

gard to it. I was pained and disappointed when the hon. member for Bothwell (Mr. Mills) rose and brought into the discussion the spirit of narrowness, illiberality, carping and prejudice, which we have seen him always ready to infuse into the debates in this House in which he takes part. I thought this subject would appeal to more generous sympathy in that hon. gentleman's bosom than he usually evinces, but the moment he began to speak it was perceptible that he intended to drag down even this painful subject to the contemptible level of a low partisan view, and to endeavour to chill the kindly enthusiasm of the House by turning it into an issue based upon an unworthy quibble. The Address merely affirms the intention of aiding the sufferers. There is no definite resolution before the House in respect to it, and there is no excuse for the sneering cavil of the hon. member. When the proposition comes up, as the Finance Minister has promised it shall speedily come up, it will doubtless be made acceptable to the whole House, and will then be a legitimate subject for examination and debate. I was pained but scarcely surprised to observe the position taken by the hon. member, but, when he was followed by the hon. member for West Elgin (Mr. Casey), I felt sure that the hon. gentleman's objections were to be supplemented by something still more illiberal and unworthy, through the flippancy of the hon. member for West Elgin and his self-sufficiency and incapacity for approaching any subject without betraying his peculiar characteristics. The hon. member's remarks were utterly out of place, and I mistake the temper of the House if they met with the approval of either side, and I feel warranted in expressing the belief that the whole House will be found in accord with the Government in affording promptly such a measure of relief to the poor sufferers as will be worthy of Canada, and will signify that her representatives here are not unmindful of her debt to the country that has furnished men to subdue her forests and open up her avenues of commerce and traffic. I have listened with painful interest to the feeling appeal of the hon. member for Gloucester (Mr. Anglin), who was an eye-witness of the terrible sufferings of his fellow-countrymen in the famine of 1847,

and whose remarks should have elicited a very different response from that which we have just heard from the gentlemen near him. I trust the tone of the hon. members for Bothwell and West Elgin will not be adopted by any other members of this House, and that we will all shake hands upon this question, laying aside party differences in view of the harrowing needs to which we are called upon to minister, and I believe that the Government will speedily bring forward a measure that will be in full accord with the feeling of the House, and meet with its unanimous and enthusiastic support.

*Motion agreed to.*

*Motion made and question proposed :*

"4. That we are sensible that we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the number of settlers who have during the past year come into our North-West from Great Britain and the United States, as well as from the older Provinces of the Dominion. That we are glad to believe that the visit of two members of the Royal Commission on the agricultural distress in the Mother Country, and the favourable report of the tenant farmers, who, at the instance of His Excellency's Government have examined into the farming capabilities of the Dominion, will largely increase the number of emigrants during the present year. That we are aware that preparations must be made for their reception, and that our best attention will be willingly given to this subject."

MR. MILLS: I would ask the hon. gentleman whether he would not strike out the words "sensible that we have had reason" in the first line and insert the words "We are glad to be informed that we have had cause."

MR. ANGLIN: It is well that it should be understood at once that several gentlemen on this side of the House object very strongly to the wording of nearly every one of these resolutions. Whether the Government intended to force us into moving amendments to the resolutions and, by making use of their large majority, to give us several hearty thrashings that we may appear in a every small minority on the Journals at the opening of the Session, or whether it was merely to annoy and worry us on this side of the House, I will not pretend to say. The wording of this resolution is highly objectionable. It must have been known to those who prepared the Speech that these words were objectionable to hon. members on this side of the House. I do not know that it is the intention of