

continued for several days in each county ; but now, in 1847, under a new law, they were held throughout the Province on the same day. When the House met, in the following January, the Reformers were found to have a majority. Mr. Johnston and his colleagues at once resigned, and Governor Harvey called on the Liberal leaders to form a new Ministry. From this time forward in Nova Scotia the Executive Council could hold office only so long as it had the confidence of the Assembly.

**New Brunswick.**—The Reformers in New Brunswick were patient, and pursued their object quietly. Under the moderate rule of Sir John Harvey, at that time Governor of the Province, affairs went smoothly in the Legislature. Parties were pretty evenly divided, and a Bill in favor of responsible government was defeated by the casting vote of the Speaker. Later, however, when the succeeding Governor, Sir William Colebrook, appointed his son-in-law Provincial Secretary, the evils of the existing system were more clearly seen.

**Responsible Government in New Brunswick, 1848.**—Responsible government in this Province was finally brought about in a very peaceful way. A large majority of the Assembly voted for the change, the leading Conservatives voting with the Reformers. In forming a new Government, Wilmot and Fisher accepted seats with their old-time opponents who had adopted their principles.

**Prince Edward Island.**—In Prince Edward Island the greater part of the land was owned by persons living in England. This was a serious evil. A large portion of the island was still in its natural state, and small settlements were separated by large tracts of forest land. The farmers had fallen behind in paying their rents, and many of them were turned off the lands which they had long occupied. This led to riots.

The leaders in reform were George Coles, Charles Young, and Joseph Pope. Sir Henry Hunt, who was then Governor of the Province, disliked Mr. Pope, and he dismissed him from the Executive Council. The British Government dis-