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should advocate. Unfortunately, gentlemen, for the social happiness and political welfare of this country they were heretofore so comparatively unknown beyond the immediate locality in which they were born that few scholars of refinement, few men of intellectual attainments ever heard of their existence till by one of those uncountable freaks of Fortune the Canadian public to their surprise and astonishment beheld them in a position the duties of which they were no more qualified by education or by nature to discharge than an Ourangoutang would be capable of occupying the Throne of Great Britain with credit to it species and honour to the Empire.

It was then, gentlemen, but not till then that reflecting and cultivated minds beholding alike their incompetency and vulgarity their ignorance and stupidity, became amazed at their senseless ambition and barefaced audacity in aspiring and attempting without the moral qualities that command respect and the intellectual abilities that achieve success to establish their dominion and consolidate their rule over a free and independent people. But to those who knew them of old, to those who were conversant with the history of their career to those who could narrate the circumstances of their birth, such vain ambition and foolish audacity, such silly vanity and detestable hypocrisy as they manifested were nothing new. They recognized those traits of character which they ever evinced in every sphere of life from their earliest youth to the present hour, and with due compassion they attributed their continual manifestation of them less perhaps to their native inborn depravity, than to the vicious impressions imprinted on their minds in other days, the days of childhood innocence, to the worse than defective education they then received and to the contaminating influences of the low, the grovelling, and gossiping society they moved in.