

if you start on an erroneous basis, you make figures do as much lying as anything else."

Again :

" Mr. Lawrence says we cannot compete with Canada in manufactures. Mr. Lawrence tried to lead the manufacturers of New Brunswick to believe that they could not compete with Canada. I gave you the impression that you would manufacture a great deal for Canada, and be, as it were, to it what Birmingham is to the west of England. In short, I feel that Mr. Lawrence's calculations, from end to end, are the emanations of a mind which is impressed with the insignificance of our people. Mr. Parks, the owner of our cotton factory, has, through a friend, authorised me to say that, if he had the extended market that would be made by this Federation, he could sell at 10 per cent less than he can at present."

The hon. the Minister of Finance told them then they had every facility for manufacturing. Mr. Lawrence told them that such would not be the case ; in Canada they had the population, the capital, and manufactories already in operation, and that New Brunswick could not compete. Since Confederation, has the Intercolonial been seen freighted with manufactured goods coming up to Canada ? Have commercial agents been seen looking for a market for New Brunswick manufactures ? Quite the opposite. Canadian goods have been going to New Brunswick, both to the injury of our importers and manufacturers ; and runners from Canada have infested every hole and corner of the Lower Provinces. Mr. Lawrence was the fool before Confederation ; who is the fool now ? The cotton manufactory was established twenty years ago, and has been enlarged since. Mr. Parks has been manufacturing goods ever since, and that establishment is not due to the National Policy. I am satisfied Mr. Parks will not send any cotton into Canada. I fancy I can see one distressed manufacturer, the hon. member for Centre Toronto. I fancy I can see him going over to the hon. the Finance Minister and begging for some protection in order that he might continue his manufacturing. He got that protection, and that is the reason for his leaving the Liberal party. In order to help that hon. gentleman, worth \$500,000, every poor man who wants a table or a chair has to pay more for his furniture. Have the masses of the people no claims upon the Government ? We are told that notwithstanding this in-

creased taxation that goods are cheaper than they were before the National Policy was adopted. The idea is a new one that taxation makes goods cheaper. Hon. gentlemen must think the people are very stupid to believe any such assertion. The predictions of my hon. friend the Minister of Finance are never realized. When he was told that the Federal Government would be expensive he said, \$13,000,000 annually would be all that would be required to carry on the affairs of the country for a quarter of a century. I would not intimate that the hon. gentleman would for a moment state what was not correct, he would not lie I am sure, but he has told us that figures will, and, Mr. Speaker, so far as the figures are concerned, I pronounce this a "whopper." He told us that \$2.75 would be all that would be required for a quarter of a century to come. That statement, in view of the actual facts, I am tempted to describe as a "whopper." He stated that so great would be the increase of population, as the result of building the railroad that, in 1880, the population of New Brunswick would be 400,000. The hon. gentleman never states what is correct, and, so far as figures are concerned, that is another "whopper." He stated that the Intercolonial would go through the centre of the Province and cost \$15,000,000. It has not gone through the centre of the Province, and it has cost about \$30,000,000 ; that is another "whopper." I could produce hundreds of calculations made by the hon. the Finance Minister to induce us to enter Confederation, which calculations he could prove to a demonstration, yet none of which have come true. Now, I am sure, no one can imagine that that hon. gentleman would deviate from the path of rectitude and truth ; but if the Scriptures are true, where it says that the liars have their place in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, I pity that hon. gentleman's figures ; and if the liars are to be cast into outer darkness, where there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, salt cannot save these figures. David and Jonathan were not more closely allied than were the hon. gentleman and these figures, yet the best of friends must part. I listened attentively to the hon. the Minister of Railways, while delivering his speech, power-