

I would be better pleased if the other party had such a majority as these now have. But as I have no doubt of our connexion with the Parent State being safe in the keeping of either party, I am not displeased with the late change. In one point of view I am rather pleased with it, because I am confident that with the power which the present majority have they will, during the present Parliament, prove that it is not separation they desire, but fair play in working out the true principles of responsible government, which are now much better understood in Canada than they were when the breach was made between Lord Metcalfe and his Executive Council.

Should these my opinions be well founded time will soon show that this party is as loyal as their rivals; and then the British people will cease to look upon us, in Canada, as disloyal, or even discontented; and they will cease to offend or insult us by the continued expression, through the press, of their doubts, their fears, and suspicions of our loyalty. The reality of this loyalty will soon, I am confident, be placed above suspicion; and our affections for our relatives and connexions at home, and our good-will to our fellow subjects at large may be freely and mutually cultivated, although we be separated from each other by the broad Atlantic.

Neither have I many fears, after the long experience of the past, that Colonial Ministers in England will err much hereafter in dealing with us. They can now have no other motive or desire than to advance us in prosperity; which prosperity, however, being now chiefly dependent upon our own care and management, should we fail to secure it, we must blame our own Representatives and not Earl Grey or his successors here in England.

I have resided in Canada, and in every city in it, East and West, for more than forty-five years, and few men have had such good opportunities of knowing its people as I have had; and few can feel a more ardent wish for their prosperity and