

sions of the Hudson's Bay Company ; but that in the face of all this the Canadian Government consents to pay the Hudson's Bay Company £300,000 in money and to their having reserves in land, and the Imperial Government gives a guarantee for it—the Canadian Government thus reversing the policy incorporated with the past history of Canada, and relinquishing the ground occupied by its ancient inhabitants, and ignoring the legal status which both the Acts of the Imperial Parliament and the past judges of the courts of Canada alike maintained. May I ask your Lordship, is it, then, any wonder that the people should rise in arms at Red River, and drive back Governor M'Dougall, who was deputed thither by the Canadian Government, and who had come to England previously as one of the two Canadian statesmen, and consented to such an arrangement?

My Lord, the people out there believe that the Hudson's Bay Company is not entitled to one penny, *for they have parted with nothing* ; that if any party is entitled to anything it is themselves ; and that any money payments or privileges concurred in by the Canadian or British Governments, beyond acknowledging the rights of the people and the natives, should be laid out in opening up and improving the country.

Now that the storm has burst, it may gather other elements in its course ; but, from a long acquaintance with that country, I believe I have stated the pith of the case.

My Lord, I believe that the British Government should at once firmly occupy Red River, and grant the people title-deeds to the lands they occupy, and