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of sanctioning an outrage, ought to be sufficient to convince even the most prejudiced that no danger was to be apprehended from such a force. On Saturday the prisoners in gaol were admitted to bail, and perfect tranquillity prevailed during the evening, and has continued up to the time that we write. We may therefore fairly consider that peace and good order have been restored. On Friday, when the excitement was at the highest, a public meeting was held, over which the Honorable George Moffatt presided. We cannot but condemn in the most unequivocal manner the holding of a public meeting for a professedly constitutional object, at such a time of excitement—of course Mr. Moffatt's audience was composed principally of the rioters, and it is needless to say that they did not express any indignation at their own conduct. This meeting demanded the recall of our noble constitutional Governor-General, and small partizan societies have heaped insult on his Excellency to their own disgrace and dishonor. On Saturday the House of Assembly was able to proceed to business in the Bonsecours Market. We publish in this number the proceedings. A large majority has sustained his Excellency, and even the minority have refrained from sanctioning the conduct of the faction out of doors.

The representatives of the people have spoken out; and our firm belief is, that the people will, from one end of the province to the other, come forward in a constitutional manner to express their indignation at the late outrages, their loyalty to their Queen, attachment to British connexion, and their gratitude to our noble Governor-General for his just and impartial conduct in the Government of this province. Such will, we believe, be the opinions expressed by the people both in Upper and Lower Canada—by Anglo-Canadians, by French Canadians, by Irishmen, and, we trust, by many Englishmen and Scotchmen, who in other sections of the province are free from the prejudices entertained by their countrymen here. We trust that the people of England will consider the Canadian question coolly and impartially. Are the wishes of the Canadian Parliament, or of a factious minority, to be respected by our countrymen in England? Are we, in short, to be deprived of all our constitutional rights whenever the minority choose to raise a cry of dissatisfaction? All that the faction now expect is the interference of the Imperial Government to crush the majority, and throw the entire province into commotion. We believe it will be disappointed, and that the Governor-General will be allowed to administer his government with the advice of the freely elected representatives of the Canadian people.

The news from Quebec is most satisfactory. A futile attempt to insult the Governor-General, by burning him in effigy, was frustrated; and a monster meeting will be held immediately, or has by this time been held, to declare confidence in his Excellency, and approbation of his conduct.