

development of our trade with the mother country. The care taken in the transportation of our goods by the cold storage system developed by the present government has undoubtedly had a considerable effect, and I might say, while I am on this subject, that I have not yet heard of any important work similar to that done by the present Minister of Agriculture in Great Britain during the last two trips he made to the other side. Hon. gentlemen in this Chamber who have had occasion to follow him in his work of evangelization on the other side, have seen that he has gone from one big centre to another, has spoken to nearly all the important boards of trade on the other side, and that there is not a newspaper published in the British islands which had not reports of these speeches made by him and by his assistant, Mr. Robertson, who accompanied him. I am quite sure that we have had no more diligent Minister of Agriculture since Confederation, and I congratulate the hon. minister on the trouble he has taken to do that important work of thoroughly informing the British citizen as to the possibilities of Canada and the importance of mutual trade. My hon. friend who has preceded me said that the government had blundered into this policy. Well, if this present government reaches such results in all its blunders, I expect marvels of them when they do not blunder. The hon. leader of the opposition in answer to a question, said 'I have not condemned the preference given to Great Britain.' A few minutes after in his speech, he pointed out contradictions that have appeared in the press between statements made by members of the present government. I have here a speech made by Mr. Monk, one of the leaders of the opposition, who has condemned unreservedly the preference given to British goods in our markets. To-day we are asking ourselves where the opposition really stands on this question. Of course they declare they would prefer a *quid pro quo* policy, but they have not yet moved to have removed from our statute-book the preference given to British goods. The hon. leader of the opposition spoke of contradictions between reports of speeches made by divers ministers who form this government. He forgot that at the last election

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the mate of Sir Charles Tupper, who was to bring such power to the opposition, Mr. Hugh John Macdonald pronounced in the west in favour of a reduced tariff on agricultural implements, if not free trade in agricultural implements, while at the same time his colleagues in the east were clamouring for greater protection on these very articles. But this contradiction between Mr. Hugh John Macdonald and his colleagues is not the only one to which I can point in the policy of our opponents. The leader of the opposition has condemned the government for not mentioning the sending of a third contingent to South Africa, and has pressed this government to pay the whole of the cost of the sending of this contingent. In this contention he is at variance with one of his colleagues in the other House who plays no less a role than assistant leader of the opposition, Mr. Monk, of Jacques Cartier. I would advise my hon. friends to gather in caucus and decide on their policy on that question, because I cannot believe they are united, when I have here before me a speech made to the electors of Laval county by Mr. Monk. The speech is in French. I will quote the portion referring to the sending of this contingent and it will be seen from the remarks of the hon. gentleman that more credit is given by him to the action of the present government than is to be found in the remarks of the hon. leader of the opposition, for he contends that if this third contingent is not paid out of the public treasury, it must be due to the action of the Hon. Mr. Tarte. I consider that such questionable motives should not be attributed which would have the effect of disturbing the ideas and sentiments which should unite this whole country, and it is because I condemn the tone in which the remarks were made that I want to point out to the hon. gentleman that on this score the policy of the Conservative party is not a united one if we can judge by the remarks made by Mr. Monk as contrasted with his own remarks. Here is what Mr. Monk says. I quote from *Le Journal* whose director he is jointly with Senator Forget and Mr. T. Chas. Casgrain, M.P. :—

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Touching this burning question I think that I have squarely laid down my views in my