

Province has made in population, wealth, and every thing which promotes the prosperity of a people during that period. In writing of Canada, the "*one idea*," McKenzie's Rebellion, or "flare-up," as is more properly termed, is ever present to his mind. His remarks with reference to Mr. Bidwell, are characteristic of a narrow disingenuous and ungenerous mind. That gentleman made himself a voluntary exile without the slightest cause, and it would have been much more creditable to Sir Francis, to have shewn a manly forbearance, with reference to him, than to triumph with childish exultation over a fallen foe.

The Englishman who refers to this work for information, with regard to Canada, will find himself woefully mistaken.—It does not contain a single sentence which could be supposed to emanate from the pen of the enlightened statesman or liberal man of the world. He cannot get out of the beaten track of McKenzie, and the Union, which, though he is pleased to consider it an unfortunate political measure, has hitherto astonished all its opponents by working well. He makes an attack upon the now established principle of Responsible Government, quite as Quixotic as his illustrious predecessor, the Knight of La Mancha, did of yore upon the Windmills. His lofty mind cannot descend from the clouds of the Union and Responsible Government, to give any of those statistical or other useful details which would impart the greatest value to a work like this. When he attempts to descend from the stilts of politics he makes a most ludicrous exhibition of puerile vanity and old womanish garrulity, witness his story about the emigrant's lark, which has gone the rounds of the papers. We will proceed to make some extracts from the work, which, we think, will amply bear out every assertion we have made, and prove that our remarks are not dictated by a spirit of prejudice.

Sir Francis after some very sage philosophical reflections, about the climate, arrives at the very satisfactory conclusion, that "swarms of little flies are, and for many years have been, materially altering the climate of North America."

"The manner in which they unconsciously perform this important duty is as follows:—

"They sting, bite, and torment the wild animals to such a degree, that, especially in summer, the poor creatures, like those in Abyssinia, described by Bruce, become almost in a state of distraction, and to get rid of their assailants, where ever the forest happened to be on fire, they rushed to the smoke, instinctively knowing quite well that the flies would be unable to follow them *there*.

"The wily Indian observing these movements, shrewdly perceived that by setting fire to the forest the flies would drive to him his game, instead of his being obliged to trail in search of it; and the experiment having proved eminently successful, the Indians for many years have been, and still are, in the habit of burning tracts of wood so immense, that from very high and scientific authority I have been informed, that the amount of land thus