

The time has not arrived for prosecuting the parallel to completion, for the Colonial career of the present Governor is not yet determined; but it may be consoling to remark, in passing, that if, in the accuracy of their knowledge, the newspapers of 1860 resemble the newspapers of 1840, His Excellency need have little to apprehend with respect to their criticisms on his capacity, or their predictions on the question of the success or failure of his rule.

The allusion to the name and memory of Lord Sydenham carries our recollections a quarter of a century backwards. We recall the time when the two Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada stood towards one another in the relation of an exacting Bridegroom and a reluctant Bride. The former possessing opportunity and the guardian's favor, and the latter a fair presence, and money in the Bank. The settlements were arranged, and the marriage took place; and though the love was not of a demonstrative order, still there were not wanting at that day some, like Mrs. Malaprop in the "Rivals," who consoled themselves for the absence of affection by the comforting assurance that after all, "it was better to begin with a little aversion."

The 10th of February is doubtless a marked day in the history of England, and it is especially so in the history of Canada; for on the 10th of February, 1763, the Provinces were ceded by France to England. On the 10th of February, 1838, the Bill for suspending the Constitution of Lower Canada received the Royal sanction; and on the 10th February, 1841, the Proclamation was made which created the Province of Canada.

It was not, we may well imagine, to commemorate a British victory or a Canadian misfortune that the 10th of February was selected for re-uniting the separated Provinces. No doubt the day was chosen by authority, and the reason for the choice, it may be easily conjectured, was to associate the political fortunes of the Canadas with the personal history of our most gracious Queen.

The Provincial espousals took place on the first anniversary of