

Dominion Government. In the same way all the country from Lake Superior to Red River belonged to the Indians until it was ceded to the purchaser, and the person who purchased it is known as Queen Victoria, the Queen of the Dominion of Canada. (Loud and long continued cheering.) That is a plain story, and you, gentlemen, will understand how unfair, fallacious and wicked have been the charges made that we, actuated by improper motives, have been trying to rob Ontario, when it is a matter of not the slightest consequence so far as the land is concerned whether that land belongs to the people of Ontario or to their sons up in Manitoba. My son has gone there—(cheers)—and I suppose a good many of your sons have gone there also.

A VOICE—"Your son was there before."

SIR JOHN MACDONALD—My son went there as a soldier to fight Riel; now he has gone there as a settler. (Cheers.) You, gentlemen, can quite understand how false and unfair the charge is which has been brought against me that I have endeavored to rob or despoil Ontario. It is just a herring dragged across the track in front of the noses of the hounds to prevent them following the scent. We were hunting down the Opposition with a dog which had on its collar "N. P." Following the true scent, it was about running the party to the earth, when there was dragged across the track a herring marked "Boundary," but he is too old a dog to be led away by the smell of a herring, and he is following the free trade fox to the death. (Long continued applause.)

### The Streams Disallowance.

Another cry raised was that we are destroying provincial rights because we disallowed the streams bill. You are all well aware, gentlemen, that a Government cannot exist unless it is supported by a majority of Parliament, and that Parliament is composed of members from the different provinces in the Dominion. Do you think the Government, if they trampled on the rights of the provinces, would be supported by members from those provinces? Mr. Mowat has eighty-eight members representing Ontario in the Local House; but the people of this province have also eighty-eight representatives in the Dominion Parliament, elected by the same people, under the same franchise. Quebec is more jealous respecting her rights than any other province. Why? Because it has different languages, laws, religion, and institutions, which the