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THE object of all liberal Governments is the welfare of their subjects. And the strength of every Executive will be found to be coextensive with its desire to advance the general interest. If the subjects of a Kingdom perceive a disposition manifested by their Rulers to promote their welfare, nothing will be wanting on their own part to strengthen the Executive hands. The principle of loyalty will ensure obedience, and a wise policy will effect its continuance. As no country in which the Ruling Power and the People are at variance can long flourish, so confidence throughout every branch of the government is indispensable to public prosperity. It is the practice of the government to watch narrowly the dispositions and movements of their subjects; and it is no less the duty than the privilege of the latter to scrutinise with exactness the conduct of their rulers. A healthful influence over all public departments, those for whose exclusive benefit they have been established, and by whose contributions they are maintained, ought ever to exert.

It is as well the glory as the pride of our country, that we live under a Government which acknowledges the *right* of the People to propose or amend such laws as they deem expedient in their relative situations. When Canadians obtained Responsible Government they got the life and soul of the British Constitution with it. The necessity of selecting for the sworn advisers of the Sovereign's Representative, ~~and~~ ^{men} having the confidence of a majority of the Representatives of the people was hailed as a boon eminently calculated to compensate for the years of misrule which had previously been suffered. There was now a channel through which the complaints and wishes of the people could be heard. The Mother Country saw the opening, and was not mistaken in the result. And as no nation has been known to spring into existence in a moment or grow wise in a day, it requires but the gradual work of *time* to ensure the unalloyed prosperity of this already flourishing Colony, and the contentment of a vast portion of its inhabitants.

With the introduction of Responsible Government into Canada, I am aware that there are *two* classes dissatisfied. The one com-