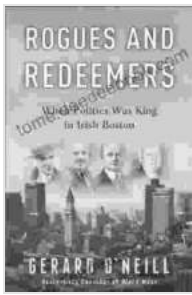


When Politics Was King In Irish Boston



The Rise of the Irish in Boston

The Irish began arriving in Boston in large numbers in the 1840s, fleeing the Great Famine in Ireland. By the end of the century, they made up over half of the city's population. The Irish quickly established themselves as a powerful political force in Boston. They organized themselves into political clubs and societies and worked to elect Irish-American candidates to office.



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One of the most important Irish political organizations was the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH). The AOH was founded in Ireland in the 1830s as a fraternal organization for Irish Catholics. In Boston, the AOH became a powerful political force, helping to elect Irish-American candidates to office and advocating for Irish-American interests.

Another important Irish political organization was the Irish National League. The Irish National League was founded in 1882 to support the Irish nationalist movement. In Boston, the Irish National League worked to raise awareness of the Irish cause and to pressure the United States government to support Irish independence.

The Rise of Martin Lomasney

One of the most prominent Irish-American politicians in Boston was Martin Lomasney. Lomasney was born in Ireland in 1859 and immigrated to Boston with his family when he was a child. He quickly became involved in politics and was elected to the Boston City Council in 1885. Lomasney

served on the City Council for 20 years and was a powerful force in Boston politics.

Lomasney was a master politician. He was known for his charisma and his ability to connect with voters. He was also a skilled organizer and fundraiser. Lomasney used his political skills to help the Irish community in Boston. He fought for better housing, education, and jobs for Irish immigrants. He also worked to protect Irish-American interests in the city.

Lomasney's political career reached its peak in 1895 when he was elected mayor of Boston. He was the first Irish-American mayor of Boston and his election was a major victory for the Irish community. Lomasney served as mayor for two terms and during his time in office he made significant progress on many of the issues that were important to Irish immigrants.

The Decline of Irish Political Power

The Irish political power in Boston began to decline in the early 20th century. This was due to a number of factors, including the assimilation of Irish immigrants into American society, the rise of other ethnic groups in Boston, and the decline of the Irish nationalist movement.

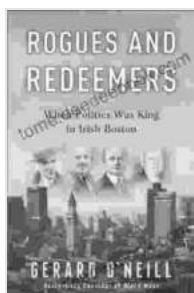
By the mid-20th century, the Irish were no longer the dominant political force in Boston. However, they continued to play an important role in city politics. Irish-American politicians continued to be elected to office and they continued to advocate for Irish-American interests.

The Legacy of Irish Politics in Boston

The Irish political legacy in Boston is a long and complex one. The Irish have made significant contributions to the city's political history and they

continue to play an important role in city politics today. The Irish political legacy in Boston is a reminder of the importance of immigration in the city's history and it is a testament to the power of politics to make a difference in people's lives.

The Irish have played a major role in the political history of Boston. They have organized themselves into political clubs and societies, elected Irish-American candidates to office, and advocated for Irish-American interests. The Irish have made significant contributions to the city's political history and they continue to play an important role in city politics today. The Irish political legacy in Boston is a reminder of the importance of immigration in the city's history and it is a testament to the power of politics to make a difference in people's lives.



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