

## Review of the Times.



The progress of Lord Dufferin, as Governor-General of the Dominion, through the Western regions of Ontario, and on to the extremity of our vast inland seas, was by far the most remarkable of the many *progresses* which at various times our Governors have undertaken. His Lordship has such a thorough way of doing whatever he undertakes that he might almost add the word *thorough* to that happy family motto which seems to express the course of his life. Certainly it was "by right ways" that he directed his course, or was directed, in those most eventful journeys to the icy regions which he has so charmingly told about, and most thoroughly was the work done which he set out to accomplish. Since his advent amongst us as Governor he has found the "right way" to the hearts of the people by his hearty appreciation of anything worth noting and observing amongst them; and he has made himself acquainted with them in all the diversity of their wide domain, more thoroughly than perhaps any man living. There are certainly very few (even if there is one) whose observation has at the same time been so minute and so extensive, who have visited the whole region from the Eastern shores of Nova Scotia to the Western limits of Lake Superior, and made themselves as well acquainted with our forests, mines, fisheries, factories, schools, universities and what-not, as Lord Dufferin has. And he has the happy art of seeing the good of everything. Very much of the pleasure he has imparted in this summer's tour—and he has imparted pleasure to thousands—has arisen from his charming appreciation of whatever the good people of various localities had to show him. Some for their historical associations; some for their rapid growth; some for their beautiful situation; some for their anticipated future; some because of the vastness of the contiguous lakes; some because they were but just

rough hewn out of the interminable forests—all had something to point out, to be proud of, to be thankful for; and as there are few things more pleasant than to have a great personage visit you, there can be nothing in the world more agreeable than for him to look at your fine things and compliment you about them. Lord Dufferin thoroughly understands this, and he has a marvellous faculty of expressing himself extempore and catching up the salient points of interest and pleasure to his audience. We cannot wonder, then, that he has received ovations wherever he has gone, nor that he has been as warmly welcomed in the States as he has been anywhere in Canada. He has those qualities which, at once, win the American heart. Their English blood nowhere more strikingly shows itself than in their love for titled personages. They appreciate and value good speaking, too. Lord Dufferin, as an English nobleman, as Governor-General of this Dominion, as an eloquent and polished speaker, had all those things which appeal to American sentiment, and we can understand how Chicago and Detroit were charmed, as Montreal and Toronto had been before.

This visit will do much good. It will give the Governor an acquaintance with the region where emigrants most naturally settle, and enable him to direct attention to them. It will strengthen those many bonds of affection, tradition and interest by which we are attached to the Mother Country. It will interest the Governor in the people he governs, and it will interest the people in that higher sovereignty of which he is the representative. It will do good also in strengthening those ties of friendly intercourse between kindred peoples which will be for the happiness and honor of both. But it must be friendly intercourse, not incorporation. Lord Dufferin, in the magnificent speech he deliv-