BOOK REVIEW.

Life and Times of the Hon. Joseph Howe—By Geo. E. Fenety, Progress Office—376 Pages.

We have been kindly presented with this work by its venerable author and find in it much to interest and instruct. The story of the life of one of the greatest Canadian democrats is here told by an old friend and colleauge in all honesty and candor—his virtues (which were many) given due need of praise without any attempt at flattery, and his faults (which were few) in no way attempted to be condoned or covered up Much light is thrown on that crucial period of our history 1837 which nearly terminated in complete independence for Quebec and Ontario under Papineau and McKenzie and resulted a few years later through the efforts of Lord Durham in the Upper Provinces and Howe and Fisher and Wilmot in the Lower Provinces in freeing us from the yoke at "The Family Compact" and giving us comparatively free instutitions.

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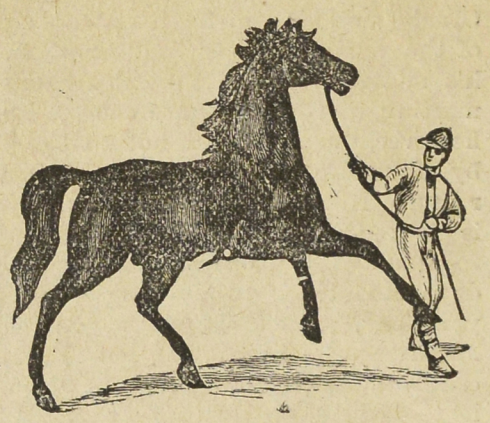
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