

The form of Government of
 (11) ~~Quebec to 1837~~ the larger of the party British
 such as Canada previous to 1837 was a Governor, usually
 old military officer, a vestige of the Bonaparte wars, a legislative
 appointed for life by the Crown, and a Legislative Assembly chosen
 by the people; but there was no "ministry". As in the Legislature of
 the United States ~~no~~ no representatives of the Executive appeared in either
~~house~~ the Lower House. The upper house composed originally of
 placemen and their adherents and latterly empowered by additions of
 similar proclivities and having an equal voice in legislation was
 always ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ antagonism to with the assembly. ~~The~~ ^{Here the} Governor usually
 a political ~~foolish~~ ^{man} creature was with his ~~advisory~~ ^{advisory} Council in
 in their hands. They seemed to represent British interests and
 British prerogatives and a ~~military~~ ^{military} ~~man~~ ^{man} Governor influenced by
 military ~~under~~ ^{under} ~~instincts~~ ^{instincts} was ~~likely~~ ^{likely} to consider all opposition to their
 policy as rank "disaffection" and "sedition".

Officers had been recruited and salaries fixed while Great
 Britain supplemented our small revenues by paying a portion of the
 cost of our civil government. It was only after 1818 that the
 Parliament of Lower Canada assumed the entire payment and then
 commenced the struggle - all about loans and debts which ~~terminated~~
 Colonization in 1837. The assembly claimed the control of all the
 revenues. The Council denied them ~~control~~ ^{over} ~~the~~ revenues raised under
 old acts. The assembly determined to vote salaries in detail
~~an appropriate~~ ^{a determined} ~~sum~~ ^{sum} to each recipient. The ~~assembly~~ ^{Council} insisted on
 the vote of a civil list to a certain amount en bloc - in one
 sum to be divided by the Government. The main battle was on
 this money question but fierce feeling became so expected that
 whenever one party wanted the other opposed. Public officers accused
 of misdemeanors by the House found supporters with the Government. Of
 119 Bills sent by the assembly to the Council in 1835, 34 were
 never heard from and 17 were ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~sanctioned~~ ^{sanctioned} to become useless. In three
 years of 302 Bills thus ~~frustrated~~ ^{frustrated} by one body 218 had been ~~legislated~~
 and 87 destroyed by amendments ⁱⁿ by the other. Many laws ~~passed~~
 and could not be re-enacted.

Where five sixths of the population was French 1417
 A full expression of our grievances was made by the
 92 Resolutions passed in February 1834 adopted by a majority of
 56 to 24 in the minor majority reporting ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~substantive~~ ^{substantive} the
 minority. In a Province where five sixths of the

Population in French 157 of English Oregon held the fumble
means the large portion of the Salish
affair, while there were only 47 French agents of French origin the
agents of whose Salish was insignificant.

~~Admitted~~ ^{in 1828} The ^{Peterson} ~~agent~~ of the House of Assembly
was admitted by a Committee of the House of Assembly but ~~been~~
~~admitted~~ by a ^{Common} Committee of the House of Assembly in 1828 who left
the carrying out of Council measures to the Government and the
Government never mustering resolution to face the question had temporary
fun year to year making ^{financial} provisions from year to year which only
aggravated by forcing the impotence of delaying others.

Moved by our impatience and as a measure of precaution
rather the British Government in 1835 sent out a Commission to
enquire into our grievances. Composed of Lord Gosford as Governor / the plan
may become too hot for the ⁱⁿ ^{future} Lord (Bymer) with Sir George
Jebb and Sir Charles Grey ^{as} ^{essentials}. The first an Irish nobleman
a good natured Irish nobleman with no experience in public affairs the
second ^{an} ^{ex} military officer and the third an East Indian Judge. The
Market Herald then says Tom declared Gosford the despised
of all despisers Jebb a radical and Grey too excellent and whimsical
for any good. The appointment of Commission to enquire into ^{both} local
complaints in a common house but no greater result would have been
offered to a ^{form} ^{only} having a parliament of its own and a representative
body that had made representations on every point. It was ⁱⁿ ^{not} recognized
by here - spent two years in all manner of enquires, made a report
filled with all manner of faculties on which the Commission
mutely disagreed or dissented from each from the opinion of the others
and when finished became so much waste paper.

On arrival Lord Gosford, ^{pretending} ^{to} ^{be} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{with} ^{parliament} ^{and} ^{other} ^{grievances}
done respect by the movement rather for his ^{own} ^{pretence} of bearing
instructions which was kept to himself for addressing grievances but when by
an ^{and} ^{natural} discharge of ^{his} ^{own} ^{office} of St James Head Governor
of Upper Canada he was convicted of falsehood there was ^a ^{complete}
revolution. By most cordial and hospitable and the distribution of
of off a few offices in Quebec he succeeded in withdrawing a few men
from the leadership of Mr Papineau and the Creechmen then edited
by Mr Parent the present assistant Secretary of the Dominion. Comp
brought over declared that the "reform" of the Patriots meant
and became the most violent opponent of the majority

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with the opening of navigation it was imported into
the ~~St Lawrence~~ ^{from the British West Indies} and ~~was~~ ^{was} sold in Montreal to be
forwarded to Upper Canada as indications of our increase in this
year the population of Upper Canada was then estimated at
375,000 and of Lower Canada at 600,000

On the 7 March 1837, Lord John Russell
introduced a set of resolutions which were carried by a
large majority in the House of Commons and nearly the dissent
of Lord Brougham in the peers authorized Lord Gosford to abstract
from the public Chest of Lower Canada £120,000 currency for
the payment ⁱⁿ of salaries for which the assembly had declined to make
provision

The stout position of the Canadian House of assembly
could not be governed. The action of Governor Mackenzie the
vote of supplies wherever a parliament is constituted under the
British flag and the monstrous invasion of popular rights
was warmly combated ^{to the surprise of} by Home Kebleck nobleman's leader
and other philosophic demagogues in the House and by Lord
Brougham in the Lords. We were ^{urged as a moral duty,} ~~to~~ ^{assist,} we were reminded
that a few ~~of~~ ^{as} of old that a few Britons submitting to
such tyranny were sufficient to make slaves of all the
rest. A reference to the debates on Harford will show enough to
have raised any English Gentry to arms - ours was three fourths
French.

As we had no ocean steamers in those days (the
first crossed the Atlantic later in the same year) these resolutions with
the debates only reached Montreal about the 12th of April, and before
going further let me anticipate the fate of the resolutions. Russell
thought he had carried them triumphantly and reported his
triumph by the President Earl of Delby and others resolved himself to show
encouragement and drew out into a Bill for giving them effect. In
consequence they remained a dead letter and in the end in the month
of August (which was only known in September) he included the sum of
£120,000 in the British estimate for which Lord Gosford was authorized
to draw on the British Treasury & to apply thereafter when it might
be voted by the Canadian Parliament after the adjustment of our
accounts. The intention of this only came after a year.

The negligence of this only came after a whole summer
had been passed in active agitation and too late to arrest what
followed

General note Council
Governor puppet
our committee Election Council

... from the ...
I go out into the ...
admitted but not ...
all was swallowed by ...

Lord Jeffrey's mission gave the British Ministry but one year grace. When Parliament met in September 1836 and it was found that Lord Jeffrey had received no fresh instruction the dignity of the House of Commons of Great Britain and its privileges were hereby and declared "It is incumbent on us to adjourn our deliberations until the His Majesty's Government shall by its acts especially by rendering the second branch of the Legislative Council conformable to the wishes and wishes of the people have commenced the great work of justice and reform"

It may be said that the whole demand of the majority in Lower Canada was narrowed down (is the measure ~~top~~ from which all reforms would proceed) to an end to the abolition of the then existing Legislative Council and the creation of a new Council by election. The adjournment was final. Members departed without waiting for a ~~final~~ adjournment and thus ended the last Parliament of Lower Canada

To the people it looks this matter little, but it was serious to officers ~~holders~~ and in having the money claims on the Government for no supply bill having passed and ~~nothing~~ for any ~~passed~~ and there being no law for permanent expenditures not one ~~the~~ nothing would be drawn from the public chest and schemes ~~remained~~ in continued unpaid

The Government and Council represented Toryism with all its traditions from the time of Queen Anne. The Assembly represented the democratic element with its engagements from the same date. The Disputes on Controversy involved the same contest between popular rights and prerogative that had cost Charles his head and James his throne but the division here was mainly between English and French as the former from fanaticism of number insistently hung together for protection under the shield of established authority and with exception of a few who like myself sacrificed the alliance of blood for the alliance of principle even the liberals among them proved false to the Machines of British Fanatics

Swornly and dishonestly passed the winter of 1837 Party organizations waited new developments. There had been a great famine of crops in Canada and the Western States adjoining States. As early as December there were said to be 1200 persons at St. Louis perishing in a state of actual famine and destitution. Wheat from Germany and Poland was ~~carried~~ impounded into New York and Philadelphia as early as November

Had Lord John Russell began where he ended with a
 vote for an advance for the payments of public servants we should
 have had no unusual excitement in 1837. I should not have
 been drawn into a contest by my enthusiasm or driven
 into exile to the distraction of all my worldly prospects and
 doomed to a hard struggle for life through my ~~common~~^{after} years.
 I should excuse the bold recklessness of carrying out ~~the~~^{his} original project
 but I feel nothing but exasperation for ~~the~~^{his} weakness and vacillation
 resulting as it did to which I became a victim and am entitled
 to indemnity. Whatever may have been the offence of ~~Lord~~ 1837
 the whole burden rests on the head of Lord John Russell.

When the Ecclesiastical bill was under discussion
 Punch in his cartoon represented his Lordship as a boy writing
 "No Popery" on Cardinal Wiseman's door and then scampering
 away affrighted at his own temerity. Such was precisely his
 position after the after his offensive resolutions were adopted

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