

Charles Lennox 4th Duke of Richmond Governor-in-Chief of the Canadas 1818-1819

From an Engraving in the Chateau de Ramezay bearers of constitutional monarchy, and at the same time have taken practical interest in colonization overseas.

I Her Excellency the Duchess of Devonshire is the daughter of a former Governor-General of Canada, the Marquis of Lansdowne, and had as great-grand-uncle the fourth Duke of Richmond, who was Governor-in-Chief of the Canadas in 1818 and 1819. It was during the residence of the Marquis of Lansdowne that the last spike of the Canadian Pacific Railway was driven at Craigellachie, B.C., in 1885. The present Duchess of Devonshire was only a girl at the time, but has doubtless a vivid recollection of this historic moment in the history of Canada's greatest transcontinental railway system.

¶ No English family has had a finer record of fidelity to constitutional principles than the Cavendishes. They took side with the Patriot Party in the Virginia Company which granted a constitution to those early settlers in North America; they led the movement which resulted in the overthrow of the tyranny of the Stuarts, and in more recent times the champion of the recognition of the people in the Government of Great Britain was the present Duke's predecessor in the title.

¶ The Cavendish family has been a family of great women as well as of distinguished men. Bess of Hardwick, who died in 1608, and was thus a contemporary of Shakespeare, is rightly credited as the founder of its fortunes. This estimable lady was the third wife of Sir William Cavendish and bore him eight out of his sixteen children. In her youth a gypsy told her that so long as