

introduced a system of Government based upon just principles and which recognised the legitimate influence of the people. In fact he established what is fondly called, "Responsible Government."

Now what is meant by this is that the local affairs of the Country shall be administered in accordance with the wishes of the people as expressed through their Representatives in Parliament, that is to say that no measure of Government should be carried out unless sanctioned by a majority of our Representatives. And that the Governor should have a Council possessing the confidence of the Country, whose advice he should ask in all the affairs of his Government.

The moment this was promulgated and acted upon, the people became satisfied. It was all they asked. It was a transcript of the system of Government enjoyed in England, and they wanted no more. It would insure them the utmost extent of political and religious freedom. Lord Sydenham died lamented and he was followed by the just and the good, Sir Charles Bagot, who also governed with honor to himself and happiness to the Country. He died and his memory will ever live in the hearts of a grateful people.

Then came our present Governor General, Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, a man who by his talents and from his success elsewhere, promised to be as popular a Governor as his two predecessors. He found the Country tranquil and happy and he saw prosperity springing up and advancing on every side. He too *professed* to carry out the same system of Responsible Government. Occasionally, however, suspicions arose that all was not right, but still His Excellency enjoyed the character of sincerity. The character and popularity of his advisers gave a sure guarantee to all his acts. Through his Council his Excellency possessed the strongest administration that was ever enjoyed by any Governor in this Province.

The meeting of the Parliament which has just passed by was looked forward to by the people with strong