

no occasion to say any thing here, as they will speak for themselves on a perusal of the evidence. This trial has in fact no direct relation to the disputes between Lord Selkirk and the North-West Company, but his Lordship having all along endeavoured assiduously to impress on the public mind, the idea that the desertions which took place from his colony were wholly to be ascribed to the persuasions and enticements of the North-West Company, the evidence produced on this occasion (which might have been multiplied to an indefinite extent, by the numerous other individuals who, having escaped from Red River, are now settled in Upper Canada,) will clearly demonstrate that it was the wretched state of misery into which these deluded people were plunged, and the oppressions they suffered, that produced the spirit of dissatisfaction prevailing amongst them, and induced them, some to find their way out at all risks through the savage tribes by way of Fond du Lac, others to lay a plan for escaping by the Mississippi into the United States, and others to apply to the humanity of the North-West Company's people to give them a passage to Canada. This testimony of their sufferings, and of the deceptions practiced upon them by the Earl of Selkirk and his agents, comes in ample confirmation of the prophetic view tak-