

cannot be as briefly tabulated. Neither movement was directed against British rule, though it included a few individuals who were, but against the withholding what the malcontents considered as the promised privileges of British representative and responsible government. Their demand to-day would be considered only natural and just. They had been given the shadow but not the substance of the British Constitution, which last, as a matter of fact, had been promised, to Upper Canada at any rate, at the division of the provinces in 1791. That neither were then ripe for it for somewhat different reasons will be the opinion of most students of the period. That its full privileges were withheld too long, and grave abuses thereby engendered, would seem equally certain. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, though removed from the racial problems and alien dangers that give peculiar interest to the story of the Canadas, each witnessed a more or less prolonged struggle between privilege and democracy, the former represented by a somewhat similar element to that which dominated Upper Canada. This element in all the provinces were, for the most part, members of the Anglican Church and supporters of its pretensions to exclusive official recognition and other favours. The mass of the Protestant population belonged to other denominations, and resented this claim to precedence on the part of the Church, which, as that of a caste against whom they had other grievances, became to some extent identified with what was regarded as the latter's political and social arrogance. Mere priority would in those days have doubtless been taken as a matter of course in a British colony even by Presbyterians, but there was more than this here, for every seventh parcel of the Crown lands throughout Upper Canada had been reserved for the support of the Church of England. In course of time, as population increased, this endowment began to rankle in the minds of the Presbyterians and nonconformist majority, more especially so as these scattered tracts remaining mostly uncleared, were a serious obstacle and inconvenience to the