

then recommended his policy may still influence colonial opinion. Since the establishment of the novel system of responsible government, the duties of a Colonial Governor have changed their character. While an Indian Viceroy or a Governor of a Crown Colony is charged mainly with administrative functions, a Governor-General of Canada, or the holder of a similar office in Australia, is something between a constitutional King and a resident Ambassador. Lord Dufferin has at all times to keep his own Parliament and his Ministers in good humor; and on occasions like the present he finds it necessary to patch up their blunders. His prospects of success in the pending negotiation are not encouraging.

THE ENGLISH PRESS ON LORD DUFFERIN'S SPEECH.

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The Earl of Dufferin is a very able man and an eloquent speaker, who in his important office as Governor-General of Canada, has more than once done good service to the Empire. If his recent visit to the Province of British Columbia has been less successful than some of his former expeditions to distant parts of the Dominion, it must be admitted that the task which Lord Dufferin had undertaken was one of peculiar difficulty. He had to appear before the people of British Columbia as the representative not only of the Imperial but of the Dominion Government, and in attempting to sustain the double character of an agent of the Crown and the head of an independent constitutional system—functions never easily reconciled, but rarely so irreconcilable as at the moment of his visit, it is no wonder that even so adroit and experienced a diplomatist should *have failed*. In spite of the flatteries so judiciously administered to the self-love of the Province—a form of attention to which young communities are particularly susceptible—the Governor-General *does not appear to have accomplished* that which we may presume to have been the object of his mission—namely, to obtain the consent of the British Columbians to the latest of Mr. Mackenzie's many proposals to evade the Canadian bargain with British Columbia. In vain did Lord Dufferin tax all his powers of pleasing; in vain did he compliment the colony on its great resources and its amazing loyalty—upon the idyllic beauty of its scenery, upon its admirable water ways and