

detriment of the Province. From this Press a weekly Paper, called *Le Canadian*, issued in the French language, which soon acquired popularity with the denomination of an opposition paper. A newspaper strife far from harmonizing parties, by reciprocally enquiring into the causes of their misunderstanding, inflamed the growing evil, and the odious sense applied to the terms *Canadian* and *Anti-Canadian*, *Choyen* and *Democrat*, distinctive of parties, gave uneasiness to all who earnestly cultivated a good understanding with their fellow citizens. From the novel and hardy spirit of this publication, many who were connected with the administration of the Colonial Government, or dependant upon it, affected to suspect a conspiracy on foot, and that secret funds were furnished from abroad for the purpose of alienating the minds of the people from their allegiance, and to revolutionize the Province. Some ancient and respectable citizens, known to have contributed towards the purchase of the press, were dismissed from their rank in the *Sedentary Militia*; among them Mr. Panet, the Speaker of the House of Assembly, a gentleman of the most unimpeachable integrity. This measure, although of little importance in itself, created from its harshness, an interest in the public, which strengthened the party already formed in opposition to the measures of the administration.

In June, the elections for the ensuing Parliament took place, and were conducted in most counties with unanimity. The late Speaker presented himself for the Upper Town of Quebec, but the resident Military, and dependants on the several Military Departments in Quebec, entitled to vote, influenced by the example of their Chiefs, turned the scale against him. He was however, elected in the mean time for another County.