

opinion of the Reformers throughout the country is decidedly with the late Ministry on this question. You, gentlemen, may occupy a proud position.— You may come out, interested as you are said to be, and as you feel yourselves to be, and on this very question prove yourselves to be both disinterested and patriotic. And believe me, by such a course you would gain credit with your fellow Reformers over the whole Province.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I will once more earnestly implore you, as you value the best interests of your country, not to entertain any feeling of jealousy or distrust towards our Lower Canadian brethren, and to look upon those who endeavor to excite any such feelings as the worst enemies of the country. On this subject I will quote to you the language of my late colleague, Mr. Baldwin, which cannot be too strongly impressed upon the people, or too often repeated, and with an extract from his Speech at the late Dinner at Toronto I will conclude this long and, I fear, tedious address.

“And if Upper Canada desires that her equal representation shall indeed possess an equal weight in the Councils of the Province, with that of the other sections of the Province, the first step she must take towards that end must be to give a distinctly party character to the Representation which she returns. In fact without this it is impossible for any party to retain power—they in fact do not deserve to obtain it. But, for his own part, he did not hesitate to say, that neither he nor his Upper Canada friends were in any danger of suffering in the slightest degree from his learned friend being, as he justly was, the leader of the united Reform party.—[Cheers.] For himself he would say, notwithstanding the absurd imputation, (as all who know him would vouch it to be) of inordinate ambition, for which he was indebted to the same high authority, he did not hesitate to say, he was perfectly ready and happy, while his country required his services, to give them in that station in which they can be most useful.—[Cheers.] And that as to his learned friend, he had found him so clear in his perception of right, so prompt in the assertion of it, and so stern in the condemnation of all those arts of low and petty intrigue, to which the minds resort to conceal their barrenness, that he declared it a comfort to have such a guide, a glory to have such a leader, and a source of the greatest satisfaction to have such a friend. And he would tell the people of Upper Canada, that in his opinion, they could not have a man as the leader of the United Reform party more attentive to their interests, more resolved on having the administration, as respected that section of the Province, conducted in a manner satisfactory to them. [Loud cheers.] And he [Mr. Baldwin] would assure them, that he felt that he could give them no better advice, than to let nothing induce them to entertain jealousies or distrust of their Lower Canadian brethren, which every engine of their enemies is set to work to bring about.— He conjured them not to listen to the wily insinuations of those who preached up such distrust, but to mark every man who did so as the worst enemy of both sections of the Province. And he unhesitatingly asserted that the Reformers of Upper Canada could have no better allies than their brother Reformers of the other section of the Province; and could have no leader more resolved to do them justice, than his hon. and learned friend Mr. Lafontaine.” [Cheers.]

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant.

F. HUNCKS.