

Q.—What characterised his departure?

A.—So enthusiastic was the affection evinced for Sir Colin on his embarkation, that some of the national societies formed a procession in honor of the event; the populace took the horses from his carriage, and drew it in triumph to the wharf, where an assembled multitude of thousands rent the air with cheers, as His Excellency stepped on board of the steamer which conveyed him from our shores.

Q.—What was one of the first acts of the new administration?

A.—Lord Falkland immediately called to his council some of the leaders of the Reform party—dissolved the Assembly, and had a majority returned to support his administration.

Q.—What else deserving of notice happened in 1840?

A.—The other prominent events of this year which we have not yet noticed, were—an attempt on the Queen's life, which happily failed in effect;—the passing of the Quadrennial Bill by the Legislative Council; the elevation of the Governor General to the Peerage of the Realm; and the breaking out of hostilities between England and China.

Q.—For what else was the year 1840 remarkable?

A.—The imprisonment of Alexander McLeod, by the Americans, formed another source of contention between Great Britain and the United States. McLeod was a British subject, and was said to have been concerned in the burning of an American vessel, named the "Caroline."