

# THE CANADIAN CRISIS.

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## CHAPTER I.

*Extreme importance of Lord Durham's mission—Real state of Canada little known—Mr. E. Ellice's speech—Author's means of information on Canadian question—American settlers in Canada—Catholic clergy—Causes of discontent.*

LORD DURHAM is about to depart for Canada. On him will soon depend the very existence, as colonies, of the British possessions in North America. If the measures pursued by him are judicious, our colonies are not only preserved, but will, in all human probability, make a progress, and attain a degree of prosperity, little anticipated by people "at home." Should he take a wrong direction in conducting the affairs of the Canadas, the consequences are sufficiently obvious, and may be disastrous in the extreme.

The late events in Canada have occupied so much of public attention, that it might be supposed by this time that the subject is pretty well understood in England, particularly as there is a