

the country, and Lord Dalhousie has had to provide another sheriff. This has been done in the person of Thomas Ainslie Young, esq., a gentleman to whom none of the objections apply which were urged against Mr. Sewell, but the governor, constant to uphold his own appointment, has only called Mr. Young to the sheriffalty, jointly, and during the absence of Mr. Sewell. I doubt the legality of this, for there are now actually two sheriffs of Quebec, which, I should suppose, is both unprecedented and unconstitutional. But I will leave that question for the gentlemen of the long robe.

The other act to which I allude, is the removal of the police-magistrates of Montreal from office. Certainly, scarcely a better thing could have been done. The gross abuses that reigned in that portion of the administration of justice, that devolved upon the police, required a violent remedy. The tyrannical injustice, arrogance, partiality, and oppression; the ignorance and defiance of law; the extortion, the embezzlement of the property that came into the hands of the police, right or wrong, the connivance at the malpractices of the petty knaves, who prowled and preyed upon the miserable and destitute part of the community, under the sanction of the greater knaves who sat upon the bench;—were all so crying and enormous, that the destruction of that nest of bloodsuckers, was a duty, on the part of government, that ought long ago to have been performed. But, alas! it has not been a desire to benefit the public, to redress their injuries, or to prevent oppression, that has brought about this desirable change. No; it has been a paltry struggle for place and patronage; a battle between the right honourable the earl of Dalhousie, and the heads of the thief-taking society of Montreal, for the appointment of high constable of the district. The earl was worsted by the firmness of the magistrates in maintaining the nomination they had made, for they probably thought, since his lordship was going home, they could hold out till he was gone; and "a fico for thee then!" But they reckoned without their host, for his lordship vented his spite, for their resistance of his high and mighty pleasure, by turning them out of office.

Much has already been said in the public papers on the subject, and more is promised. In the mean time, let me give the devil his due, and highly applaud Mr. McCord and Mr. Mondélet, for their spirited resistance of what they considered as an encroachment upon the privilege of the bench of magistrates. And mark, how well things have turned out. By their unlooked for spirited behaviour, Mr. A. Delisle has retained the high constableness, a place for which I believe him to be better qualified than any whom I have yet known to fill.