

HON. MR. ALEXANDER—Bring out the proofs.

HON. SIR DAVID MACPHERSON— I was stating the course I pursued towards the hon. gentleman when he was left out of the Senate. He then entreated me to use my influence with Sir John Macdonald to have him appointed on the occasion of the first vacancy. He said it was a most serious thing for him. I tried to make light of it ; I told him that it was a matter of the utmost indifference to me if I had been left out ; that I could either have retired from political life altogether or could have sought election to the Commons for one of the constituencies of my division. He said the effect on him would be different, that it would injure him politically, and that it would injure him socially, and would be altogether grievous to him and to his family. I promised him that I would use my influence with Sir John Macdonald to have him appointed, and I did so. I do not know whether it had any influence. I would like to believe that it had not, for after the manner in which the hon. gentleman has discredited my recommendation I would like to believe that it had no influence in sending him to this House. I feel hon. gentlemen that I ought, figuratively, to humble myself before this House in sackcloth and ashes for having been instrumental in any way in recommending one who has done so much to derogate from the dignity and position that this House ought to hold in the country, as that hon. gentleman has done. Why, only yesterday, in the street, I was asked by a member of the other House who lives at the same hotel as the hon. gentleman, "When is the Alexander circus coming on in your House? He is inviting every one to go, and promises them a great deal of fun." Now, hon. gentlemen, you have heard this hon. gentleman prate of the dignity of this House and the eminence of its members, and yet that is the manner in which he conducts himself, and degrades the Senate. Before he was called to the Senate he was constantly wanting something or other, and he importuned me to use what influence I might have possessed with my hon. friend at my right (Sir Alex. Campbell) who was then Postmaster General, to give him a postmaster-

ship. He represented it as being of great importance to him, and I did so. My hon. friend did not require any urging : he was well enough disposed towards the hon. member from Woodstock. He was as well disposed towards him as I was, and he gave him the postmastership, and I suppose the hon. gentleman retained it until he became a Senator. But not only did he seek my aid in public matters but he invoked my good offices to bring about a reconciliation between himself and members of his family living in England.

HON. MR. ALEXANDER—Oh ! Oh ! Oh ! Disgrateful !

HON. SIR DAVID MACPHERSON—The hon. gentleman's ox is gored now !

HON. MR. ALEXANDER—The hon. gentleman is repeating private conversation.

HON. SIR DAVID MACPHERSON—The hon. gentleman asked me whether in any of my visits to England I had met a certain gentleman (I shall not name him unless the hon. member from Woodstock insists upon it), a certain gentleman who was a member of the London Stock Exchange. I said I had. He then told me he was a near relative of his, but that he had lost sight of the gentleman's family, of himself and his father and family ; that they had been connected at one time with a house of great eminence in London, that that house had been overtaken by misfortune, and that its members had gone to reside in foreign countries—and, as I understood, countries with which England did not have extradition treaties ; but as this gentleman, who was not so seriously compromised, had returned, and had established himself creditably in London, that he was inclined to believe it might be of advantage to himself (the hon. member from Woodstock) and to his family, to renew his intimacy with this gentleman ; that he was prospering, and that he might be able to advance the interests of some of his children. The next time I went to England I did what the hon. gentleman asked me to do, and I told his English friend that the hon. gentleman was a Senator.