

representatives of the people, thus affording a guarantee that the well understood wishes and interests of the people, which our Gracious Sovereign has declared shall be the rule of the Provincial Government, will on all occasions, be faithfully represented and advocated."

Now, it must be manifest that by these Resolutions, both the Government and the House of Assembly intended to define and did define what was really meant by Responsible Government. The resolution can bear but one interpretation. They must mean something and what that something is can only be gathered from the words of the resolution themselves.

Lord Stanley, whose opinion we presume our opponents will not deny, has lately declared in his place in Parliament, that he understood by Responsible Government that the Administration of Canada was to be carried on by heads of departments enjoying the confidence of the people of Canada, responsible to the Legislature of Canada, and that the Governor in propounding and introducing Legislative measures to the Parliament of Canada, was to be guided by the advice of those whom he had called to his Councils and to introduce measures upon their advice."

Sir Robert Peel also stated, "that the Governor would act most unworthily if in respect to all local matters, he did not consult the opinion of his Council."

W. C. Buller, at the same time made the following observations.

"It was the want of a Responsible Government which had been the main, obvious, and permanent cause of discontent and disorder in Canada—namely, the attempt to carry on the Executive Government by persons not possessed of the confidence of a Legislature, and who were entrusted with power to make laws. It seemed to him, and no argument that had ever been used, and very few had

been, had ever shaken his opinion, and it stood on plain common sense, that if they had the power of legislation vested in a Parliament, they must place the Executive Government in the hands of those who had confidence in that Parliament. He need not now refer to the time of Lord Durham's report; for ten years preceding that report, anarchy had existed, and, in spite of the difficulties which might at present exist, he could look with triumph to the results of that recommendation wherever it had been fully and fairly carried out. So long as the principles of that report were acted on, so long had contentment been given to the people of Canada. Any attempt to abolish those principles produced immediate confusion and collision; the machine of Government was stopped, and such ignominious disasters ensued as threatened a separation between the colony and the mother country. Considerations such as these should, he thought, induce hon. members to pause before they trifled with anything so serious and so very important as the peace of the whole country. He felt bound to insist upon this, that the principles upon which that report had been founded should fairly be carried out."

Lord Durham in his celebrated report in Canada says, "The responsibility to the United Legislature of all officers of the Government, except the Governor and his Secretary, should be secured by every means known to the British Constitution. The Governor as the Representative of the Crown, should be instructed that he must carry on his government by Heads of Departments in whom the United Legislature should repose confidence, and that he must look for no support from home in any contest with the Legislature except on points involving strictly Imperial interests."—Lord Durham's Report.

Again he says, "I know not how it is

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