

speeches they would find; if such were the case with respect to the scheme, that their comments were neither just nor honest; that their attacks in 1882 were just as dishonest; and I said I would be in the Government of 1892, and in that year you will do exactly as you have done now, you will blame me for not adhering to the settlement of 1882. (Laughter and cheers, and a Voice, "What about Mr. Mowat's gerrymandering?") I cannot say anything about Mr. Mowat's gerrymandering; he is too small potatoes for me. (Laughter.) He did his little best. (Laughter and cheers.)

A Long Life in the Country's Service.

Gentlemen, I feel great pride in occupying the position that has been awarded me by the people of this country. I can, at my age, have no other wish than to live well in the minds of my fellow-countrymen, and when I die to live well in their recollection. (Cheers.) I have had a long life of politics, a long life of official duties. I have committed many mistakes. Looking back with the light of experience, there are many things I have done wrongly, and many things I have neglected that I should have done. These rise to me; I know them, I recognize them; but I would be more than human if I had not committed errors; I say this to you, and I believe the majority of the country will believe me when I state that whatever I have done, in every act of legislation and administration, I have tried, according to the best of my judgment, to do what I could for the well-being of good government and the future prosperity of this my beloved country.

The right hon. gentleman resumed his seat amid loud and long-continued cheering.

The License Question.

At a public meeting at Yorkville on the night of June 1, the following question, in writing, was put to Sir John Macdonald:—"What is your opinion of the constitutionality of the Ontario License Act?"

SIR JOHN MACDONALD replied as follows:—"The only provision in the British North America Act which authorizes the issue of licenses by Provincial Governments is one that allows Provincial Legislatures, for revenue purposes only, to charge a license fee to auctioneers, inn-keepers, and such like. This