

instance in full accord with the Government of the Dominion, and at its instance succeeded in inducing the Provincial Parliaments to put an end to their existence. The affairs of each Province were thereupon placed in the hands of a Council of four and an Intendant, who received their appointments from Ottawa, and held them at the pleasure of the Archon. All the public officials were appointees of the Dominion Government, and by extraordinary manipulation and an unblushing system of favoritism, almost every officer in the Canadian army was a Tory, died in the wool. And to cap everything, the Government, by cancelling or threatening to cancel the charters of Banks under Liberal management, so far controlled these institutions that it was almost impossible for any one with Liberal tendencies to obtain discount. It may thus be seen that the Government possessing or controlling so many methods for compelling compliance with their wishes, found little difficulty in suppressing active revolt and stifling complaints.

It is impossible to give an account in a few words of the events of the next few years, so rich in incidents, but above all in misfortunes; but it would be absurd to attempt the slightest sketch without referring to the difficulties with the United States. I believe that while the Dominion was a British Colony its relations with the States were amicable, and that kindly expressions of sentiment were frequently interchanged between the two countries. From the day that Canada commenced her career as an independent power it is certain that courteous expressions and friendly sentiments between the two nations ceased. It was perhaps natural that our Republican neighbors should object to the institution in America of a titled aristocracy, but I scarcely think they can be justified in habitually describing our country as a one-horse affair, or in speaking of our nobles as Codfishes and Potato Bugs. It certainly did not please the latter to have their honors treated with such contempt, and although Canadians did not retaliate by using insulting invectives, the *haut ton* cherished a supreme contempt for the shoddy Yankees who possessed neither titles nor family estates. Again, the Free Trade pro-