

Again :—

We repeat it, an immediate separation from England is the only means of preserving our nationality. Some time hence, when emigration shall have made our adversaries our equals in number, more daring and less generous, they will deprive us of our liberties. Believe me, this is the fate reserved for us, if we do not hasten to make ourselves independent.

The following extract from a speech of M. Rodier, a Member of the House of Assembly, also confirms this view :—

If I present to you so melancholy a picture of the condition of this country, I have to encourage the hope, that we may yet preserve our nationality, and avoid those future calamities, by opposing a barrier to this torrent of immigration.

Mr. Papineau's views are made pretty evident by the following short extract from a very long address of his to the electors of West Ward of Montreal, published after his last election to the Assembly :—

Your enemies are not numerous enough to injure you: you are sufficiently numerous to injure them. Break all connection in business and interest with those who separate their affections and interests from yours. . . . Let those who are so presumptuous as to prefer their own opinions, learn, that, whatsoever be their titles to favours from the Administration, they have no claims to the confidence of the people.

Presumptuous enough to prefer their own thoughts! And these are republicans, too! A pretty consummation for freedom and free principles to have arrived at, when republicanism on one side of the western world proclaims there shall be a continuation of the unrighteous system of negro slavery,—in other words, no liberty of person; and, on the other side, not even liberty of thought and will! If this be the *ultimatum* of liberal principles, I can only say, God protect us, at home, in the full possession of that really practical liberty afforded us by our happy Constitution! These extracts show the spirit which animates these popular leaders. What is the fact, even with that which was the great and most crying evil in Canada up to 1828, namely, the almost ex-