

of commission or omission; and we have endeavoured faithfully to discharge that duty. We are not to be deterred by the lectures of the hon. member for East York (Mr. Boulton), but, on the contrary, we shall always continue to expose what we consider is injurious to the country. That which has given rise to this discussion, is nothing but a belief on our part that the line of policy adopted by the Government is not conducive to the general interests of the country, but is calculated to retard the settlement of the Great North-West. The hon. the First Minister, who replied to my hon. friend from North Norfolk, told us, amongst other extraordinary things, that the land policy, as first submitted, was the right one, but that the want of patriotism on the part of the *Globe* newspaper, in attacking that policy, compelled them to change a policy that was right: that he was induced by the strong opposition of that newspaper to enter upon a different course, to enter upon a course that was improper; that, therefore, he had not the patriotism himself to abide by the principles and the policy which he declared to be right. The *Globe* had created such an impression among his friends, that some change should be made, that he was willing, rather than hold fast, to make the change in opposition to his own convictions, and in defiance of what he conceived to be the interests of the country. The right hon. gentleman has not answered the speech made by the hon. member for North Norfolk, he devoted nearly the whole of his speech to a defence of his railway policy. I could not conceive why that was done, until I learned that there was a good deal of uneasiness among his followers in reference to that policy; and I understand now that there is to be a caucus between them to-morrow to discuss it; therefore the right hon. gentleman took the opportunity of defending his railway policy, as that defence will do service in another place on another occasion. I do not propose to go into the discussion of that policy now; we will go into that discussion at the proper time, when the question comes up on the motion, of which notice has been given by my hon. friend from West Durham (Mr. Blake). I merely rise to-night to rebuke as far as we are concerned,

that spirit of intolerance which prevails, that dictatorial and offensive spirit with which hon. gentlemen opposite charge hon. gentlemen on these Benches with a dereliction of duty, and with a want of patriotism. We understand our duty, we understand what we have to do; and hon. gentlemen opposite are wasting their breath in attempting to deter us from following that course and that policy which we believe to be in the best interests of Canada. We know we have the ear of the country; we know that hon. gentlemen opposite, with all their professions, are quite conscious that they have lost the confidence of the people of this country; they know they have utterly failed to redeem their promises, that their National Policy is a fraud and a delusion; and that their land policy shaped in the interest of speculators is injurious to the people at large and to the general interests of the country, and that their railway policy is ruinous; they know that those matters will rise in judgment against them one day, and they know that an exposure of all their political crimes will only hasten that day.

MR. BOULTBEE: Is not this a little vituperative?

MR. MACKENZIE: We shall do our duty just the same as if the hon. member for East York had not ventured to lecture members on this side of the House.

MR. BOULTBEE: I ask the hon. gentleman if his language is not vituperative?

MR. MACKENZIE: I have used no words, not a single expression but what is perfectly correct. The hon. gentleman may say "political crimes" is vituperative. Political offences are political crimes; and I am sure that hon. gentlemen opposite will not deny that they are guilty of that; they will not deny either that they have failed to redeem their promises on which they obtained office, and that is a political crime, is it not? They sought to make false impressions on the country; the hon. the Finance Minister assured the people of his Province what his policy would do for them, and we have repeated denials from his own Province that any benefit resulted. Is not this a political crime? Let the hon. gentleman go back to his election in