

practically of knowing more of America than the above-named gentlemen; so that the debates on the Canadian question in our Parliament afford little better information on the subject than the articles in the French papers. The former are more plausible, and avoid the extreme absurdities put forward as usual by Gallic editors whenever they touch upon transmarine subjects, especially regarding English colonies; but they are for this reason less entertaining, without coming much nearer the truth.

Perhaps the only speech which may be read, and I trust has been heard, to some useful purpose, is that of Mr. E. Ellice. This embodies at no great length nearly all the leading points to which the attention of the mother country ought to be called.

Mr. Gladstone spoke sensibly on the subject, and although unacquainted practically with the colonies, advised with judgment, and a considerable knowledge of the general question.

But Mr. Ellice's is the only speech that really affords sound information on the whole Canadian question. Why is this? Many of the other speakers on the debate are men of more than ordinary talents and acquirements. Mr. Ellice made no effort; he came even unprepared previously to speak on the question; he makes no attempt at eloquence or persuasive argument, but *rem tetigit*.—Whence the great su-