

the breasts of the recipients, and of which we could give many instances were we not withheld by feelings of delicacy. His sojourn in Canada was short, but even in the brief period how many had reason to bless his name, on how many hearts is the record of his unbounded charity engraven. To his indomitable steadfastness of purpose he sacrificed his life. He died shortly after his return to England, and like his predecessor—Lord Sydenham—he left no issue, so that both titles merged.

#### LORD CATHCART.

On the withdrawal of Lord Metcalfe, Lord Cathcart being the senior military officer, was sworn in as administrator; his Lordship, though of high military celebrity, was little fitted to fill the seat of Lord Metcalfe as civil governor, and moreover he had no great desire for the post. It was, we believe, intended to continue him as Governor General, and his commission was sent to him, which he announced to Parliament by stating that the Queen had been pleased to appoint him "*permanent Governor*" during his tenure of office. No great measure was undertaken by the Council, the Parliament was chiefly occupied during its first Session by contested elections, at the issue of which the Government gained one or two votes, but their position was not such as to justify any constitutional changes, and some minor appointments to office very much displeased the party which had supported the Government. Constant changes in the Council indicated weakness, and the failure of a renewed attempt to conciliate the French greatly embarrassed Mr. Draper.

In the fall of 1846 the announcement was made that Lord Elgin had been appointed to succeed Lord Cathcart; and here again both parties were at a loss how to act.

We have thus given a rapid sketch of the progress of the Provincial politics, from the Union of the Provinces, as introductory to a review of the period of Lord Elgin's administration—that administration which has effected so much—marked by so many alternations, and so fraught with lessons for political leaders. In our next number we shall endeavour to sketch the progress of political events during the period of Lord Elgin's administration.

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