

Had the Canadians understood their true interests, their first step, would have been to shew their ready and willing acquiescence in their new political situation by at least applying themselves to the language of their new mother country, and by assimilating themselves as far as was in their power to their new co-subjects. It would be nevertheless unjust, to lay the whole blame of their remissness in that respect on the Canadians alone. The generality of the population of this province was involved in the grossest ignorance. They therefore ought to have been, if not led, at least guided and assisted. By whom? will it be said: whose duty was it to do it? The question becomes a delicate one. I am sensible that it can hardly be answered without touching the arch of the Lord. I hope, however, that whatever I may say here on this subject, being dictated by the purest of motives and expressed in most respectful words, will preclude the possibility of being attributed to the spirit of disaffection or of censure.

There was at the time of the conquest two sorts of men, who enjoyed a great degree of influence over the mind of the inhabitants of this Province: namely the priests and monks, and the nobles and seigneurs. They ought to have been those guides and helpers. They alone could have gradually and successively produced the alterations necessary to lead to a more complete amalgamation. Let us see whether they are censurable for not having done it.

To be continued.

At the desire of some subscribers to this work, we insert the following extract of the Edinburgh Evening Courant, of the 11th December last. We hope our Ale Brewers have not yet reached the climax of the mysteries of their craft. Should they at any time attempt to use the *crocus indicus*, and we have been credibly informed that a large quantity has actually been imported into this country, we trust the proper authorities will not fail to do their duty.

COURT OF EXCHEQUER—DEC. 5, 1820.

BREWERS' DRUGS—THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL v. WYATT.

This was an information filed by the Attorney-General against the defendant, who is an extensive ale-brewer in Portland Lane, for having used *crocus indicus* and other deleterious drugs in his brewhouse. In addition to the penalty for the use of the drugs, the information also sought the condemnation of the copper boiler in which those drugs had been infused.

The discovery of the illegal practice upon which this information was founded took place under circumstances of a singular