

for the moment, "Love God, and hate your fellow creature as heartily as possible."

And how was this gigantic evil to be remedied? We had three millions of people in these now united Provinces; and I must be excused for stating my honest conviction that I saw but one man alone with expansion of heart and head enough to grasp the magnificent design, and with the lever of genius and indomitable energy to carry it into triumphant execution, and that man was Thomas D'Arcy McGee. Other prominent party leaders seemed to me to be ever screaming and piping lamentations, and playing on the passions of the unthinking, and poking up the dead men's bones of centuries gone by, for the purpose of finding the Godsend of a grievance; and therefore, with all their acknowledged ability, they did but harm to the country and to the public, and but very little good to themselves. They were their whole lives pulling down rather than building up, and therefore when dying left nothing behind of an enduring character or worthy of a people's gratitude. Not so with the great and good man we mourn to-day. To him belongs the singular privilege of having inaugurated what his journal in Canada was called, the NEW ERA of peace, benediction, prosperity, and brotherly love, where there was naught before but heart burnings, and hard feelings, and deeds of death, and darkness, and total alienation of brother from brother, and party feelings, and schisms in their most unchristian and revolting forms. Without ceasing for a moment to be the ardent lover of Ireland, her religion, and her people, he became first among the benefactors, and in a certain sense father, of his adopted country. By Herculean labor he succeeded to a large extent in tearing up, root and branch, senseless and inveterate prejudices, and blending all hearts in one common effort for one common weal. He did what before him no one ever seriously attempted with any show of success. He made man's "justice and peace kiss," and without the compromise of a single principle, religious or political, he brought rich and poor, Protestant and Catholic, English, French, Irish, Scotch and Canadian, into the bond of amity and the social compact, and unified a whole mass of heterogenous people, far more than

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