

the concessions to the people of this country. The great drain has been stopped, the new blood is pouring in. (Applause.) We have a very considerable surplus to assist us in carrying out our plans. The risk we run as compared with the risk run with the full approval of these hon. gentlemen in former days is almost absolutely insignificant. There is the very best reason for believing that the influx of settlement into the region we shall open up will far more than repay to our revenue all that we can possibly lose thereby. (Cheers.)

And now, sir, in conclusion, what shall I say to my hon. friends opposite?

An hon. member—Nothing.

STRAINING AT A GNAT AND SWALLOWING A CAMEL.

Sir Richard Cartwright—O ye of little faith, ye strainers at gnats and swallowers of alternative camels, blind leaders of the blind, ye gentlemen who pose as Conservative statesmen and lend yourselves to policies which the veriest demagogue might be ashamed of, ye gentlemen who are everlastingly deafening our ears with your zeal for British connection, although you never held up your little finger to help British connection, ye gentlemen who admire British institutions in theory, though not in practice, and who have proved yourselves the most servile imitators of the worst Yankee tricks that were ever invented, from tariffs of abominations to gerrymanders of all sorts, will you never learn? (Great cheering.) Must I apply to my hon. friend the Speaker for permission to bring to this august hall a blackboard on which I may prove to these hon. gentlemen that two and two make four, that 1871 is not the same thing as 1904, that between 1890 and 1904 there is a great gulf, a gulf almost as wide and deep as that which separates the innocent lambs on your right from the goats, or perhaps I should more correctly say the wolves in sheep's clothing, who gnash their teeth on your left. (Laughter.) These hon. gentlemen have shut their eyes to the plainest facts so long that they have positively lost the power of vision. They have become so politically color-blind that they can not tell black from white, or right from wrong, or truth from falsehood, and what makes the case sadder still is that when benevolent parties like myself, in view of this sad case of political cataract, have tried in a spirit of the purest philanthropy to let in a few rays of light to their darkened minds and still more darkened consciences, the patients are apt to use bad language and rear and bite the hand that would heal them. (Laughter and applause.) You know, Mr. Speaker, from your researches in Holy Writ (laughter), and I know from my personal experience the fate that is apt to befall reformers who in an evil moment

cast economic pearls of truth before a certain description of animals. (Laughter.) To my Liberal friends I have also a word or two to say: Remember what befell the Children of Israel, when after long sojourn in the wilds they had come very close to the border of the promised land.

Thereafter they were in imminent danger of falling victims to the wiles of the Medianitish woman, and it required very sharp and drastic remedies to save them from disaster. I say to them to beware of those Deillahs with whom our camp has been swarming since 1904, who will take all they have and give them nothing in return, who will make a mock of them, who will shear them, strip them and sell them. For myself I think I may say that I am immune and that I can defy the craftiest daughter of Eve who ever wore scissors at her girdle to shear my locks. (Laughter.) Deillah may get my scalp, but she never could get my hair. (Laughter.) I say to my hon. friends that they have humbled better than they knew, and that when they go to the country, they will go with a record that was never yet approached. (Applause.)

LIBERAL RECORD BEST IN COMMERCIAL HISTORY OF THE WORLD.

Sir, it is a simple fact that the record of the Liberal party from 1897 to 1904, let hon. gentlemen say what they will, is not merely the Confederation, but it is the best in the commercial history of the world for the last seven years. (Cheers.) Sir, they have wiped out the reproach which for thirty years we have had to endure. It was said: You Canadians boast that you possess a magnificent territory, a territory of vast resources, a territory of unsurpassed fertility in great part, a territory of great area, a territory which is able to contain and support in prosperity fifty million or one hundred million of people, and yet you have only 5,000,000 of inhabitants and you have not been able to keep your people in your own territory. You have become little better than a mere breeding ground for the people of the United States. (Cheers.) For thirty years the record with which you were faced was that every third male adult between the age of eighteen and forty born and reared in Canada, found his way into the United States, and of immigrants that came into the country you were only able to keep ten per cent. All that was true, all that was deplorably true, but I am glad to say that we have changed all that. (Great cheering.) In the present decade there is very good ground to hope that we will gain a million, to be added to our population instead of losing half a million, and those too the flower of our own population, we are gaining the flower of theirs. (Cheers.) Now, I say to my hon. friends that I advise them not to be mock modest about these