

keep your money in your pockets? If a cunning yankee shoe maker, who wanted to sell you '*genuwyne American built shoes*' told you that those you wore *pinched your toes* and galled your heels, would you believe him and become his customer if you felt that your shoes fitted you well and comfortably? You certainly would not be so foolish. But would it not be *quite as foolish* to believe those equally selfish and more wicked *would be* destroyers of your peace, who tell you that you are grievously oppressed, that you are slaves, and that *you are ground to the earth*, without asking your own feelings and judgments *whether such is or is not really the case*? Before you become indeed slaves, *the slaves and tools* of those who seek for their own interests and your destruction, thus to defraud you of your support *and votes*, ask yourselves these questions:

1. Are we burthened, like our republican neighbors, with arbitrary and oppressive taxes?

2. Can any one, however rich or powerful, injure us with impunity?

3. Are not our properties, our liberties and our lives protected by the *existing* laws?

4. Can we be *slaves* and "*ground to the earth*," when we "*proudly feel*" (as all of *you must feel*), that we are members of the most *free, independent* and respectable *yeomanry* that ever existed upon the face of the earth? For such in truth are the brave and loyal farmers of "the noble Province of Upper Canada."

5. Shall we *certainly* be individually *benefited* by the changes which pretended reformers wish us, *for their own purposes*, to assist them in bringing about? May not such changes, on the contrary, *possibly* endanger and destroy those blessings which we now *actually enjoy*, and will it not be *most prudent*, as the good old proverb advises, "TO LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE"?