

View this subject, therefore, in whatever aspect you please, the proceedings of the Council are fair, honorable, and even constitutional; while the accusations of their enemies are unwarrantable, unprecedented, and unjust. The unchangeable principles of equity must eventually receive their appropriate deserts, and the ultimate success of the Council is beyond any doubt. Their regulations, so far as they do not contravene the intentions of the Law, will not be rendered null through informality, even though a special Act of Parliament be required to establish their legality. The disreputable attempts of ~~partial~~ <sup>political</sup> demagogues to excite the people to rebellion, ought, therefore to be discarded, and their vile insinuations exposed. The strength of the Government will be employed, if necessity require it, to enforce the obedience of its laws. Are the people prepared for such a collision? If not, let them pause before they proceed so far under the banners of their present leaders that extrication will be impossible. Instead of condemning the Municipal Act without investigation, let them give it a fair trial. Let them lay aside those national, sectional, even religious distinctions by which they have hitherto been divided, and unite, as one man, to carry into effect the wise regulations which their Representatives in Parliament have enacted for their benefit. They will then have the control over, and the management of their own local affairs. Our neighbours and fellow-countrymen in Upper Canada present, in this respect, the aspect of a peaceful, contented, and happy people. Why may not we? Let us, my countrymen in this municipality, not be outdone by others in the improvement of our country. Deprived of "protection" in the markets, we must redouble our efforts, and endeavour to resuscitate the latent energies of this noble Province. I am not afraid of contradiction when I assert, that nobler and better resources are not to be found in any colony, than Canada now possesses.

## PART II.

### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION.

Doctrina sed vim promovet insitam,  
Rectique cultus pectora roburant;  
Ut cunque defecere mores,  
Dedecorant bene nata culpæ.

Hor. Lib. IV. Od. 4.

The education of youth is one of the most important subjects that ever engaged the attention of any free government. It is knowledge which most especially distinguishes man from the rest