

lands. He hoped the Government would direct their attention to the disposal of these lands, and to the opening up of that magnificent mineral country on the north shores of Lakes Superior and Huron. (Hear, hear). As he had remarked, he did not think there was any intention on the part of honourable gentlemen on his side of the House to offer any hostile opposition to the Government. On the contrary, it was their disposition to render them all the aid they possibly could, to make the best laws and to carry out the best policy for the well-being of the whole Province. (Hear, hear). But, while doing this, they must not forget their party lines. He, for one, was not willing to forget them. He believed that a purely party Government, under our representative system, was the cheapest Government and the best Government, and he should, therefore, while giving the Government a fair support, keep steadily in view the object of placing on these Treasury benches a purely party Government at the earliest possible moment. (Hear, hear). He would not detain the House longer, being desirous that this debate should close as early as possible, so that they might be in a position to proceed at once to the real business of the country, and to deal, on their own merits, with the measures which might be submitted to them. (Cheers).

Mr. T. R. FERGUSON said it appeared from the speech of the hon. member for Bothwell, that he had no fault to find with the policy of the Government except one, and that was a sin of omission—that they did not in the Address touch particularly on the disposal of the mineral lands of the country. He had also some complaint to make about the conduct of the Government during the late elections, and particularly that one of them had assisted one who was not only a political but a personal friend. He (Mr. F.) thought that that was a small crime for a gentleman to commit; and that the charge came with a peculiarly bad grace from one who had distinguished himself more than any one else in the character of a political missionary, going into other people's constituencies. The hon. gentleman had also complained that this was not a party Government. In reply to that he would say that it was not a pure party Government which ruled in England at the present time, nor was it a pure party Government we had in the Dominion. Nor did he think that in this Province a Government, composed at the present time wholly of Conservatives or wholly of Reformers, would be able to carry through the legislation that was necessary for the prosperity of the Provinces. It was well known that in the late Province of Canada it was the closeness of party divisions which often induced a Government to resort to corrupt measures, to save themselves from defeat for a month or a year. He hoped those extremes would never arise in the Province of Ontario. As regarded the mineral lands his hon. friend seemed to forget that