

demnity somewhat more than double the value of the property destroyed. The people of the State of Maine, without waiting for orders from head quarters, formed themselves into companies and burned and pillaged the dwellings of several farmers and storekeepers near Tobique and Grand Falls and at other points on the Canadian border. A small body of troops however was brought up from Fredericton and posted in the neighborhood of the Falls, and their presence served to preserve comparative tranquillity. It must be confessed that, after the first excitement, the people of the States, Maine alone excepted, behaved with noticable moderation. The most respectable classes felt no sympathy whatever for Gordon, and many honest traders openly rejoiced that a competitor in the race for wealth had been taught that wrong methods of acquiring riches could not be tolerated. As he was treated with great consideration in Quebec, and even partook of the hospitality of leading citizens there, and as his means were so ample that the loss of the Aroostock property was a mere bagatelle, it was absurd and useless for the socialists' leaders and mob orators to strive to awaken an intense interest in his fate. Under all the circumstances, there can be no doubt that had the authorities at Ottawa evinced the slightest inclination to make reasonable concessions, the whole matter might have been satisfactorily arranged, and not improbably with some guarantee that a similar offence to that of Gordon's would not again be committed. Unfortunately, the Archon was at this particular period prostrated by one of those attacks to which he was peculiarly liable, and the conduct of the matter was left to the Duke of Parrsborough. This nobleman, although possessing abilities of no common order, was more inclined to butt against difficulties than to work round them, and being naturally vindictive and unforgiving, he could not miss this opportunity of treating with supreme contempt a nation whose press had loaded him and his title with ridicule of a particularly irritating character. It may be added, that owing to the regular army and navy being engaged in quelling the outbreak in the South, there was certainly some ground for believing that the Government of the