

Un membre du parlement anglais, qui occupe un rang distingué parmi les écrivains de son pays, M. Justin McCarthy, dans son *History of our own times*, a apprécié la destitution du lieutenant-gouverneur de Québec, et la nouvelle position qu'elle a faite à l'Angleterre vis-à-vis du Canada.

Après avoir fait le récit du coup d'Etat, l'auteur ajoute : "Lord Lorne objected (to the
"dismissal) on the ground that though a
"Governor-General appointed a Lieutenant-
"Governor on the advice of his ministers, the
"removal of a Lieutenant-Governor was a
"matter for his personal decision. This point
"seemed to be authorized by the words of the
"Dominion act, but an appeal from Lord
"Lorne to Sir Michael Hicks Beach, the
"Colonial Secretary, received a reply couns-
"elling the Governor-General to give way to
"his ministers. Thus the Imperial Govern-
"ment withdrew from the representation of
"the Crown all but the meere semblance of
"authority, and made him what indeed he
"should be, but certainly was not intended to
"be at the time the confédération was formed,