

To

ISAAC BUCHANAN, Esq., M.P.P.,

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL OF THE XIIITH BATTALION
VOLUNTEERS, U. C.,

&c., &c., &c.

Sir,

As a steady and munificent Patron of worth and useful efforts, these Lectures upon Canada are respectfully dedicated to you—there being the further propriety in this, from your having been the friend who suggested to the accomplished Lecturer so patriotic and loyal a work, at such an appropriate time as that of the present—the troubled state of this continent.

The author, the late Mr. Charles Bass, although a celebrity with widely acknowledged powers of literary composition, and a master in happy expression of thought, had never until recently, attempted the character of a political writer or state-economist. A man of practical aspirations only, he left to others that high *role* in the drama of life, whose position it better suited, and confined himself to the one he had assumed. In his latter days, however, responding to the promptings of his versatile and accomplished genius, he addressed himself to the subject of this pamphlet—the place which Canada, under well-directed government, is calculated to occupy among the nations. He had, many years ago, although, by profession, as a member of what is regarded as a nomadic race, adopted this Province as his home and resting place. It was, then, a matter of natural anxiety with him, as life was advancing, to be assured that the country of which his three young children are natives, should move onward in a course of prosperity and national prosperity.

His lucubrations upon this theme, although in the present shape of a mere *brochure*, will readily be acknowledged by all to be amply suggestive. Free from the trammels of party, which is too often a threatening curse to this country, he peers with the unobscured and keen eye of the philosopher and prophet, into the vista of the future. They deserve to be accepted by the public as a pure emanation of a bright intellect, and the expiring effort of an able and lucid mind upon a subject of the deepest interest.

The patriotic part,—irrespective of all minorities and petty political differences,—with which your name must always be associated,—the welfare and progress of the country, embodying everything valuable to you,—as well as your already substantially declared appreciation of the Lecturer as well as of these Lectures, induce the widow of the author humbly and respectfully to place them under the wing of your patronage.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your very Obedient Servant,

THE EDITOR.

HAMILTON, U. C., 1863.