

been very much impaired by the sacrifices he had made, it was determined to confer upon him the first office that became vacant, if worthy of his acceptance. As if to meet these views, the office of Inspector General, a place of great responsibility, was in a short time at the disposal of Government, and was immediately bestowed upon Mr. Baby. The last seventeen years of his life have been spent at York, in the discharge of the duties of this office, and never has there been the slightest shadow of complaint—a fact, the more remarkable, as he had to check every other office in the Province, and to pronounce in a variety of questions, in which numbers were deeply interested, but such was the public confidence in his integrity and honor, that not a murmur was ever heard.

As a Member of both Councils he displayed the most uncompromising probity and no influence could induce him to give up an opinion, which, after mature examination, he concluded to be right. Owing to his having cultivated both languages, French and English, and sometimes speaking in the one, and sometimes in the other, he seemed, at times, slow of apprehension, and after having made up his mind somewhat pertinacious, but it was the result of high principle—there was nothing of levity or selfishness allowed in forming his conclusions.

There was a primitive simplicity in Mr. Baby's character, which added to his polished manners and benignity of disposition, threw a moral beauty around him which is very seldom beheld. His favorite amusements partook largely of this simplicity. He was fond of fishing—the solitude with which it was attended was congenial to his mind—it gave him exercise, fresh air and an appetite. For this amusement he had always a strong predilection. It required hope and much patience; and indeed, few can sit quietly on the flowery bank of a calm river, separated from the cares and business of the world, without falling into such contemplations as shall benefit their souls.

He had, perhaps, still greater pleasure in attending to his garden—to prune, to bud and graft, to sow and plant were among his most agreeable employments—he delighted in watching the progress of his labours—and was anxious to discover new methods of improving fruits and plants, and ascertaining the most approved methods of cultivation. We would frequently find him hastening in the morning to enjoy his garden, and no man can be fond of its fruits and flowers, and the delightful enjoyment which they yield both to eye and ear by their perfumes and colours, without having his heart touched with gratitude to God, their Creator and the giver of all good. This sweet and amiable disposition appeared in all his occupations, and was evident in every thing around him. He had a number of canary birds, which he tended with great care, and rejoiced as much in their increase as if he had received some great reward, and when the room resounded with their songs, expressive of their joys, their loves and their happiness, he appeared to participate in their innocent delights. We might proceed to mention the interest which he took in the comfort and happiness of all the domestic animals which he kept about him, but we must hasten to a close.

His external accomplishments and manners were highly adapted to win affection and esteem. To an address peculiarly engaging, from its dignity, urbanity and ease, was united a cordiality and kindness of deportment which induced one to desire a more intimate acquaintance.

In his social intercourse he was an universal favorite, for the sweetness of his temper and innocence of his heart opened the affection of all in his favor. It was not that he was distinguished for his colloquial powers, for he was by no means the leader in conversation, but there was the polish of the most refined manners, ripened by innate benivolence, which made him so acceptable