

Who knows the inscrutable design?
 Blessed be He who took and gave.
 Why should your mother, Charles, not mine,
 Be weeping at her darling's grave?
 We bow to heaven that willed it so,
 That darkly rules the fate of all;
 That sends the respite or the blow,
 That's free to give or to recall.

The late Hon. John Young and Sir Francis Hincks were inveterate pamphleteers in their day, and there is also a cloud of writers who, under the anonyms of "Mercator," "A Protestant," "Citizen," etc. etc., float down the current and are absorbed and lost in the gulf of time. Of the Hon. John Young we should not overlook the fact that he was the first to propose the Victoria Bridge, and that he did so in a letter published in the Montreal *Herald*.

I suppose we are all familiar with what is known as "Marriott's Report," this was printed early in 1774, and was entitled, "Plan of a Code of Laws for the Province of Quebec, Reported by the Advocate-General." Dr. Marriott was appointed to be King's Advocate-General in 1764, and Judge of the Admiralty Court in 1778. He twice represented the borough of Sudbury in Parliament, and died in 1803. His examination before the House of Commons in 1774, when the House was in Committee on the second reading of the bill "For making more Effectual Provisions for the Government of the Province of Quebec," is extremely interesting. This is the Act of Parliament known as "The Quebec Act."

With reference to Smith's History of Canada, which bears the imprint "2 vols. Quebec, 1815," these two volumes were not published until 1826; and it will be observed that the figure "5" in the date is different in type from the other figures, and in some copies that I have seen, the