

PREFACE.

The following Lectures were delivered before the Young Men's Liberal Club, of Toronto, in February, May and November, 1891. It is not necessary to say anything by way of preface, except that the position of the Lecturer and his audience was not aggressive but defensive, the Lectures having been called forth by the vehement and systematic attacks of the Conservatives on the character of the Liberals for loyalty and patriotism at the time of the last general election.

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It may be as well to add to what has been above said a word in relation to the conspiracy to hand over Canada to the United States with which those who are friendly to a union, whether commercial or political, with the people of the United States, and the leaders of the Liberal party in Canada have been charged. It is at election times and for an electioneering purpose, it will be observed, that these stories are set on foot. This stamps their origin and character. In 1891 there was no constitutional cause for a dissolution of Parliament, the