

## PROGRESS OF EVENTS IN CANADA.

IN the second number of the 'London Review,' published in July, 1835, we laid before our readers a very full exposition of the misgovernment which has so long prevailed in the Canadas, and of the discontent which has been generated thereby.

After enumerating the manifold evils and abuses which have sprung out of the system of colonial government, established by what is called the Quebec Constitutional Act (31 Geo. III., c. 31—1791), our article concluded with the following summary of the reforms demanded by the Assembly of Lower Canada:—

'In this situation of affairs, Lord Gosford and two Commissioners are about to proceed to Canada, to inquire into the grievances of the Canadian people, and report thereupon. What is likely to be the result of this inquiry?

'Our answer is, that let the commission make what report it pleases, one only result can follow; and that is, *the demands of the House of Assembly must be acceded to.*

'1. An Elective Council must be granted to the people, and the present Legislative Council abolished.

'2. The whole of the revenue must be placed entirely under the control of the people of Canada.

'3. The Judges must be made responsible to the Provincial Legislature, and not to the King.'

The Commissioners above spoken of reached Canada in the autumn of the same year, 1835, and in the ensuing winter Sir John Colborne, the Governor of Upper Canada, who had rendered himself extremely obnoxious to the people of that province, was recalled, and his place was supplied by Sir Francis Head.

The object of this article is to detail the principal proceedings of these personages; and we think we shall show that they have not merely failed to allay, but that, aided by the disingenuous—we had almost said treacherous—instructions with which they were furnished by Lord Glenelg, they have materially augmented the discontents which existed at the time of their arrival.

Previous to the departure of Lord Gosford and his fellow Commissioners\*, Mr. Roebuck, in his capacity of agent to the House of Assembly, laid before the colonial minister, Lord Glenelg, a full and explicit statement, in writing, of the views and demands of that House.

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\* The Commissioners were, Lord Gosford, Sir Charles Grey, and Sir George Gipps. Lord Gosford was also appointed Governor-in-Chief, in the place of Lord Aylmer, a Governor so bad, that any change must have been for the better.