

runy resisted those aggressions. If the Dominion Government had properly carried out the B. N. A. Act he would have preferred the provisions of that Act to any of the resolutions of the conference, but he accepted those resolutions as the next best thing in view of the fact that the B. N. A. Act had not been respected. He was glad to hear Mr. Meredith denouncing the Dominion Franchise Bill. At the Quebec Conference it was a source of pleasure to know that the members for Ontario took the foremost place. Mr. Gagnon, Provincial Secretary of Quebec, had said to him, "You lucky people of Ontario have not a weak man in your Cabinet." (Applause.) He was sure he was expressing the opinions of his countrymen when he said that he was in favor of these resolutions, and that he had rather be ruled by a second-class clerk than by a Dominion leader who had always shown himself hostile to Provincial rights.

Mr. METCALFE charged the last speaker with wandering from the point, and remarked that for "a three-year stretcher" the hon. gentleman beat anything he had ever seen. He claimed that Mr. Meredith was not so hard upon the people of Quebec as the last speaker seemed to think. The Conservatives had as high an opinion of, and as great a respect for, the people of Quebec as the members of the Government side had, not to say more; and they had not to go back far in the history of Canada to find the Reformers saying worse things of the French Canadian people than the hon. gentleman even charged Mr. Meredith with saying. He condemned the speech of the hon. gentleman as being one that would influence people and mislead those who were in the habit of reading much. The speaker claimed that the Attorney-General