

A BRIEF STATEMENT, ETC.

It certainly is greatly to be lamented that after the unfortunate experience of the last fifteen years the Colonial office, whose dislike to the appointment of Agents has been so strong, should at this time be most imperfectly informed upon, or be very indifferent to what is passing in Canada. Its present sources of information are the representations of a Governor-General, who publicly argues against the principles of Government, to which the people of this country, as well as of Canada, are most attached—the reports of the disappointed instruments of Lord Sydenham's corrupt and unsuccessful policy, and the prejudiced statements of defeated land jobbers. For nine months Sir C. Metcalf has kept the chief offices of the Government vacant—it being actually more dangerous to fill them with men holding his opinions than to keep them vacant—and he has substituted his own inefficient, though certainly mild Dictatorship, for that system of Responsible Government which the people of Canada had hoped, upon the restoration of a Constitution, to have seen established among them. He has engaged the people in a discussion upon the