

The opposition in that Province had been to the conditions of the Union Act; and when concessions, which were deemed reasonable, were made, the opposition ceased to exist. Mr. Mackenzie's Nova Scotia tail consisted of one member—an avowed Annexationist—and another, who was so bitter an Anti-Confederate that he refused to attend Parliament. If we turn to New Brunswick, we find Mr. Mackenzie's principal allies to be Mr. Anglin and Mr. Hutcheson, members of the Anti-Confederate Government, and, moreover, supporters of the Northern Railway route, together with a few other gentlemen dissatisfied because the Southern Railway route had not been adopted. In Quebec, Mr. Mackenzie acts with the leaders of the opposition, Mr. Dorion and Mr. Holton, with whom he had no sympathies in common. The grand object of the Brownites is to perpetuate the local and national animosity which it was a main object of confederation to get rid of. At the Aylmer meeting, Mr. Bodwell, one of the most subservient adherents of Mr. Brown, avowed that the great reason that confederation was welcomed by the people of Ontario was, that "it was expedient to put a stop to French domination, but they found that this result had not been accomplished, and there existed greater dissatisfaction at the present time, owing to the bad Government which controlled its destinies, than had prevailed before confederation was accomplished." He (Sir Francis Hincks) earnestly implored all real friends to confederation; all those anxious for the peace, prosperity, and good government of the country, to ponder well on the foregoing words. The Brownites were parties to the terms of confederation, their avowed object being to lessen the influence of the French Canadian element which is now represented by three members in a Cabinet of thirteen. The old cry is as current as ever; and in order to give it a colour, the *Globe* is not ashamed to represent the leader of the Government as incapable of exercising the influence which belongs to his office. The object is transparent. "The Province of Quebec," says the *Globe*, "has an active and ever vigilant eye to certain interests always at headquarters." The other ministers are "miserable creatures enough," but "even them a man of firm and active mental constitution might flog into decent order." Such language is significant, and most characteristic of the man who flogs every one of his followers who dares to utter an independent opinion. Sir John Macdonald would never have preserved his influence and power as he has done had he not been more tolerant of the opinions of his colleagues than Mr. Brown, from his temper, can ever be expected to be. He (Sir Francis Hincks) would cast back with scorn the imputation thrown upon himself and his colleagues, as well from Ontario as the maritime provinces, that