

confidence in any Executive that had not Mr. Baldwin in it, I could not object to Mr. Baldwin being in the Council on my principles ; but this would not prevent me desiring to see the force increased in the Province to protect the British Government's existence.

Upper Canada, as loyal, could not have Mr. Baldwin as its representative, were its views properly expressed. Mr. Baldwin knows that he does not represent the feelings of Upper Canada, nor even of a majority of the members from Upper Canada in the present Assembly, except upon that one vital principle, the theory of Responsible Government.

Finding that the French majority were to rule the Province, Mr. Baldwin should, in common honesty, have insisted on Mon. Lafontaine associating with the Lower Canadians, representatives from Upper Canada, truly expressive of our feelings, which he knew he and some others of his colleagues were not.

You may suppose, but it is evidently not the Governor General's opinion, that the suspicions of their past feelings have been lessened by the actings of their matured and ripened experience as public men.

No one wants to cry—"Rebel"—or to resuscitate old suspicions, however well-founded, against any who are not trying to thrust themselves or their friends into the controul of our liberties, our properties, and our lives, by imposing their services on the State in its highest offices of trust. But to applicants of doubtful loyalty, it is an injury to ourselves as well as to our country, not to return for answer—"No : we do not require to try you, any more than we require to taste a cup of poison to prove it."

The Scotch thought it safe enough, while the troops remained in the country, to co-operate with Mr. Baldwin, to get, in Responsible Government, a means of getting the colony fairly represented, and this you twist into a general approval of Mr. Baldwin,—while they viewed their doing so as the only means of extirpating both his and the other extreme faction.

But now, every consideration will tend to make them stand up for Sir CHARLES METCALFE AND BRITISH CONNECTION, and not the least of these in the minds and hearts of Scotchmen, must be a full determination not to render equivocal the political integrity of the members of the Free Church of Scotland, at present struggling at home, for an independent, honourable and national existence.

I have, therefore, without hesitation, but with the deepest regret, to decline continuing to be supposed to approve of the course of the *Banner*, and to request you to withdraw my name from your Subscription List.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient humble Servant,

ISAAC BUCHANAN.