

upon them afterwards. Let both these interests go together, and not even the strength of my hon. friends opposite, nor the strength of the majority behind them, can withstand them.

I believe confidently, as I said before, that that majority, if the Premier had used a little more of his ordinary courage, would have followed him in this direction just as blindly as they are now following him to the injury of the country, and the injury of himself and friends when they return to their constituents. Believing thoroughly and sincerely in what I say, I venture to affirm that if to-morrow there was an appeal made to the people on this question, the answer would be returned from one end of the country to the other in favor of the policy I advocate, against the culpable and I was going to say almost senseless policy proposed by the Government on this occasion.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—I congratulate my right hon. friend on having at last found some resting place which he may call a policy. It is true he has only brought his goods to a slaughter market, but he says he will be able to drive British competition from Canada in a very short time, although he has not told us what that interesting process means. The hon. gentleman has not indulged in any of the extreme statements which he made at public meetings where there were none to answer him—where he attributed the commercial and manufacturing distress wholly to the Government. Why, he attributed every kind of misfortune, including the Colorado bug, to the presence of a Grit Government. The hon. gentleman has very carefully abstained to-day, and will continue to abstain, I have no doubt, in this House from imputing any disaster like that to anything that the Government has done or is about to do. But, Sir, before proceeding to discuss some of the matters the right hon. gentleman referred to, let me call the attention of everyone for a moment to his remarks regarding John Stuart Mill. The hon. gentleman may not have made the statement that my hon. friend from Waterloo attributed to him, but he may find, if he recalled a certain circumstance, that he might have done so. He must surely remember

that even John Stuart Mill wrote a letter to Mr. Greeley, of New York, withdrawing that passage from his book. He may remember the disappointment felt by the Protectionists of the United States with reference to Mr. Mill's passage—how they distorted it, when Mr. Mill really withdrew it, and expressed his regret that it had ever been put in. But in order to make doubly sure, I had the pleasure last summer of meeting with a well known English writer—whom the hon. gentleman no doubt knows—Mr. Newmarsh, an intimate friend of Mr. Mill; and I called his attention to this circumstance, sitting at the dinner table one day in London. He said: "Oh, yes; that is well known. We all expressed our exceeding regret to Mr. Mill that the passage should have been written, as it was liable to be misunderstood. He withdrew it, however, unmistakably and completely." So Mr. Mill cannot be quoted. I will call the attention of the hon. gentleman to Mr. Newmarsh. I have no doubt he (Mr. Newmarsh) will recall the conversation which took place at Mr. Potter's dinner-table.

Hon. Gentlemen—Hear! hear!

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—I don't understand the "hear, hears" of hon. gentleman.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD—Was the hon. gentleman going to "Potter's Field?"

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—Both the right hon. gentleman and I were going to Potter's Field one day, but he has gone there now, and is likely to remain there. Now, Sir, the right hon. gentleman has taken the ground to-night that he has always advocated—a national policy. Well, Sir, who doesn't advocate a national policy? Who is there that never did? The right hon. gentleman considers that he advocates a national policy which was right and that nobody else was capable of doing so. Every Government has advocated a national policy. We have expected in this country that a revenue tariff was a desirable financial policy. Under many circumstances I would not agree with that. But in consequence of our geographical position I have been driven to agree to it. I have never