

were eminently calculated to damage the public credit, but despite the snarlings and misrepresentations of fact of the Brownites, the credit of Canada, never stood higher than at present. Our five per cent bonds were at par, notwithstanding the existence of a great war in Europe. He deeply regretted that Mr. Mackenzie, in whose British principles he had been inclined to place some confidence, should have endeavoured to mislead his audience by comparing the number of members of a British Cabinet required to conduct public business in two Houses of Parliament, with a Cabinet composed like that of the United States, which is not subjected to parliamentary responsibility. Mr. Mackenzie's remarks on this head may prove how little he has studied the subject. Mr. Mackenzie, likewise, made one of his customary attacks on the Civil Service of the Dominion, charging the Government with increasing the Staff, and retaining incompetent men. It cannot be expected that with a Service such as has existed in Canada, the claims of existing incumbents to retain office unless superseded for misconduct, being recognized, while there was no provision for superannuation, that there would not be many cases of inefficiency, but the government was fully alive to the necessity of improving the Civil Service, and their Superannuation Act of last Session would have a most beneficial effect. He had so much to say on topics which had excited much more public interest than those to which he had adverted, that he would content himself by affirming that he pledged himself, if he lived to meet Mr. Mackenzie again in Parliament, to expose his misstatements. The subject which has chiefly occupied public attention since the close of the last Session of Parliament, has been the Red River policy of the Government and the Manitoba Bill. He (Sir Francis Hincks) was well aware that much dissatisfaction had existed on the subject, not only among the supporters of the opposition, but among the adherents of the Government; but this dissatisfaction had been caused by the most scandalous perversion of truth, and he deeply regretted to find Mr. Mackenzie so unscrupulous as to persist in statements the falsehood of which had been so thoroughly exposed. The policy of the Dominion Government has not only secured the approbation of all parties in England, but, as it has become known to the people of Ontario, has commended itself to all moderate and right thinking men. (Here Sir Francis Hincks read Earl Granville's despatch to the Governor General, of 18th May, 1870, concluding as follows: "In giving an account of what has passed to the House of Lords, I had much pleasure in acknowledging publicly the singular judgment, decision, and conciliation with which your Government has acted since this unfortunate outbreak." He also read many extracts