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and successfully accomplished in a young province so constituted—one-half being British and Protestant, and the other French and Catholic—made up one of the most formidable tasks ever imposed upon any country possessing representative institutions. It may be safely affirmed, therefore, that it reflects the highest credit upon the public men and public life of Canada that, despite much deplorable party strife and rancour, our statesmen proved equal to the occasion, and before many years all these difficult and dangerous questions had been manfully grappled with and on the whole satisfactorily settled.