

“ He was a member of the Parliament of Lower Canada, and fought the battle of British interests with a steadiness which earned him the undying hatred of the French. He has always been a Tory and pro-British to the back bone. In that he has never varied. He was active in suppressing the rebellion of 1837-38, and earned a reputation in both for humanity and bravery.”

“ Toward the latter part of Lord Metcalfe’s reign, and in the commencement of Lord Cathcart’s, when the Oregon question began to move us from our propriety, it was proposed to reorganize the militia, and Mr. Draper’s administration thought this a capital opportunity to show their political power. Accordingly, under this pretext, they managed to get quit of Col. Bullock in the Upper Province and of Col. Gagy in the Lower, and after an ineffectual attempt to hook Sir Allan McNab, who was too big and too active a fish for them, secured the Parliamentary interest of Col. Macdonald and the national influence of Col. Taché.†”

Darnoc by Quebec, 8th Dec. 1867.

As they advance in years, men naturally desire and expect to increase their sphere of utility, as well as to make some provision for their offspring. I really, at one time, expected that our French rulers would have admitted that they owed me a debt of gratitude, but what was called my loyalty has excluded me from every career. It has driven me into solitude, but I did not promise to die immediately: and living, I even dared, in Lower Canada, to resist aggression. While so engaged I have been cruelly treated by the courts. This, however, is a part of the system, and my complaints to Parliament, specifying several cases of gross judicial misconduct, including habitual drunkenness, were summarily and contemptuously stifled.

It is the cowardice—the submission of the multitude which constitutes the power of tyrants, but in my seventy-second year I can no longer remain passive—nor can I, nor will I submit.—On the contrary, awakened, alarmed, impelled by recent events and their obviously inevitable effects, overcoming the prejudices of my education, undeterred by any difficulty or obstacle not absolutely insuperable, I shall do or attempt whatever in my judgment may tend to the permanent well being of my progeny.

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