

away from the infuriated and starving population, who asked for bread, and to whom he had nothing to give but a stone. I ask the hon. gentleman does he not know that this country will consider that he is taking a gross license with its intelligence, in the face of historical evidence to the contrary, in stating that the people are cursing the present Administration. They have had an opportunity of showing their detestation; and what is the result? When our opponents gained power by the unholy means they used, so soon as they began to live they began to die. So soon as the sober second thought of the people had an opportunity of giving its expression they speedily reversed the verdict of 1874. They steadily brought down that mighty majority of nearly ninety in four years to one of less than fifty. Their dissolution commenced from the very hour of their birth—from the very beginning, I may say, of their existence, which they managed to sustain for five years, till it was terminated by the exhausted patience of an indignant public. One would suppose, if the hon. member for Centre Huron is to be believed, that every person in the country was ready to spring up in indignation against the present Administration in order to bring these men who oppose it into power again. Where is the seat that you have taken from us? Where are those indignant people giving utterance to their execrations? They had an opportunity in Cornwall, but they did not—when my hon. friend Dr. Bergin turned a majority of 39 to a majority of 198. In Montmorency they have had an opportunity, where a man of great talent and ability, pitted against a leading independent supporter of hon. gentlemen opposite in a square party fight, was sent here to support us by a largely increased majority. Does that look like cursing and execration? Does that look as if the hon. gentleman had any ground for the assertions he has made here to-night? In Bonaventure—a constituency held by our genial and independent friend, the Hon. Dr. Robitaille—that popular and able gentleman's seat being vacated by his promotion to the position of Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, a successor was returned by acclamation. My hon. friend cannot find his crowd of people fuming with curses

there. In Provencher, Manitoba, in Yale, British Columbia, in the centre of our country, and away down in Cape Breton, in Nova Scotia, the electors have had an opportunity of denouncing my right hon. friend for his alleged legalised robbery, as a Protective Tariff is called, but they have not been able to get any to endorse that slanderous accusation. But not only have we held our own. In Charlevoix, East Hastings and Argenteuil their party has been defeated, and a difference made in this House of six votes in our favour by the action of these independent constituencies, while others in this House, elected to support them, have openly and independently declared their intention to abandon that party and policy, in order to sustain the successful policy of my hon. friend. Never was there a party or a Government so strong in the confidence and affections of the great body of electors of Canada as the present Government. I have not been able to notice a great many of the extraordinary statements that the hon. member has made. I have only endeavoured to notice the most important points connected with them; but, as a party man, as one who believes that the best interest of our country demands the continuance in power of the Liberal-Conservative party, I rejoice in the exhibition the hon. gentleman has made of himself, as I feel confident that this party will continue to control the destinies of this Dominion while the hon. gentleman favours us with such speeches as we have listened to to-night.

MR. MACKENZIE: We have listened to the speeches of the hon. gentleman opposite, with something like astonishment at the volubility and abusive character of his utterances against his opponents. The language he has used to-night is characteristic of him; but I think I never heard a speech even from him more replete with abuse. The hon. gentleman thinks, I suppose, that by using offensive language he strengthens his position; that, if he abuses his opponents and praises his colleagues and himself, he will have accomplished his object; but the hon. gentleman will not find such abuse accepted by this House and the country. My hon. friend on my right has reason to be proud that hon. gentlemen opposite