

and this action of his colleagues touched him to the quick. In high indignation he immediately resigned his post. Canadians themselves thought it strange that the Governor-General's conduct should have been considered so unfavourably by the British Parliament. A great meeting of protest was held in Quebec and votes of confidence passed. But Durham remained firm, and set sail for England in November.

While on the ocean, inspired by a spirit of justice and of patriotism he composed his famous report. It may be summed up in the following words: The Union of the two Canadas, an Executive Council absolutely responsible to the people—i.e.—the National Assembly, state-aided immigration, the repeal of the laws pertaining to the Clergy Reserves, and the construction of an Intercolonial railway.

Time has shown that the report was a noble and far-sighted plea for autonomy and equality. It clearly exposes Durham's great wish—to transform Canada from a barren and injurious sovereignty into one of the brightest ornaments of the Queen's Crown.

The reception of the report by the British Parliament marked the beginning of a new era in the relation of England to her colonies; it was also the commencement of the agitation for the ideal government, under which the Dominion of Canada now prospers. The acceptance of the report by the Home Government in part at first, the bill introduced by Lord John Russell for the union of Upper and Lower Canada, and later on almost in its entirety under the governorship of Lord Sydenham, showed that the authority of the Mother Country rested on other than maternal ascendancy.

Lord Durham did not live to see his great wish realized. Before leaving Canada his health had been very poor. The tedious voyage across the Atlantic and the constant brooding over his censure, hastened the end. He died six months after his return to England, at the age of 48 years. It has been truly said of this noble lord that he made a country but marred a career.

J. A. TALLON, '14.

---

We are not infallible, not even the youngest freshman.