

that time forth too, down to this day, I have continually received intimations of a state of feeling amongst the Canadian peasantry of the District of Montreal, which threatens,—if not actual disturbances during the winter,—still so much combination of purpose and means amongst the disaffected, as to require the utmost vigilance on the part of Government. Nor did the Duke of Wellington's speech and Lord Melbourne's silence on that occasion, produce a less mischievous effect upon the great bulk of the British race in this Colony. As respects this class, the first impression created by this evidence of my being left without adequate support at home was one of despondency. I can speak almost from my own personal knowledge of numbers including gentlemen of the most respectable character and highest influence, who had entered into all my views for the improvement of this much neglected Country, who were aware of my determination, so far as it might depend upon me, to remove the *causes*—to dry up the very source of past dissensions, and to render this Colony essentially *British* in its laws, Institutions, and character; who had merely on account of those views and intentions, afforded me their confiding support; and who were employing their valuable influence in diverting Public attention from the miserable past, and endeavouring to fix it on a happy prospect of peace and prosperity. These Gentlemen, when the news in question arrived from England,—when they perceived that I was left alone to struggle with unparalled difficulties,—could no longer rely on the accomplishment of any of the important measures that I had projected. They were therefore led, most naturally, as it appears to me, instead of looking with confidence to the future, first to despair of any fruit from my exertions, and next to recur to the past with feelings of irritation as violent as were ever produced amongst the British race in this Colony by the worst previous sacrifice of Colonial interests to the object of mere party in the Mother Country. Such is the unanimity of opinion and feeling amongst the British population of this Colony, that the individuals whom I have described, fairly represent the whole class. The despondency and irritation of that Class were as conspicuous as the half elated and threatening activity of the disaffected portion of French Canadians. But such was the effect produced upon both Classes, that is, upon the great bulk of the people, by the party proceedings at Home.

The same means produced an opposite effect on the loyal inhabitants of the Colony.

Despondency and irritation of this part of the population.

These effects produced entirely by the party proceedings in England.