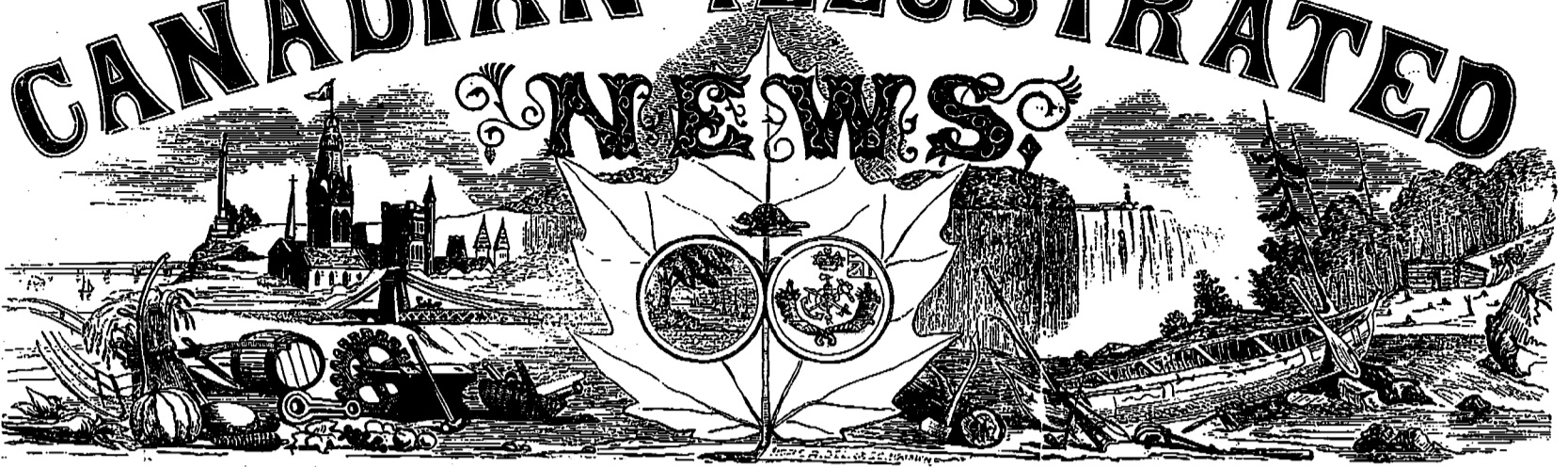


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'My more immediate friends can understand how I could be the independant member I have been. I hope this arises from my being possessed of enough of the Scottish character to have the fear of God, and to have no other fear—to be able to realize myself as being perpetually in a higher presence than that of statesmen or kings.'

'Devotion to the holy cause of the well-being of our own masses, is patriotism.'

'It matters not that you may be possessed of qualities or properties which gold cannot buy, you find that these will not buy gold. And gold is made the one thing needful in this world by the unpatriotic principle of England's money law, which both the United States and Canada have been foolish enough to copy.'

'The truest, as the most practical loyalty in a Canadian is to do all he can to prevent Canadians having anything to envy in the Americans, and, if possible, to secure for the labor of Canada advantages superior to those enjoyed by the farmers and mechanics of the United States.'

'A home market for our farmers, the best Reciprocity.'

The author of the volume lately published under the title of 'Biographies of celebrated Canadians' tersely sums up Mr. Buchanan's peculiar politics thus: 'Mr. Buchanan differs from the free traders and political economists not only as denying that theirs is in truth a system of free exports, while it certainly is a system of free imports, but in this, that their heart-felt interest is in the web, while his is in the weaver; theirs is the produce his in the producer.'

Read the Memoir of his life on pages 27 and 28. Read some of his characteristics while looking on this Portrait.



ISAAC BUCHANAN, ESQUIRE, M. P. P., HAMILTON, CANADA WEST.

Mr. Buchanan is the Pioneer merchant of the wholesale trade of Upper Canada.

He was elected member for the city of Toronto, in 1841, in the first Parliament after the union of the Lower and Upper Provinces.

Mr. Buchanan was the member who at the opening of the first Parliament after the Union, was deputed by a large phalanx of moderate, but determined Reform members to stand up in the Assembly and intimate that the House would refuse to take the speech from the throne into consideration: at all, till they were assured that the British Government had unmissably yielded to Canada, Responsible Government. 'If the Ministry,' said he, 'refuse to answer, or answer in the negative I shall propose that instead of entering upon the discussion of His Excellency's Speech it be put into the store.'

'Patriotism demands us to lay aside all our political predilections, as well as antipathies, and to be ready to cooperate with every man who, laying aside mere personal or party politics, will join in effecting the vital object. The employment of our working population. Our own and the country's safety drives us to disregard names for the future, and to come to the vital consideration of things.'

'Let us decide for the future that we will hoot from the hustings any man who does not admit the material interests of the people to be the first and only vital question of Canadian Politics. Both parties in politics will thus be recognized by the people as their friends, whatever means each may think the best through which to attain the greatest amount of well-paid employment for the masses.'