

that the National Policy is more valuable in the days of depression than it is in the days of prosperity. I say that this National Policy, which provides employment for the people who would otherwise be idle, will continue to establish its reputation and establish itself in the hearts and affections of the people of the Dominion of Canada. And though I shall regret indeed if the line which has been indicated is taken by these hon. gentlemen, who stated this evening that the country is in a worse position than it was in 1878—though, I say, I shall regret that this line should be taken, because it is calculated to damage the country, still at the same time, in spite of those declarations, in spite of the declarations which may be made to-night, or in the course of the debate, in spite of the articles which have appeared in the Canadian, American and English papers, calculated to damage the credit of the country, there are resources in the country, there are vigour and power and energy in the people of the country, and there is in this policy to which I refer that which gives hope and energy to the people, which will place us to a considerable extent above and beyond the influence of such speeches and such arguments as may be made against the National Policy, in this Parliament or elsewhere.