

such sights, the writer took care to be absent at the time of execution.

No doubt these "sympathizers" were misled; they expected the Canadians would rise *en masse* and join them. Their execution seems to many people of the present day a piece of wanton cruelty, but had these good folks lived fifty years ago, they might, perhaps, have thought differently.

#### XIV.

In 1836, Bishop Macdonell foresaw the coming storm and considered it the duty of every citizen to exert the utmost efforts to prevent the interests of justice and order from falling into unworthy hands. He issued an address to the freeholders of Stormont and Glengarry, enjoining them, in plain and forcible language, to elect representatives of sound and loyal principles, who would have the real good of their country at heart, and not allow themselves to be misled by the political schemers who were endeavouring to drive the province into rebellion against the legally constituted authority. It must not, however, be supposed that because the Bishop was such a strenuous advocate of law and order he acted with slavish party attachment, or that he was unaware of the many abuses which then weighed upon the country, impoverished its resources and checked its progress. On the contrary, he acknowledged these evils, but at the same time, he maintained with reason that they were foreign to, and not inherent in, the constitution; that they could be safely and permanently removed by constitutional means alone; and that rebellion, so far from redressing these grievances, would only confirm, and perhaps aggravate them a hundredfold. (*See Appendix C.*) It may here be mentioned, incidentally, that the Earl of Durham, author of the celebrated "Report" on Canadian affairs, in his progress through the country in 1838, spent a short time in Kingston. Walking down the wharf, on his way to the steamboat, he noticed the Bishop, who was standing with his back to a warehouse and his hands behind him. Lord Durham was considered a proud man, of frigid and repellant manners, and with a peculiar knack of keeping people at a distance. To everybody's surprise, he bowed to, and shook hands with the Bishop, who very natural-