

In Upper Canada, the same constitution which, in Lower Canada, was repudiated by its representative assembly, backed as indubitably it was, by the great majority, indeed nearly the whole of the constituent masses throughout this province, worked well and prosperously for that province, the body of whose inhabitants were, it is to be observed, british or of british origin, and who, finding in it the guarantee of their rights, as british subjects, and the faculty of developing the resources, and with them, also the prosperity of the country, and its defence as well against aggression from without as treason within, cherished, and would have fought and died in its defence. Whether it were that the one race had more aptitude and were better qualified for the appreciation and use of it than the other, it is not with us to say ; but, from whatsoever cause, the fact always is patent and irrefutable, that, in the hands of the one it throve, answered the intended purpose, and was appreciated by the people as a blessing, the palladium of their privileges, and made available accordingly. Whereas, in those of the other, notwithstanding that during the first twenty-five years of its existence it worked to admiration, it signally failed, turning out, unhappily, something worse than a mere failure. The success in the one instance and miscarriage in the other, are not, however, mentioned with any view of drawing unfavorable comparisons, but as facts now of history, accomplished and irrevocable, whatsoever may have been the causes, or the consequences past or to come, and upon which the philosophic reader will expend what conjectures his reflection may suggest. But one thing, it would seem