

ments of public pride and contentment, we will do well, in conclusion, to hint at those evils, which to be avoided, demand the most watchful caution. We must, in the first place, then, carefully and constantly discourage any hopes of annexation which our neighbours may still entertain—we must give their last lingering expectations a stab under the fifth rib; and we must further allow none of the *defects* of their Republican system to engraft themselves on our institutions. Our franchise must not be so extended as to give worthless and ignorant wretches, (who know little else than the way to their mouths, and the most desirable weight and shape of a bludgeon,) a fatal share in the government of our country. We shall thus be preserved from elective judgeships, and the abolition of capital punishment. We should rather allow the Catholics a separate fund—and let it be over large—than—be dragging on a deathlike sort of life, by having no thorough system of Normal and Common School education. We must repress the jealousies of our large cities, and understand that it is a grievous fallacy to suppose, that because expensive public works are being prosecuted in their neighbourhood, it is for the particular benefit of those cities, and not for the general good of the Province, that they are being carried on. Believing this, we cannot but inveigh against that injustice which would distribute the burden of the cost so unequally. We must have no lack of prudence, equity and promptness displayed in the final disposal of the Clergy Reserves and Seigniorial Tenure questions. We must have do peculation in public land or public money, and every instance of the kind should meet with immediate and ignominious exposure. Trade is to be encouraged,—manufactures are to be fostered, and internal improvements must be carried on; but all after such patterns as the size of our cloth will allow. We must join heart and hand in opposing the least laxity in the punishment of offenders;—and above all, we must eject that false philanthropy out of our borders, which has made capital punishment but a name, and may this very day be encouraging the coolly designing murderer as he sharpens his axe, or concocts a more deadly poison.

It would be presumptuous, in a person of the Author's inexperience, to point out the means for avoiding each and every one of these evils. He would, therefore, in parting from his readers, suggest one that will ever stand us in stead, whether as a nation, or as individuals,—a most hearty acknowledgment of God, the bestower of all good, in our every action, whether public or private.