

CHAPTER III.

PROSPECTIVE REBELLION.

AT this moment the saloon door opened and Sir Francis appeared.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he called out, "as a pleasant indication of our loyalty, I ask you to join us in three cheers for the King."

All the men present being either members of his own Council or employees, the cheers were heartily given.

"Three more for Sir Francis Bond Head, His Majesty's representative, the Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada," cried the Attorney-General. And the cheers were repeated.

"I thank you all," returned the Governor, "for this double expression of your loyalty; and I have no doubt if it could be heard on shore, it would find an echo throughout the Province."

Closing the door, he returned to the table around which the members of his Cabinet had gathered.

"I believe that is really a fair sample of the sentiment of our people," was his comment.

"I wish I were as confident as you are, sir," said the Attorney-General. "To my knowledge there are many places in this