

THE HUDSON'S BAY

AND

PACIFIC TERRITORIES.

IN appearing before this intelligent auditory to-night, and claiming their attention for a brief period, I have selected for their consideration a subject of much practical importance,—one too in which the people of Canada have a direct and immediate interest,—and not only so, but one which the friends everywhere of civilization cannot fail to regard with much favour.

In looking back over the past ten years of our Provincial history and its lights and shadows, there is no feature more indicative of our real and substantial progress, than the intelligent development of the national sentiment, which is unmistakably evident. Self-respect and self-reliance in the individual evoke corresponding sentiments in the minds of others. The man who goes steadily onward in the face of oppos-