

my intention to offer the Attorney Generalship for Upper Canada to Mr. Richards. The honorable member, after some correspondence, did the only thing he could honorably have done under the circumstances: he said he could not accept office without the assistance in the administration of Mr. Cameron. The honorable Member for Glengary at that juncture had refused to accept the Office of Commissioner of Crown Lands which was offered him, and I was thus enabled to do what I could not otherwise have done—place a department at the disposal of Mr. Cameron. The administration was then formed which has with slight modification continued to the present time. We have carried through a number of measures. I will not refer to them at all in detail, because, as I said in reference to the measures of the preceding administration, they are upon the Statute Book of the country, and I am quite willing that the country shall judge whether they have been measures of progress and generally acceptable to the people. The administration was opposed, I believe at the very outset, in the most strenuous manner by the Honorable member for Lambton (Mr. Brown) who had been a distinguished member of the liberal party, and in adverting to the Honorable Gentleman, I must do him the justice to say that there is one thing I like about him, and it is that he has always been straight forward in his opposition, (Hear, hear). There is no misunderstanding *him* at all events. He took his course—he was determined to destroy the Government, (Mr. Brown, hear, hear). I wish not to disparage my opponents. I wish to believe that the course they take is the one which they consider best calculated to promote the interests of the country. I am willing to give the honorable member for Lambton the same credit which I trust he would accord to me. I am willing to believe that he thought he would promote the best interests of the country by obstructing the progress of the Administration. He at all events took that course at the beginning and has persevered in it ever since. Well, Sir, by degrees an opposition sprang up in the ranks of the Liberal Party, and the result was