

Or, if we want a sketch of public men, take the following description of a "leading" politician, to remedy whose "grievances" was understood to be the special object of Sir Francis' mission:—

"Mr. — was, it is believed, an insignificant pedlar lad, who, about eighteen years ago, having transferred himself to America, under disreputable circumstances, succeeded in becoming the shop or errand-boy of a notorious republican at Toronto.

"After living for some years in this description of society, he gradually brought himself into notice by the extraordinary talent he displayed in inventing gross falsehoods, and, as his radical associates acutely perceived that such poisonous misrepresentations flowing through the province would by degrees sicken the loyalty of those who, secluded in the backwoods, were completely dependant for political information on the local press, he was strongly encouraged to throw aside his shopman's apron, and to set up a newspaper.

"With this detestable object in view, Mr. —'s exertions for many years were almost superhuman. Every hardships, whether of wood, wind, or weather, which the settler encountered in his lonely residence in the forest, was, by some falsehood or other, ingeniously shown to proceed indirectly from Downing Street, or directly from the Government House, or Legislative Council, at Toronto. Every magistrate, militia officer, postmaster, school master, who in any way misbehaved himself, either in public or private, was declared to be an especial favorite of the Government; artful comparisons were constantly unfairly made between the conditions of the old, densely peopled districts of the United States and the young settlements of Upper Canada, the difference being of course attributed to the withering influence of monarchical institutions.

"After these mischievous misrepresentations had sufficiently shaken the loyalty of those who, secluded in moral darkness, had unfortunately listened to his tales, he considered that the time had arrived for getting up some vague petition to the Colonial Secretary for the general correction of "grievances." In order to obtain signatures for this purpose, it is perfectly notorious throughout Upper Canada, that the most barefaced and impudent deceptions were practised. In various directions agents were employed who, themselves, affixed the names or marks of all who could be induced to acknowledge they had any one thing to complain of: Indeed, several worthy individuals were added to the list, who actually believed they had joined in a loyal address. The names and signatures thus collected in batches, on separate pieces of paper, were then all pasted together, and with scarcely anything but these credentials in his wallet, and with unprincipled impudence as his companion, this low adventurer (by one of those eccentric chances which occasionally characterize the course of an imposter's life) returned to his mother-country to introduce himself in Downing Street to