

sufficiently clear the colonists are not happy under the Company's rule, else why did a large body of the Scotch whom Lord Selkirk brought over, quit the settlement at Red River, after a sufficient trial, in order to begin the world again in America?

Enough has been quoted to shew the high estimation in which Sir George held those various tracts of land over which he travelled. But after carrying the imagination to those large districts which Mr. Labouchere said "*were admirably suited to the use and enjoyment of civilized man, some being rich in soil and minerals, and others, from situation being extremely valuable to commerce,*" let us see what Sir George Simpson stated in his evidence the other day before the committee of the house of Commons. Sir George is reported to have said, on the 26th February last, "*in reference to the cultivation and colonization of the territory of the Hudson's Bay Company, he had no hesitation in expressing his opinion that no part of it was fit for settlers.*" How does this comport with his previously written assertions, when neither the title, nor the renewal of the charter, was in immediate jeopardy?

A much more lengthened account of Sir George Simpson's work is here quoted than would have been deemed necessary, had he not been the principal Director and Governor-in-chief of the Hudson's Bay Company's possessions, and the witness in whom they placed their chief reliance.—He is reported to be the only Director who is familiar with all the internal workings of their machinery, and there is not a station on their territories that is not governed by his influence, nor any business conducted without his control. Therefore, he may be said to represent the Hudson's Bay Company, for all the other Directors are ciphers compared with him, as regards the business details, though they are equally cognizant of the principles on which that business is conducted.

But in addition to this narrative, written at a period when (little dreaming the time would arrive that the Charter of the Company would be discontinued) Sir George was desirous