

were sent out to command us ; yet, with a certain degree of dignity, and show of respectability on their parts. We may have opposed their policy, and thought their sway injurious to the best interests of the country ; but we were not compelled, as Canadians, to blush for the degradation brought upon us by their want of knowledge of the conventional usages and manners of gentlemen, nor to hate and scorn them for their disregard of truth and justice, and for the wilful and designed insults which accompanied the injuries they inflicted. For three weeks after the arrival of Sir Francis, even the Reformers had no fault to find with his mode of treating the House of Assembly. After that, the back-stairs Cabinet began to exercise sway over him, the leaders of which were Messrs. Hagerman and Draper, Solicitors, then practising in partnership in Toronto. Mr. Hagerman was then Solicitor General, and in the House of Assembly he became the exponent of the new policy Sir Francis had lately been encouraged to adopt. He publicly boasted on the floor of the House, that the agitators in that Assembly would soon find that another *agitator* had arrived who would take the field against them, and carry the war into their very encampment. The old Executive Council was dismissed, and Mr. Draper became one of the new Council. That was the time when Sir Francis began to distribute his mad diatribes over the length and breadth of the land, to the great dismay of those who held the honor and integrity of the British Government and of British Governors in the most loyal estimation. The Reformers, even, although expecting nothing good from *him*, were astounded at the impudence and audacity of their "enemy," as he called himself, and attributed the productions issuing from Government House to Mr. Hagerman, as the only person in the Province reckless enough to send them forth ; but they never knew that there was a greater than he behind the scenes. Mr. Hagerman was violent and unscrupulous, but he had more generosity and manhood, than to give utterance to some of the slanders that were then perpetrated for political effect. He, we believe now firmly, never could have advised them, and knowing who has advised more contemptible ones since—knowing that Mr. Hagerman was either not in the country, or not within hundreds of miles of Lord Metcalfe, when he undertook to follow in the footsteps of his illustrious predecessor, Sir Francis, before and at the time of the last election, by flooding the whole country with falsehoods and slanders against the leaders of the Reform party—perceiving, as we do, a striking similarity in the style of the different compositions in which the lies and slanders of Sir Francis, and the lies and libels of Sir Charles stink and fester, we can arrive at none other than this conclusion, that a course of conduct so unworthy of any British Governor, could only have been recommended to the latter by the same individual who