

Fortunately that spirit is as strong, and as unfair, as ever. Mr. Roebuck, in his new publication of the "Canadian Portfolio," as well as in his speeches, too frequently gives way to the temptation of saying something smart, without staying to consider whether he is not, at the same time, conveying a most incorrect and untrue notion to the mind of his hearer or his reader. Referring thus to Mr. Caldwell's defalcation, which some years ago was, without doubt, scandalously screened by the Government, he writes as if the same line of conduct was still pursued by the Government towards that defaulter. He says—"Further, the money he purloined has not been repaid. Thus the people have been robbed, refused redress, and are now being cursed with the horrors of a civil war, because they desire to improve this corrupt and detestable system." Is Mr. Roebuck really unaware of the fact, that not only Mr. Caldwell has long since ceased to be a member of the Council, but that his property has been taken possession of by the Government to repay the defalcation? Is that refusing redress? The redress may not be perfect, but such as circum-