

as well as the introduction of large sums in specie into this province, being notorious in the United States, it is to be expected that Congress will take steps to deprive us of those resources; and, under that apprehension, large droves are daily crossing the lines coming into Lower Canada."

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT, No. II.

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The battle for responsible government was fought not in New Brunswick alone, but in all the provinces of British North America, for the same evils existed in them all. It was fought not by one or two individuals, but by a body of enlightened statesmen, who recognized the fact that the country would never be content until the system of government was changed. It was opposed by what has been termed the family compact; which consisted of friends of the governor, old families who had long filled public offices in the colonies, and who regarded any change in the system which was likely to deprive them and their descendants of such offices as little short of high treason. The governor, who was usually opposed to all reform, was supported by those persons; and, as he had the ear of the colonial office to a much greater extent than any of the men who were agitating for responsible government, it is easy to see that the difficulties in the way of obtaining it were very great. At that time the colonial department was usually presided over by men who knew nothing whatever of the colonies, and who had been brought up under the belief that there was some necessary connection between a colonist and a colored man, and that all colonists were people of an inferior race. There was probably not one man in the colonial office who had ever visited the colonies, or who had ever seen a colonist, except some casual visitor in London. To show how affairs were managed, or rather mismanaged, we can refer to the case of Mr. Henry Taylor, who, when he was very little more than twenty-one years of age, was appointed to an important post in the colonial office, and wrote for a great many years most of the despatches which came to British North