

of those wishes being to depress French Antagonists, they are fighting for the moment under Monarchical colours, not from superior attachment to that cause, but the reverse. Once in possession of the power they seek, and no reasonable doubt exists that they would raise the very Standard against which they are now contending.

The policy of the Government or rather the necessity forced upon them by the state of public feeling in both Provinces seems therefore to be that of introducing some change into the Constitution of the Legislative Council by which it may be brought into that degree of harmony with the Assembly which is indispensable to combined action and tranquil Government. This may be accomplished by changes either in the composition of the Assembly, or in that of the Council, or in both.

To alter the composition of the Assembly in the Upper Province is neither possible nor desirable. It is beyond doubt a fair representation of the People at large. But in Lower Canada there is every reason to believe the contrary. In the Upper Province therefore the Constitution of the Council only should undergo a change. In the Lower each House should be to a certain extent remodelled simultaneously. By no other method could the different branches of the respective Legislatures be brought into concert and enabled to act together.

Then arises the question upon what principle the proposed changes should be made. The Assem-