

"the lieutenant and mouthpiece of the Honorable "Edward Blake." Mr. Davies is one of those gentlemen who worked so hard "to make the whole country reform," and it must be admitted that he did his share of the work.

Very well. Now listen to him. At a meeting in Charlottetown, P. E. Island, in December, 1880, Mr. Davies, speaking in condemnation of the C. P. R. contract, made use of the following language which illustrates in a very remarkable manner at once the depth of his loyalty and the soundness of his judgment :

"We are now asked " said he, "to consent to a "contract which will seal up that great country and "hand it over to a monopoly. A contract which "will be an iron band upon the neck of every young "man who goes there as a tiller of the soil. A contract from which there is no escape politically or "or commercially excepting one, and that is annexation to the United States. It is an escape that "no politician likes to talk about, but it will come "one day, and when it comes we must take our "chance and make the best bargain we can."

That is, when the time comes for selling our country we must fix the price at as high a figure as possible. Really it does look as if Mr. Mowat were mistaken in his friends.