

belief in and admiration of that hon. gentleman.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. HAYTHORNE—I believe his conduct in relation to this matter is beyond reproach, and it is perfectly evident, by the letter to Mr. Brown, his care of the public interest was paramount that the public interest was ever before his mind; and any one who will take Mr. Mackenzie's evidence, and read it carefully with an unprejudiced mind, will come to the conclusion that he has used his best abilities to serve the country faithfully.

Hon. Mr. KAULBACH—It seems to me the hon. Secretary of State almost forgot his position as a Minister of the Crown when he spoke in such a violent manner of this House, charging them with having prostituted their high position and the Committee with having brought in a false report. He went so far as to say the Committee had been appointed for that express purpose and also for the purpose of condemning the Government. When asked to show the evidence on which he based his charge that the report was false, the hon. gentleman failed to do so except by manipulating some extracts from a part of the evidence which did not bear out the position he took. After having made such reckless assertions and unfounded charges, he apologized for his unparliamentary language. This is not the first time the hon. gentleman has used very violent language in this House, which he has refused to withdraw at the time, though, at the close of his speech he has apologized for the use of it. I am sorry that a gentleman who occupies such a high position should let his feelings so far pervert his judgment that he uses language for which he is obliged to apologize to the House. The hon. Secretary of State stigmatized the witnesses Clark and Savigny as "land jobbers," forgetting when he did so that he also stigmatized the very men he brought to refute the position taken by the mover of the resolution in this House. I shall not enter into a discussion of the relative merits of Prince Arthur's Landing and the Kaministiquia River. It has been conclusively proved, to the satisfac-

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tion of a large majority of this House that there can be no comparison drawn between the two harbors—that it was a mistake to abandon Prince Arthur's Landing after the large amount of money expended upon it. The hon. Secretary of State and the hon. Senator from Prince Edward Island, being unable to get over the evidence of Mr. Murdoch, endeavored to stigmatize him as untruthful. The Government not only dismissed him from the public service for some reason which I have not seen or heard justified, but they are endeavoring to ruin his character. They tell us they believe he has not spoken the truth under oath. I have read the evidence and have failed to discover any ground for such an assertion. Then my hon. friend from Prince Edward Island (Mr. Haythorne) talks of the Neebing Hotel—that shadow of a substance of nothing, that rickety, ramshackle shed—as a building to shelter travellers and accommodate guests. It amounts to nothing at all; it is absurd and ridiculous to call it a hotel. I am sure nobody who has any feeling for dumb animals would put his cattle into it. Oliver, Davidson & Co. put this structure across the line of the railway, selected six months before, and after the engineer had warned them not to erect it there. Then they came to the Government and sold it for an enormous sum of money, without submitting any certified accounts to show the value of the structure. A couple of hundred dollars would build such a shed as that anywhere else. If we look at the material the hon. Secretary of State had before him and the arguments he had to construct out of them, we must congratulate him that he has, so far, "from nothing made the wrong appear the better cause," but I would advise the hon. gentleman to adopt the injunction of Shakespeare:—"O! while you live, tell truth and shame the Devil!"

Hon. Gentlemen—Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. KAULBACH—If the hon. gentleman had followed that injunction he would not have fallen into the mistakes he did during the whole of his speech. If he would confine himself more to facts, he would deserve the respect which we all desire to show for one who occupies so high a position in