

the press of all shades, from high tory to low radical, vied in expressions of sincere regret ; only one man in United Canada could be found in his place in Parliament, with all the force of French vituperative eloquence, to assail his memory. And who then stood forth as his defender ; one of the leaders of that party whom his Lordship had most bitterly opposed. Years have passed away since the following brief summary of his Lordship's character was penned, and we willingly adopt it.

“He used Responsible Government as a means to carry out his particular measures, hoping that he would be able to retain in his own hands the construction of its very ambiguous terms ; but like to an engineer hoisted by his own petard, the latter part of the Session of 1841 saw him defeated ; when broken down in body and mind, he, who had effected much evil, but who had also accomplished great good, was summoned from this earthly scene deeply and universally regretted. If he introduced some confusion into our political system, he most certainly gave the first spring to the energies of the Province, and called forth the latent spirit of development. If he gave us our first lessons in political bribery, he acted merely on the axiom which had guided his early career ; in his labors to render Canada British, not only in name but in thought and feeling, he underrated the immense power of those who in the main loyal, yet guarded with pious affection their own peculiar laws, language, and religion, and which power he really increased. If he allowed personal feelings of hostility to betray him into ungracious and ungenerous exhibitions thereof, his friendships were strong and lasting. The language of the eloquent minister who preached the funeral sermon over his departed friend, may, to many, have appeared too strong, yet they have to a very great extent been justified by the corroborative evidence of gentlemen who were his intimates ; if he had many foibles they were more than counterbalanced by great industry, great perseverance and great talents.”

SIR CHARLES BAGOT.

The next selection as Governor General, was Sir Charles Bagot, and never did Viceroy assume the duties of his office under more flattering circumstances than he. Descended from a noble line of ancestry who had always been noted for their loyalty and attachment to the throne, more particularly his direct ancestor, Colonel Harvey Bagot, who had greatly distinguished himself by his chivalrous loyalty to the cause of Charles I., and his noble defence of Litchfield—united by blood to one of our most honest and upright Bishops, and by marriage to the illustrious house of Wellesley, he had filled to the satisfaction and honour of the country the highest diplomatic offices, having been ambassador to several