

Bull, now of Hamilton in the Gore District, who is understood to be an Orangeman of old standing. Mr. Gowan has written a letter to the Editor of the Constitution, which has been published, in which an effort is made to throw discredit on the report of the trial, and on the character of Mr. Bull; but the evidence laid before the House of Commons, extracts from which are herewith annexed, prove that Mr. Gowan was expelled from the Grand Lodge of Ireland as a bad man, an unworthy character, unfit to be trusted. The publisher would not desire to insinuate that a man cannot be too bad for Orangeism; but those whom the report of this trial, with the British evidence, and the general reputation of Mr. O. R. Gowan may reach, will not find it difficult to form a correct estimate of the sort of Orangemen here who support him. His character was very correctly exhibited by the Orangemen of Lower Canada, in a series of resolutions which had a wide circulation in this Province, and would have had a place in this pamphlet had there been room.

As to Orangeism itself, our sentiments are well expressed in the following brief extract from the Wesleyan Advocate:—

"It was not Orange Societies—it was not political disabilities—it was not physical force or violence which effected the great moral and religious changes which the historian records. It is not by Orange lilies, and party toasts, and taunts and violence that Protestantism is to prevail, but by a naked statement of truth. We are not surprised that a few ignorant, hot-headed Irishmen should lift up their voices with a fiery zeal, characteristic of their cause, in support of Orange Societies in this province; but that Englishmen of intelligence, of loyalty, and of patriotic feeling should lend themselves to aid those zealots to accomplish their objects is passing strange! Orange processions have already been the cause of bloodshed in some of our largest towns, let us resolve that they shall be so no more. Let us nip the evil in the bud—let us crush the monster of party spirit in the worst shape, ere he stalks over the whole province, washing his feet in the blood of the inhabitants, and fattening upon the tears and sufferings of widows and orphans. In a word, lest this beautiful and peaceful province becomes another Ireland, where the signs of sufferers are wafted by every wind, and where deadly weapons are constantly reeking with human blood."

ORANGE LODGES.

Extracts from the Minutes of Evidence taken before a Select Committee of the House of Commons on Orange Lodges, previous to the passage of an Address for their suppression.

Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM BLACKER is examined on the state of Orangeism in Ireland. The following is so much of his Evidence as relates to Orangeism in CANADA:—

No. 9351. Are you aware of the existence of Orangeism in Upper Canada? I have heard a good deal of conversation about it.

9352. What effect do you conceive it is likely to produce? From communications that I have heard of, I have great reason to believe that the preservation of Lower Canada to Great Britain may very shortly depend upon the Orangeism of Upper Canada; Upper Canada is densely peopled from the North of Ireland. I believe I may say eight-tenths of its population literally have gone from the Province of Ulster; vast numbers of them from the County of Fermanagh; I cannot of course be expected to speak of my own knowledge of things at that distance, but I have heard of communications, stating that they were watching with an anxious eye the proceedings of the Government of England towards the Protestants of Ireland, to see what part they would take as to assisting England in the preservation of Lower Canada, and much would depend upon the conduct of Government in that respect.

9353. Who are these parties whom you describe to have held this language?—Generally speaking; whether they were actually in Lodges or not I cannot say; but