

If there is nothing to conceal, why the rigid secrecy which the Company exact from all their subordinates and officers? If there is no opposition to colonization, why is the Company now insisting upon the general unfitness for colonization, and the great difficulty of reaching the Red River settlement, where no clearing of forest is necessary, where the pasturage is rich and the climate salubrious, where wheat, barley, and Indian corn grow abundantly, where the rivers abound with excellent fish, and the unreclaimed lands swarm with game of all descriptions?

If, as Mr. Labouchere says, he feels bound to state, the Company are not neglectful of their duty, as "*Trustees for the British people and also for the Indian population*;" how is it that in the Colonial office a memorial has been lying unheeded since 1847, from a number of settlers and half castes at Red River, bitterly complaining of the injustice, avarice, and extortion practiced by the Company, and of their total neglect of all attempts to educate, or in any way to civilize the Indian population? Such is their notion of what their Governor, Sir George Simpson, calls "*the divine task of shedding on the natives the light of the Gospel*." It is unnecessary to say more, their own words condemn them, and surely they are not fit persons to be trusted with power, or to be compensated when deprived of it.

On perusing the different works written by various Authors, in which allusion is made to the Hudson's Bay Company, it is curious to observe that all, except those written under the auspices of the Company, agree in the injustice of their proceedings, and all arrive at a condemnatory conclusion. There is, however, a work published by a Mr. Fitzgerald, which particularly arrested my attention, and, for the sake of Justice and Humanity, I trust that all that is therein stated is not true; else the curse of God as well as man, must rest upon this Company, for the perusal of it makes the heart bleed with grief, whilst the blood boils with indignation. This work, published by Saunders, of Charing Cross, ought to be perused by every Member of Parliament, before he can be deemed competent to give a fair and just opinion on the subject.