

greatest extent he could, without outraging (more than would be good policy at first) the British prejudices, as they term the loyalty of Upper Canada.

On this point, however, as on every other, (these "Friends of the People!") Mr. Baldwin and his party, make the most barefaced misrepresentations to the people; and they go so far as to insist on Reformers, contrary to the convictions of their own feelings and memory, that it was for Mr. Baldwin, personally, that they fought and triumphed in the Upper Canada elections of 1841. Here, again, and without wishing to depreciate the assistance of Mr. Baldwin and his friends, I appeal with confidence to the great body of the Reformers, to bear me out in totally denying this bold assertion.

It was for that greatest friend of Upper Canada, Lord Sydenham, and for Responsible Government, that the Reformers then fought the Family Compact and High Church Tories of the Province. It was Lord Sydenham's object, as it is still THE INTEREST OF THE PROVINCE politically to extirpate the hated influence of the High Church Oligarchy root and branch.

It on the contrary, has always been and *is now*, (see *Examiner* of 13th December) Mr. Baldwin's object, because the INTEREST OF HIS PARTY (while they make noise enough about the *particular injuries* of the Compact to the public) to perpetuate the existence of this exclusive, and therefore necessarily unpopular faction, as the political stock in trade of Mr. Baldwin and his party.

Lord Sydenham had the interest of the Province at heart, and therefore Reformers fought for His Excellency; but Mr. Baldwin's sympathies extend only to *his party*, and therefore we did not formerly and will not *now* fight for him, he may rest assured. In fact, it was for the sake of his patron, Lord Sydenham, that I (in common with the country) originally tried to think the very best of Mr. Baldwin; and, regarding him as the great apostle of Responsible Government, I have (till I saw my error and found out that Mr. Baldwin *has not soul enough to distinguish between party and public objects*) continued to befriend and defend his character, in the hour of his need. Still willing to believe him, if not the high-minded, at least the true and disinterested advocate of Responsible Government—a principle so dear to my heart—I tried to excuse to myself and others, his too often repeated "*impracticability*," on the ground of the extraordinary circumstances in which he has so often been placed, or placed himself. As the friend of my principles, I, in fact, (nevertheless his evident halting,) gave him all the support I conscientiously could; for I have no sympathy with that pseudo liberality, or contradiction, which makes people pray to be enabled to forgive their enemies the greatest offences, when they *will* not forgive their friends the smallest difference of opinion.

To co-operate with the merciful Government of our Sovereign, we agreed *unhesitatingly* to co-operate with Mr. Baldwin, in promoting an oblivion, of the political offences which *his friends* committed in 1837, but since he chooses to take them again to his bosom, while they boast that they have not changed, *we may well be pardoned*, if we would rather be excused the same honour, by remaining his political friends, especially, as we have every reason to fear, that on us may boil over some portion of the Province's indignation, when, one of those days—and it will be as