

the conduct of the Canadian Government in circumstances of no ordinary difficulty, was communicated in the following despatch :

DOWNING STREET, 18th May, 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches Nos. 86 and 87, of the 25th and 29th April last, enclosing documents connected with the recent disturbances in the Red River territory. I am glad to learn that the proceedings adopted against the Rev. Mr. Ritchot and Mr. Scott were promptly disposed of and had not been renewed ; and I take this opportunity of expressing the satisfaction with which I have learned from your telegram of the 3rd inst., that the Canadian Government and the delegates have come to an understanding as to the terms on which the settlements on the Red River should be admitted into the Dominion. 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.

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GRANVILLE.

Right Hon. Sir John Young, Bart., G.C.B., G.C.M.G.

While such is the deliberate judgment of one who had peculiar opportunities of forming a correct opinion, and who was at first dissatisfied with the course taken by the Canadian Government in withholding the payment of the purchase money, Mr. McDougall and his partizans have persistently denounced the Government for not adopting a policy which would have deprived Canada of Imperial countenance and support, and which would most assuredly have brought about a war between Canada and the Red River settlers, in which the latter would have had the aid of any number of sympathisers from the United States of America. Whatever might have