

here who, upon reflection, disapprove of our principles, or of the mode in which the Government is now conducted. The Hon. Member from Pictou said that he did.

*Mr. Holmes.*—I proved the contrary. I supported the Government last Session, and assisted to keep it in its present position.

*The Speaker.*—I am glad of it. The Hon. Gentleman, then, only disapproves of certain acts, and, I hope, when he has heard our explanations, he will have little occasion to do even that. I think I may appeal to others, who formerly belonged to the same party, and ask whether they have not good cause to be satisfied—they have six gentlemen in the Government who formerly acted with them, while their opponents have but three. Looking to the mere numbers in the Executive Council, my old friends would appear to have the most cause of complaint, but I am prepared to shew that both have received justice at the hands of the Administration. The reason of this is clear : we all have acted, not upon any preconceived opinions which were entertained, or upon any party connexions which may have existed, but, on principles and views laid down by Lord Falkland for our guidance, and to which we are expected to adhere so long as we are connected with his Government. These may be taken to include the obligation, on our part, to preserve the confidence, and cordial co-operation, of the Legislature, and to do substantial justice to the great body of the People. The scope of my argument, then, with reference to appointments, is intended to show that this has been done. If the old administration party complain, I turn to the Counties of Lunenburg and Queens, whose Members formerly stood opposed to me, but who, representing, apparently, a united constituency, have had every deference paid to their recommendations and suggestions. No general rule can be applied to such matters, and it would be folly to pretend that errors may not have been committed ; but I claim for the Government, that it shall be judged by its general course of conduct, and, in the main, I am satisfied that those who formerly acted with my learned friend from the County of Cape Breton, have no cause of complaint.

Turning to my own friends and supporters, I am prepared to show that the present Administration has evinced an anxious desire to win their confidence, not by the sacrifice of their former opponents, but by a fair and just consideration. In endeavouring to reconcile those who looked to a party government—in bearing up against the absurd opinion of some, that I could only be useful in opposition, I have had some trials of temper, but have been amply rewarded by the returning confidence of old friends, and the cordial union of the constitutional party, every where, in support of the present Government.

*Mr. J. R. Dewolf.*—Do you endeavour to satisfy them ?

*The Speaker.*—My object is to show that the Government has been such as ought to satisfy both parties. If any gentleman thinks that justice has not been done, he should state his charges to the House. It has been said, by some of my friends, the Reformers have but three Representatives at the Council Board : this is true, if the term is