

of Lords and Commons by the Legislative Council and the Assembly.

It is no presumption at this distance of time and with the advantage of having witnessed the result of the experiment, to say that the policy pursued by Mr. Pitt in this instance, rested upon no solid basis whatever, but upon an analogy altogether illusory and superficial. Mr. Fox distinctly foresaw and as distinctly pointed out the objections to this scheme. But partly the Antigallican spirit of those times, and partly the Dramatic interest of the occurrence which distinguished the Debate on the Quebec Bill, overbore all other considerations ; and Parliament resolved to attempt the transplantation to the Soil of America of the British Constitution in what was then thought an about perfect epitome of the original.

Many Years elapsed during which the experiment was not subjected to a real trial. From 1793 when the Canadian Assemblies began to act until 1815 when the second War with the United States was brought to the close, the French Canadians submitted in the spirit of their Ancestors to the rule of their Governors with almost servile acquiescence, dissatisfied only when the Governor did not make striking and vigorous use of his powers. The English Inhabitants in either Canada were few and widely dispersed, and sympathized strongly in the varying fortunes of the Mother Country. On the Invasion of the Americans they displayed even a passionate spirit of loyalty and bore without