

LORD DURHAM'S REPORT: "ON RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT" PAGES 58-59 IN THE TEXT.

The following are excerpts from Lord Durham's report which focus on the issue of Responsible Government.

- Durham reported that to give "responsible government" to the Canadas would create a political situation where nothing would ever get approved because neither the French nor the British colonists would agree on something proposed in parliament.

- Durham decided that to actually achieve "responsible government" in the Canadas would be very difficult.

- Durham reported that the colonists of the Canadas were envious of the economic prosperity and democratic system of government in the United States.

- Durham noted that many of the leaders in the Canadas had suggested they should join the United States. Durham agreed with this recommendation that if the Canadas received "responsible government" their joining of the United States would be a strong possibility and a solution to Britain's problems.

- The "Family Compact" and the "Chateau Clique" were extremely upset at the loss of their power and control they enjoyed in government.

- Many British and French colonists alike were upset because joining the USA would mean a loss of their traditional way of life.

LORD DURHAM'S REPORT: "ON THE UNION OF THE CANADAS" PAGE 58 IN THE TEXT.

The following are excerpts from Lord Durham's Report which focus on the issue of the Union of Upper and Lower Canada.

- Durham believed that union of the two Canadas would help to solve the political, cultural and economic problems of both the colonies.
- Durham recommended that a solution to this problem would be to *assimilate* the Canadiens into a dominant British culture.
- He said that there were 400,000 English colonists in Upper Canada and 150,000 English colonists in Lower Canada. Yet there was only 450,000 French colonists total between the two Canadas.
- Therefore, Durham's solution was: By joining the two Canada's the French would then be a minority and would soon give up their fight for nationality.
- The Canadiens or the French Colonists were extremely upset at the possibility of losing their traditional way of life.

LORD DURHAM'S REPORT: "ON THE SOURCES OF CONFLICT IN UPPER CANADA" PAGES 57-58 IN THE TEXT.

The following excerpts are from Lord Durham's Report and focus on the issue of conflict in Upper Canada.

- Durham discovered that the issue of "Clergy Reserves" was the main reason for conflict in Upper Canada.

- Durham found that many of the leading members of the British Tory party were connected with the Anglican Church. Therefore, the church (which as really composed of British Tory members) came to control much of the province's public lands - there were known as the "clergy reserves".

- Durham said that the only way to solve the problem in Upper Canada was to abolish the "clergy reserves".

- The Family Compact reacted negatively. They did not like the idea of losing their political power to the French colonists or their valuable "clergy reserves".

LORD DURHAM'S REPORT: "ON THE CAUSES OF CONFLICT IN LOWER CANADA" PAGES 56-57 IN THE TEXT.

The following are excerpts from Lord Durham's Report and they focus on the issue of the causes of conflict in Lower Canada.

- Durham felt that the conflict in Lower Canada was a result of the different perspectives between the Canadian majority and the British minority.
- Durham said that the British industrial economy (which was supported by the small British population in Lower Canada) was superior to the older agricultural economy of the Canadiens.
- Durham said that if Lower Canada is going to survive economically, then the British form of economy was going to be the answer.
- The "Chateau Clique" bitterly disagreed with the recommendation of "responsible government" fearing that the majority of French speaking colonists would take over. They were also afraid of losing their power, authority, and wealth that the Chateau Clique possessed.