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A Tale of the Dominion, Commencing 30 Years Back.

(Continued.)

The government of Canada devolved upon Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe at an unfortunate period, the war of races in the Provinces having been renewed. Sir Charles Bagot's position, too, had been a most painful one. Bagot had only secured the esteem rather of a party of politicians than the respect and confidence of all classes of the people. The theory of responsible government was yet ill understood, and the working out of the system considered impracticable.

Even of the ablest men in the Province some were displeased with the forced legislative union of Upper and Lower Canada at the close of a period of rebellion and bloodshed; and to this dissatisfaction was to be added a discontent, arising from a failure of harvests for many years; a general derangement and depression of trade and industry throughout the commercial world; a decreasing revenue, large expenditures, a heavy Provincial debt, and the misrepresentations, intrigues and contests of individuals for power and emolument, aided by incessant appeals to the various prejudices which prevailed in the country, connected with national origin, and even with religious belief. More, Governor Bagot was ill. In mind and body he had been long ailing, and was now, when his wife and family had arrived, expecting to make a long stay in Canada, looked upon as a dying man. Daily bulletins were issued by physicians concerning his health. He was one day improving, another day worse; one night he slept easily, another night he scarcely slept at all. He was even tortured with addresses of condolence. If the Catholic clergy promised to remember him in their prayers, some wrong headed fellow thoughtlessly twitted him about the effect of *Te Deums*. While some prayed for their noble Governor, others were inclined to fight for him. In the county of Frontenac the inhabitants ranged themselves on two sides and fought together about the wording of a valedictory address. It was thus, when on the 18th of March, 1845, Sir Charles Bagot sent an *aide de camp* to Bowton to meet his successor. On the 29th of March, when that successor reached Kingston, Sir Charles Bagot had become alarmingly ill, and on the following day, when amid the roar of cannon Sir Charles Metcalfe assumed the administration of affairs, Sir Charles Bagot it was officially announced, had passed a restless night. A month later, and Ex Governor Bagot died at Kingston; on the morrow his body, placed in a coffin, was on board the Queen's steamer *Traveller*, attended by Lady Bagot and her family, for Oswego and New York, from thence to be taken to England. Sir Charles Metcalfe had literally stepped into the shoes of a dying man, who had left him a legacy, which he would rather have been without—an exhausted treasury, commercial depression, and political discontent. But Sir Charles Metcalfe had an exalted sense of duty, an overwhelming sense of justice, and was generous to a fault. He was too generous to ascribe that to the policy of his predecessor, which, in some measure, originated with persons of more energy and of less distinction. In his replies to the four thousand addresses which were presented to him congratulatory of his assumption of the Government, from every principal city and from the remotest counties of the Province, Sir Charles Metcalfe reproved the excessiveness of party spirit which prevailed, and expressed deep and unfeigned sympathy with Sir Charles Bagot. He made one memorable and striking remark—"More depends upon the inhabitants of a province than upon the Governor." And in so saying, he spoke truly. Canada owes nothing to her Governors, but all to herself. Sir C. Metcalfe knew that Canada had obtained for herself an investigation into grievances long countenanced by her Governors, which had produced Lord Durham's report, effected responsible Government, the Union of the Provinces, and equal rights to all classes of the people. He came to do justice. He came to hold the balance of power, and, if possible, to preserve such an equilibrium of party as would enable him to administer the Government with a view to the interests of all. He came to rule, as all Governors do, and he meant to rule openly, not covertly. Of all men then living he had the least horror of truth. It was his very nature to look upon men and things in a natural aspect. He could not only distinguish black from white, but he could perceive every shade of principle. In addition to great common sense, he had great conscientiousness. He never shirked responsibility and never coveted it. All that he aimed at was honesty, which through life had been with him, as it ever is with others the best policy. Sir Charles Metcalfe had risen from the ranks of the vulgar by his energy of character, his aptitude for business, and above all by a sterling integrity which it was impossible for him to conceal. The wisdom of the weak he was thoroughly wanting in. Cunning had no place in Metcalfe's mind. He was so frank that it may be said of him as has been said of Bishop Burnet that which was not a secret to him was not long a secret to anybody else. His soubriquet, in a Masonic sense, fully described the man, he was indeed "old square toes." Everything he uttered was upon the square. Exercise it this way or that, his language ever quadrated with the truth. That such a man could please all parties in a Province in which the object of party men of the highest standing had been, to conceal the truth or so exaggerate it as to make it have the likeness or stamp of falsehood, was not within the bounds of possibility. Lord Metcalfe was not to succeed, because Sir Charles Metcalfe could not simulate: but Lord Metcalfe was to carry with him to the very grave that respect which belonged to plain Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, who in 1800 began his career as a writer in the civil service of the East India Company—that respect which honesty of purpose never fails to secure—that kind of honesty which has made plain George Washington really great. The new Governor had long served with distinction in India, and had risen to the distinguished position of Governor General of that country by merit. Educated in England, he received the best education that Eton could afford, and was besides, in every sense of the word, a diligent student. His studies were extended far beyond the narrow limits of his school books and even of the dead languages into the more flowery fields of French and Italian literature. Nor did he ever relax in his studies: he made himself thoroughly master of both the languages essential for the conduct of diplomatic affairs—oral and written—in North Western India, keeping at the same time such a hold upon his classical acquirements that he read some Greek, as he frequently assured his friends, every day of his life until the toils of office deprived him of all leisure for even that favourite pursuit.

Metcalfe was the son of a Director of the East India Company, a retired officer of the Indian army, and a fervent admirer of the then Governor General, Lord Wellesley. On this account he was early placed in situations where he had opportunities of displaying his great natural abilities and of acquiring habits of prompt decision and confident self reliance. In 1808 he was appointed Envoy on a special mission to the Court of Runjeet Singh to form a defensive alliance with Runjeet against an apprehended invasion by the French, then in close alliance with Russia. Runjeet was crafty, and gave the young envoy enough to do. A force of British troops, under Sir David Ochterlony, came to the Sutlej to add weight to the words of the diplomatist, and to bring about the celebrated treaty signed at Umritsur. Metcalfe was next appointed Resident at Delhi. He restored the Delhi canal, and endeavoured to raise the character of the people. He pointed out how wealth could be accumulated—how security would engender providence—how commerce and education would be promoted—how the people would be elevated in the social scale, and rise to a height of moral and intellectual grandeur never attained by them before, without fear of consequences, believing that the world is governed by an irresistible Power, which giveth and taketh away dominion," and that "all that rulers can do is to merit dominion by promoting the happiness of those under them." Twenty years of uninterrupted success and advancement, terminating in the attainment of the highest station in the Government of India, failed to debauch the simple integrity of his understanding, or to abate the homage which he paid to great principles—"If, he said, in 1835, the argument be that the spread of knowledge may eventually be fatal to our rule in India I close with them on that point and maintain that whatever may be the consequence, it is our duty to communicate the benefits of knowledge. If India could only be preserved as a part of the British Empire, by keeping its inhabitants in a state of ignorance, our domination would be a curse to the country and ought to cease. We are here for a higher purpose—to pour the enlightened knowledge and civilisation, the arts and sciences of Europe over the land, and thereby improve the condition of the people. Nothing surely is more likely to conduce to these ends than the liberty of the press." Metcalfe next appeared as Secretary to the Supreme Government in the political Department and as Private Secretary to the Governor General, the Marquis of Hastings; but soon surrendered these offices to fill the post of President of Hyderabad, where he found nothing but corruption, extortion, the most atrocious misgovernment and consequent anarchy, and soon came in disagreeable contact with the money lenders, whom, in spite of the Governor General, he overthrew and returned to Delhi, after having reformed Hyderabad Metcalfe was next Governor of Agra, and shortly afterwards Provisional Governor General of India, "on the death, resignation, or coming away" of Lord William Bentinck, remaining in the latter capacity for nearly a year. It was in this latter capacity that he lost the countenance of the Indian Court of Directors, in taking upon himself to repeal the laws, which fettered the press. Under his predecessor the laws which shackled the expression of public opinion had been revived, while Silk Buckingham had been banished from Calcutta for offences in the *Calcutta Journal*, which nowadays would hardly ruffle the temper of the most thin skinned of public functionaries by Mr. John Adam, the successor of Lord Hastings. Governor General Metcalfe contended that a vent for the expression of the feelings which an unpopular measure excites, gives an assurance to those who conceive themselves injured that their complaints are at least made known and must attract attention, that the benefits arising from the liberty of the Press outweigh its mischiefs—but meeting with no sympathy from the Court of Directors resigned his high offices and returned to England reaching that land of the free in May 1838. In England the Indian Governor was still the same conscientious friend of free to a and the supporter of the right. Having some idea of mixing in English politics, he did not shut his eyes to what was going on around him. The condition of Ireland was then wretched, the chief difficulty of every administration, no administration cared to get rid of the chief cause of its being so. Either they did not see, or would not see, the cause. Sir Charles Metcalfe considered it to be his duty to point it out, and he with this view wrote a pamphlet on Church and State, in connection with the wrongs of Ireland, which was printed (in 1838) by Brown & Stirrett, printers, 17 old Bond street, London, to be privately circulated among the leading Conservatives of England, who were on terms of intimacy with himself, but which was afterwards suppressed. In that pamphlet Sir Charles Metcalf thus addresses the opponents of progress:

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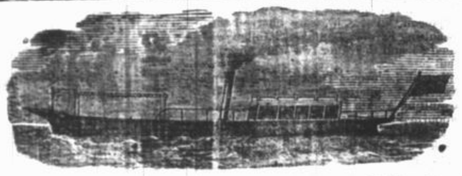

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