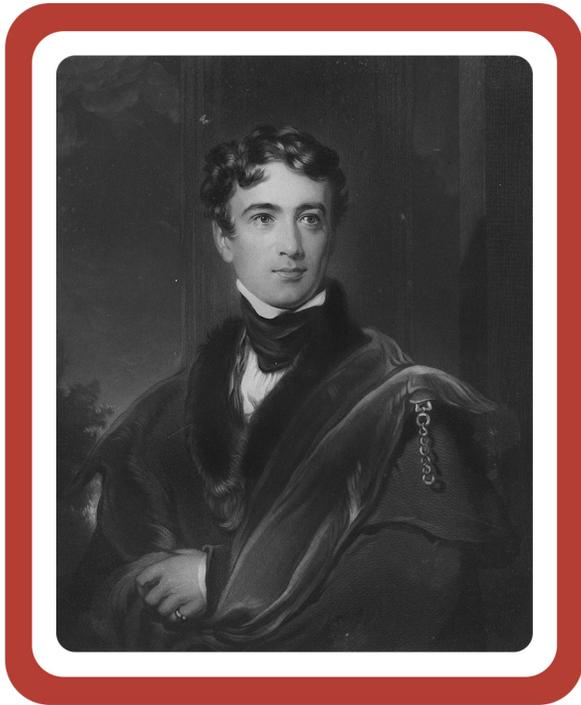


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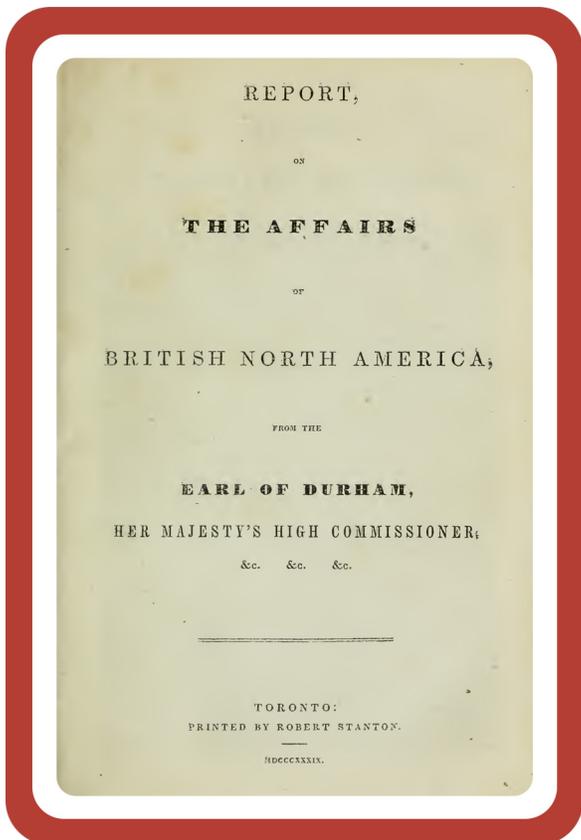
## PRIMARY SOURCES - THE DURHAM REPORT

Use these quotes from the Durham Report to support **Activity Two: Primary Sources - The Durham Report**, located on page 4 of Historica Canada's Responsible Government Education Guide.



Lord Durham, 1838 (courtesy Library and Archives Canada/1990-556-5).

1. "I know not how it is possible to secure harmony in any other way than by administering the Government on those principles which have been found perfectly efficacious in Great Britain. I would not impair a single prerogative of the Crown; on the contrary I believe that the interests of the people of these provinces require the protection of prerogatives which have not hitherto been exercised. But the Crown must, on the other hand, submit to the necessary consequences of representative institutions; and if it has to carry on the government in unison with a representative body, it must consent to carry it on by means of those in whom that representative body has confidence."
2. "I entertain no doubts as to the national character which must be given to Lower Canada; it must be that of the British Empire; that of the majority of the population of British America; that of the great race which must... be predominant over the whole North American Continent."
3. "I expected to find a contrast between a government and a people: I found two nations warring in the bosom of a single state: I found a struggle, not of principles, but of races; and I perceived that it would be idle to attempt any amelioration of laws or institutions, until we could first succeed in terminating the deadly animosity that now separates the inhabitants of Lower Canada into the hostile divisions of French and English."



Front page of the Durham Report, titled 'Report on the Affairs of British North America,' 1839 (courtesy York University Libraries Digital Collection).