

cial questions that the Government had to deal with. The first Parliament of the Dominion was about to expire and the second general election to be held. Both parties were preparing for the struggle. The one was headed by Sir John Macdonald, Sir George Cartier, Hon. S. L. Tilley, and Hon. Dr. Tupper; the other by Hon. A. Mackenzie, Hon. E. Blake, Hon. Geo. Brown, Hon. (now Sir) A. A. Dorion, and Hon. L. H. Holton. The contest proved to be a fierce one. Once commenced, it was waged with great vigor to its close. Means fair and unfair were used by both sides. One distinction, however, must be made. In the one case the leaders were to blame, in the other the followers. The Conservative party have no more right to be charged with the acts of the Kingston and Montreal Knights than Blake, Mackenzie, Dorion or Holton are to be held accountable for the acts of some of their followers. The battle was skilfully fought by the Government. Sir John Macdonald knows well how to conduct a campaign. Into this one he carried all his past experience, suiting his actions and words to the particular place and its circumstances. With Sir Francis Hincks he made a tour of Ontario, holding monster demonstrations in many places, and these unquestionably had an effect upon the