

SPEECH

DELIVERED BY

Mr. BUNSTER, M.P., ON THE TARIFF.

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(From the *Hunsard Report*.)

Mr. BUNSTER said he hoped he would not detain the House by such an harangue as the hon. gentleman had just delivered. It appeared to him that the hon. gentleman from North York had not sufficient brains to deliver a speech of his own, and he was obliged therefore to quote from hon. gentlemen who had brains. Coming more to the subject under discussion, he would say that Canadian barley had a very high reputation in the United States of America, and every Canadian felt proud of it. American Brewers coveted Canadian barley in order to make a good article of ale. It would seem as if the Finance Minister begrudged the poor lone widow her cup of tea. When he came to the House there was a free breakfast table, but now, thanks to the present Government, the import tax was five cents a pound on tea and two and half on sugar. He did not think it creditable that the necessaries of life should be taxed in this way, when the luxuries were allowed to go free. This was owing to the fact that workmen had no voice in making the laws, and the rich men were bound to take care of their own luxuries. The hon. gentleman who had last spoken made a personal allusion to him, and

said he was a slavish supporter of the right hon. member for Kingston.

Mr. DYMOND: Not a slavish supporter.

Mr. BUNSTER said the hon. gentleman would protect his own language, if he had any of his own. In coming to this House, his (Mr. Bunster's) determination was to support that party which would build the Canadian Pacific Railway and would make a Union of the Dominion, as they would perceive on reference to Morgan's "Parliamentary Companion." That was the party he wanted to follow, no matter who the leader might be; as long as that leader had the necessary brains to carry out the work, he would follow him. He was not going to support that man who went to England and said that British Columbia was not a fit country for a white man to live in. He utterly scouted such an idea, and claimed that British Columbia had a more genial climate than, and as hospitable a people as, any Province in the Dominion. British Columbia joined the Union for the purpose of securing the Pacific Railway. British Columbia did not expect to build the railroad herself, but thought that Canada, with the assistance of British