

ministration of a civil government, whether republican or monarchical, have a ruinous and dangerous tendency, what shall we predict from the present dubious situation of the affairs of Canada? Can we remain blind as to the intentions of the British ministry, should an union be effected between the two provinces, under the regulations prescribed in the intended incorporation bill? Can any one be so ignorant as to suppose that, after the present struggle to accomplish their object of re-union, they will then rest satisfied? Surely that is impossible. It may with justice be regarded as a trifling prelude to some more important measures. Wisely concluding it would startle even the strongest advocate of the government-party in this country, to have stated at once all the new modifications and restrictions intended to be enforced upon the inhabitants, they have, it is true, been apparently satisfied with introducing the union-bill. But, let them gain one advantage, and it will prove nothing more than a step towards another. Let the provinces be united, and we shall then, if not sooner, have our eyes opened — It is true, in extenuation of what appears to be the system upon which ministry are prepared to act, that the people of this province have been wrongly represented to them. Hence, too, why should we wonder that the Canadians should strive to correct those misrepresentations, and to retain their indisputable privilege of enjoying unmolested their present happy constitution? — Happy, I say, because they are contented; and happy because their unaspiring minds know not a wish unsatisfied. I will not for the present, further enlarge than merely to direct your attention for a moment, to a paragraph in the Canadian Courant of this day, relative to the "Anti-union party," which the pithy editor says "should be by no means forgotten." In that point, I perfectly coincide with the gentleman. But "the dreadful thing having struggled into birth," he adds and further hopes, "there will now be a return to rationality," I would simply ask, what that dreadful thing is? And whether he means that it is a dreadful thing to see a body of people contending for their rights? or whether he would have it understood that it was his illustrious paragraph that himself was struggling to give birth to. If the latter, truly,

*Parturunt montes nascitur ridiculus mus.*

If the former, I must add that "a fool multiplieth words without knowledge."

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