

THE GOVERNMENT OF PUBLIC OPINION.

THE MACDONALD-CARTIER AND CARTIER-MACDONALD ADMINISTRATIONS: THEIR VICTIM AND THEIR DEFENDERS.

(To the Editor of the Quebec Gazette.)

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SIR,—That portion of the press of Canada which usually upholds the Government of the day, is now in full blast in defence of the Governor General, upon the stand recently made by him against the Brown-Dorion Administration,—the advisers whom he had himself called to his assistance to enable him to administer the Queen's Government in this Province. Every unworthy epithet and nickname which their polite reading can supply, are unscrupulously and vindictively hurled against the members of that Administration, whilst the most extravagant expressions of laudation are lavished upon the Governor General with a view to shield him from the consequences of the constitutional blunders—not to say crimes—which he has committed against the rights of the people of this country. A storm is gathering around him not only from the press of Canada, but from that of the Lower Provinces, and of England and Scotland, and in the precise ratio of its increase rises the billingsgate in lieu of rational argument on the one hand, and fulsome adulation on the other.

Now, let us analyze the *casus belli* and reduce it to its constituent elements—a *sa plus simple expression*. The question of the choice of a Seat of Government, which appertained to the prerogative of the crown, had been very considerably and wise-