

"Parliament of Quebec *who did not understand one-tenth of what was said*, and could not speak the language at all, he would ask if it was possible for them to be of much use."

Mr. Ogilvie's argument cuts both ways. Brigham, of Missisquoi ; Cameron, of Huntingdon ; Eddy, of Ottawa, and Sawyer of Compton, are equally deficient as linguists. Yet they saved the Ministers from certain defeat by voting against Mr. Joly's motion recommending immediate legal proceedings to quash the "Tanneries Land-swop ;" while on the other side were found Irvine, Lynch, Watts and Bellingham, who heard and understood every word of the French speeches, yet voted for instant legal proceedings. If a thorough knowledge of French be an indispensable requisite for the Montreal Centre members, there is Edward Carter, an accomplished French orator and jurist. Why are his claims ignored ? and why is the Western Division so scurvily treated ? Does the fact of Mr. McGauvran pledging himself to back the Ministry give him the gift of tongues ?

I am not Mr. Alexander's champion. I admit him to be conscientious and amiable, unsuspicious and impressionable ; but he did not consult the interests of this Province when he mainly contributed to stifle the appointment of a special Committee to inquire into all the circumstances connected with the loan of four millions ; the sale of the exchange, and the distribution of the funds.

I admired Mr. Ogilvie's manly and independent course, while we sat together in the House, and under ordinary conditions would not have uttered a word to mar his pretensions ; but the sentiments expressed by him at the meeting of the Perry Hall Liberal Conservatives, nearly