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and Mr. Workman, of Montreal." Who are Messrs. Darling and Workman, of Montreal? They are men engaged in the iron trade; they could not give proper advice, because they were both trying to get the tenders for the rails when they were put up for competition. That was the fact. Darling and Mr. Workman say? Mark, Mr. Mackenzie did not bring Mr. Alfred Brunel Gingerton to defend him; all the Chief Engineer said was that they would be useful for the purpose of construction, and then declined it. But both Mr. Darling and Mr. Workman have given their testimony, and they declare that so far from having given that advice, they say they never heard that such a proposition was before the country until they saw the notice in the paper. Of a verity goes the commercial authority upon which he made the purchase. So far as Mr. Fleming's authority is concerned, he cannot produce a line from Mr. Fleming to say that he should buy the rails—except a letter written more than two years after the purchase, in which, as a subordinate officer, he says all he can say in justification of the purchase; but what does it amount to? Hear, says:—"He advised that steps should be taken to secure such a quantity as might be deemed advisable." It does not say what that was 500 or 5,000 tons, and there is not a line which goes to show that he ever intimated to Mr. Mackenzie or anybody else that it would be wise to purchase 50,000 tons of rails. What does Mr. Fleming himself say? "The late Government." But before I come to that I had better read another extract. He says:—

"In fact there never was a direct charge made, except in one case, that the Government had given information in advance to a rival, of my own regarding the tenders received the instant the publisher of the newspaper who made that charge, and the writer of the letting of a rale for the issue of a criminal information for libel. If the hon. member for Digby Tupper is anxious to make a direct and specific charge against me on that ground, I am ready to file a statement of the kind, let him just imitate the conduct of his publisher, and he, too, will be relieved of the afforded the very same opportunity of proving them."

What does that mean? It means this:—That Mr. Mackenzie is driven into a corner, and in order to protect himself from the exposure, free discussion of this question before the people he is going from the power of the Government to bear in getting criminal informations sworn against public men. What must be the feeling of the man who is driven to attempt to stifle criticism, by a course so contemptible as that? What, beyond, regardless of his threats, let the consequence be what they may, to arraign him at the great tribunal of the people, and to bring such evidence of mal-administration and misconduct on the part