

any standard, they must appear highly impolitic. There is a paternal tone running through them, which must have been exceedingly unpalatable to the young gentlemen of the *Canadien*, who had been reading Blackstone and De Lorme, and who were primed with the axioms of constitutional government gathered in the study. No little of this counsel was couched in the form,—men like the least,—that of telling those to whom it was addressed, virtually that it was necessary to tell them these things ; and when we come to examine the meaning of the generalities, they do not offer a single practical suggestion. This misjudged tone was the greater error, as the utterance was made in the face of a general election when governments if wise, are reticent. The *Canadien* was now in full activity. Its articles are temperate to a degree so far as its political tone is considered. But undoubtedly the writers did their best to widen the chasm of difference of race which it was the policy of the office holder to suggest. It is astonishing that the writing is so tame and common place, and utterly bewildering that it should ever have subjected its authors to persecution. Mr. Garneau says sententiously "*l'apparition de ce journal marque l'ère de la liberté de la presse.*" To our mind it marks no point at all in the history of the Country, but the imbecility and injustice of the Quebec Government clique. The columns of the paper contain essays on government, without the least power, shewing that their authors but imperfectly understood the questions they discussed. At the same time they were laudably free from personality. What was written was put to paper with the design of controlling the vote of the House of Assembly, and if the leaders of the movement had known how to wield the house they created, they would have been formidable. But it was in this point they failed. The leading men, although possessing ability, were singularly devoid of prudence. They seem never clearly to have understood the true position of a House of Assembly,