

from North Britain. That this is a true picture of the great bulk of the Scotch who are in Canada, every one but Scotchmen will acknowledge; nor is it in the least overcoloured.—When I came to Canada, and was told the British inhabitants were chiefly Scotch, I flattered myself, judging from what Scotchmen at home generally are, I should fall amongst a people, of literary acquirements, liberal tempers, and social disposition; but I can not speak the ineffable and unutterable contempt I have for the wretchedly ignorant, prejudiced, illiberal, and meanly proud animals, who form the upper classes of the Scotch-Canadians. With this reaction on my mind, added to the savage, bloodthirsty, and iniquitous, persecution I have sustained at the hands of the agents of the late North-West Company, all but one (an honourable Canadian, who never interfered in my prosecution,) illiterate, low-bred, Scotchmen; and when I perceived, as a party-writer, that it is to the intrigues and sordid ambition of such men as these, that the anti-English, and insidious plan of the union was laid, for destroying the liberties of both provinces, and throwing the whole prostrate at the feet of a domineering faction, who in their turn would lick the feet of their rulers; considering all this, it is no wonder, I should make the distinction I do, between the Scotch nation, and the Scotch faction; between the Scotch in Europe, and the Scotch in Canada, and that I should, in my political writings, (sometimes I know with a colouring, heightened by party zeal, which can not fail to be the concomitant of all such discussions,) stigmatise the latter, as a set of despicable, and contemptible, but dangerous, enemies of the country.

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When, in my last number, I noticed the vile and reptile-like sentiments which the editor of the Montreal Herald, had expressed with respect to the custom of the Charrivarri, namely, that it ought to be prohibited because its votaries were *anti-unionists*, I little dreamt, that the *illegal* and indefensible opposition that has been made to that custom, would have been carried to that sanguinary and dreadful excess which has lately proved to be the case. It is a warning-voice to the French Canadians, and let it not be lost upon them. They may now plainly perceive that it is the intention of the *unionists* (for it must become a party-question) to destroy, along with their constitution, laws, and language; their customs, usages, and favourite amusements, if not by form of law; then by force, and main strength, by the bullet and the sword. Let it be a warning to you, Canadians; do not let these intruding upstarts dictate to you, upon your own soil, which of your local habits, your pastimes, your exercises, and ancient privileges, you shall abandon at their nod, and which they will suffer you to retain.

In a subsequent number, and as soon as I can find space, I mean to maintain the following propositions.