

treal. If rumor speaks true, my hon. friend the First Minister used all his blandishments for the purpose of inducing my hon. friend from Montreal West to cast aside his modesty and come forward again into public life; he succeeded, and, therefore, we may fairly suppose that the hon. gentleman had a warrant from my hon. friend the First Minister to speak on behalf of the Government to the people of Montreal, and these whose suffrages he was seeking had a right to believe, when he was speaking and avowing his sentiments on this subject of free-trade and protection, that he spoke with the sanction, with the knowledge, and not only without the disapprobation, but with the positive approbation of the hon. member, the leader of the Government, and so of all the members of the Cabinet. I am not surprised, therefore, at the deep feeling which my hon. friend from West Montreal has shown; he, I have no doubt, felt, and still feels, that he was, beyond question, made the means of deceiving the people of Montreal when he asked their suffrages as a supporter of this Administration, and at the same time a supporter of the Protectionists and manufacturers. There must have been some misapprehension in this; my hon. friend at the head of the Government, I take it, did not design to deceive my hon. friend or convey false impressions; but it is a most unfortunate circumstance—a circumstance which has worked badly for my hon. friend from Montreal West, and, obviously, greatly to the injury of the manufacturers and importers, and every commercial interest of this country—that this misapprehension should have existed. My hon. friend was misled, not intentionally, of course, by the head of the Government, and not only so, but he was also misled when he supposed that he was speaking with the authority and sanction of the Administration, under the shadow and wing of the Premier, and was making the positive statements he did during his candidature, at his election and after his election, inducing not solely the people of Montreal but of the whole Dominion of Canada to understand that the Government had adopted a policy of afford-

ing some relief to the manufacturers of Canada, and effecting some alterations in the tariff. •

Sir, my hon. friend therefore felt it due to his own honour, as well as the principle he upholds, to place on record at the earliest possible moment his vote of censure as expressed in this resolution, regarding the policy of the Government. While, however, the first portion of it commends itself to me, I think that the concluding portion falls far short of the extent to which he ought to have gone; and I think so, for the reason given by my hon. friend from Centre Wellington a little while since. While I consider that the hon. member for Montreal West, when pleading as it were on behalf of the manufacturers of this country, ought to have gone further, and that our agricultural interests should be included in the motion, I will not pursue the course of my hon. friend, who says that he will vote against this resolution owing to that exclusion. I think that he is mistaken, and I hope that he will reconsider his position in that respect.

Sir, I believe, that the manufacturing interests of this country, in their present state of depression, require the adoption of a policy similar to that announced authoritatively as it were by the hon. gentleman in Montreal. I also think that the agricultural interest of Canada requires and calls for the protection, which is spoken of; but, Sir, because this resolution only goes half way, that is no reason why I should vote against it. I shall be in favour of the resolution of my hon. friend from Montreal West, and I shall endeavour hereafter, when I have the opportunity, to extend the resolution in the direction I have indicated. This resolution I shall read at once as a notice to my hon. friends opposite and the country of what I intend to propose. When the opportunity offers, during the course of the present Session, I shall move
 “That it be resolved, that this House
 “regrets that His Excellency the Governor-General has not been advised to
 “recommend to Parliament a measure
 “for the re-adjustment of the tariff,
 “which will not only tend to alleviate
 “the stagnation of business, deplored in