

SEEKING A MONUMENT

The Banner, of Dunelm, where William Lyon Mackenzie was well-known, is urging that a monument to "Yankee Little Patriot" be erected on Parliament Hill, Ottawa, remarks on the "evolution of opinion" amongst publishers and political newspapers as to the rebellion of 1837:

"The term 'rebel' as applied to Mackenzie and the Reformers of 1837, is no longer a reproach but an honor. There is a well-authenticated story that, on one occasion, Mackenzie's youngest child complained to him of being called 'rebel Mackenzie's daughter': 'Never mind my lass,' said the old patriot, 'the time will come when you will be proud of it.' The child of the story is now the wife of John King, K.C., the eminent barrister, Toronto, and the proud mother of the Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, M.P., a decorum of his majesty the king, and the minister of labor of Canada. The whirling of time brings its revenges and surely this is one of them, the grandson of the "rebel" of 1837, a trusted adviser of the king's representative in the larger part of his overseas dominions."

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