

sacrifices of such men as **Mr. MACKENZIE**, we are constrained to acknowledge a universal fact—that communities and nations, like individuals, are weak and fallible; they can never hope to reach that utopia of perfection in which all is honest and pure, and when political reforms are no longer necessary. It has been well said, that “the price of Liberty is eternal vigilance.” The Institutions of the country, though somewhat ameliorated by the introduction of a defective system of Responsible Government, are by no means perfect. Official corruption is still widespread and deepseated, and it would seem as if there were no adequate means to repress the evil or punish the delinquents. The vast field opened for speculation, corruption and bribery by our gigantic railway schemes and other public undertakings, and the opportunities afforded the unprincipled supporters of the government of the day to speculate in the Crown lands and public securities, have exercised an injurious influence upon the prosperity of our country. Throughout the whole of our public departments, there is a want of integrity, and a proneness to speculate, that cannot be contemplated without alarm. Our public men, unable to withstand the golden inducements presented to them, have become fearfully contaminated; the country is startled by the glaring frauds of those in power, by the extravagant waste of the public wealth, by the maladministration of its affairs, and the recklessness with which it is being plunged into bankruptcy and ruin.

Amidst all this venality and corruption, **Mr. MACKENZIE** still maintains his integrity, and with the same manly firmness that he displayed in former years, seeks earnestly, however ineffectually, to secure for Canada the full benefit of those great and popular principles which he so ably advocated in the earlier period of his life. As the natural consequence of his untiring zeal and devotion to the public service, he has always drawn upon himself the most bitter hostility of Government. While numerous servile creatures, in Parliament and at the Press, have been sustained and enriched from the revenues of the country, **Mr. MACKENZIE** has been left entirely to the precarious support derived from the publication of an independent newspaper. Possessed of superior talent for mercantile pursuits, in the conduct of which he might long ere this have acquired an independency for life, he felt called upon by a sense of duty to his country to abandon those pursuits and undertake the arduous duties of an editor, animated, we believe, by an honorable ambition to promote the liberty, prosperity and happiness of his country.

The long and unwearied labours of **Mr. MACKENZIE** in the Legislature and through the Press,—his intelligent and bold advocacy of popular rights in the most gloomy period of our history,—the benefits which have been derived from his eminent services, both in Canada and in England—all tending to elevate and bless the Province—demand some tangible expression of regard and sympathy. Let the people show, by the hearty manner