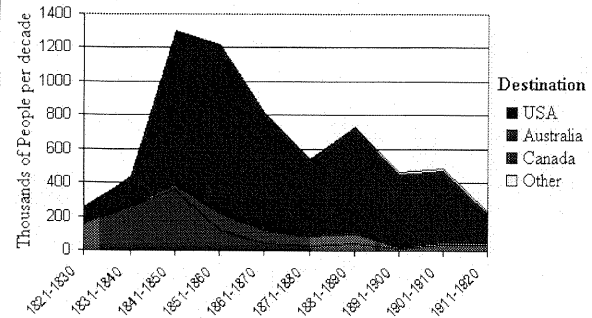


What **pulled** the Irish to America?

... also consider it this way...

What was happening in America that made Irish want to go there?

Destination of Overseas Emigrants from Ireland 1821-1920



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Irish Emigration to North America, 1825-1920

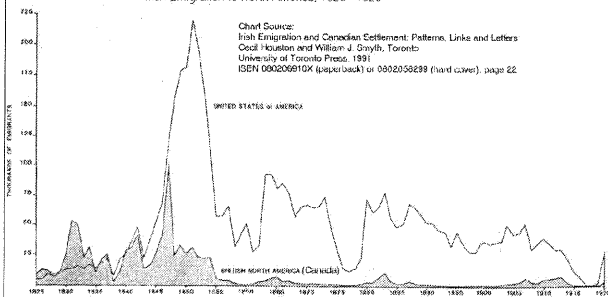


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What was the experience of the Irish in America?

How did the Industrial Revolution act as a "pull factor?" How did it affect Irish experiences in America?

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The operatives work thirteen hours a day in the summer time, and from daylight to dark in the winter. At half past four in the morning the factory bell rings, and at five the girls must be in the mills....So fatigued...are numbers of girls that they go to bed soon after their evening meal, and endeavor by a comparatively long sleep to resuscitate their weakened frames for the toil of the coming day.

The Harbinger, 1846



