

ON COLONIES.

(Concluded from page 103.)

We are sorry to be obliged to begin the resumption of this subject by an apology to our kind readers for the *erratas* that have crept in our last numbers. If they were owing to mere neglect on our part we should be inexcusable, but our public avocations have required our frequent absence from the town, and made it impossible for us to attend to the correction of the Press. To the same cause is to be attributed the omission of certain names in the enumeration made of the officers of the *Royal Canadian* corps, which we have improperly called the *Loyal Canadian Volunteers*, among whom ought to have appeared those of our worthy friends Vassal de Monviel and Bouchette. Here therefore we give a more correct list of these names, namely Longueil and Salaberry at the head of the corps and Duchesnays, Rouville, Hertels, Sallaberrys, d'Estimauxvilles, Lamandieres, Bieury, Duprè, Bouchers, Vassal de Monviel and Bouchette. There is another *erratum* in the seventh line reckoning from the bottom of page 102, the first word of which ought to be *ardor* and not "*order*." Relying on the indulgence of our friends, we are going to proceed again to our subject matter.

England has not been the only country wherein party spirit has created such a bugbear as a hidden baneful influence; the Demagogues created one likewise during the French revolution, to which they gave the name of the Austrian Cabinet (le Cabinet Autrichien). This was not the least powerful engine directed against the King, and still more so against the Queen who was said to be at its head. The first idea of a hidden influence existing in this country was suggested, as already mentioned, by General Murray's letter to the Government at home; it manifested itself in the political discussions during the administration of Sir James Craig and has assumed a tangible shape in the accusations since directed against some eminent characters in this Province. Let us stop for a moment and consider the proceedings here alluded to.

A French dramatist makes one of his personages exclaim "*Que ces gens d'esprit sont bêtes*." We shall not go so far in our expressions; but we cannot help observing that, talents and judgment are not always going hand in hand. This is particularly the case when the clouds of party obscure the latter faculty. The charge was, for having misguided the head of our Provincial administration by pernicious advices. Now in what capacity were these advices given? It must have been in that of Members of the Executive Council, and in that case the whole executive council must necessarily be implicated in the charge either as assenting or for not having protested against the measures