

Mr. MILLS. I wish to call the attention of the House to certain words which the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Royal) has put into a despatch which he says was written by me on the 16th of March, which are not in that despatch, and which are not like anything that despatch contains. The words that are really to be found in the despatch to the Lieutenant Governor were those read by the First Minister when he referred to this question:

"It is not necessary to look up parties who have claims. If they care for their interests, they themselves will come forward and establish their claims."

The hon. member for Provencher, professing to make that same quotation from the despatch—and it is marked as a quotation in this report—gives the following:

"It is perfectly unnecessary to look at parties who may have grievances, or who may have some claims upon the Government. Let them come forward and state their claims."

Now the hon. gentleman may be able to say how he has found words like those in any despatch sent by me.

Mr. ROYAL. No doubt the English grammar of the hon. gentleman is more correct than mine, and I am prepared to give him full credit for that. I am not prepared to say whether I read exactly from the document the other night, but I certainly gave the meaning and the sense of it.

Mr. MILLS. Neither its meaning nor sense.

Mr. ROYAL. I have not had, so far, an opportunity of looking at the proofs of *Hansard*. If I see that I quoted some extract in another language than the official language, or the language in which that extract was written, I will certainly make the amendment in the revised edition.

Mr. MACKINTOSH. Observing the hon. member for North Brant (Mr. Somerville) in his place, I think it but right to myself and the party of which I am a member to call the attention of the House to the remarks made by him in my absence yesterday, remarks quite uncalled for, and, I am sure, dictated by a feeling that I personally do not entertain towards the hon. gentleman. The hon. gentleman said:

"When we think of the history of the Ottawa *Citizen* in the past, it is fruitful of many discussions. The Ottawa *Citizen* has had a checkered career during some years past. At one time, I believe, it was the property of a Minister of the Crown, held under mortgage; at another time it was the property of the sheriff; at another time it was the property of the tax collector of the city of Ottawa; and I believe it only exists, as has been proved by the public records, by the crumbs and droppings which fall from the Government table, and which it is always ready to take up. And when we think of the history of the gentleman who is the conductor of that journal we have something rather astonishing to remember. We can remember that this purist journalist is the man who was known all over the Dominion of Canada as the celebrated contract broker, as the man who had something to do with securing a large sum of money under the celebrated Whitehead contract, I think he is the last man, and his paper is the last paper, that should charge any hon. member of this House with being a sneak and a spy."

I may say that for three years previous to September last, I had no editorial connection with the Ottawa *Citizen*, but in September I became connected, with the reservation that during the Session I should not be expected to contribute articles dealing with members of the House of Commons.

Mr. BLAKE. Hear, hear.

Mr. MACKINTOSH. I tell the hon. gentleman I have never contributed any article personally directed against any member of the House, since I have been in the House. The hon. member for North Brant (Mr. Somerville), has thought proper to make a personal attack on me, and to resuscitate an old charge. Two years ago, I challenged hon. gentlemen opposite to show in what way I made, or whether I made, these large sums that the hon. gentleman spoke of. In different counties, at different elections, I have met these charges and disposed of them; I have cleared myself before my constituents who have endorsed my course.

The hon. member for West Durham (Mr. Blake) deemed proper last January to go to the county of Lennox to make attacks on me, and I there, at a public meeting, disposed of his charges completely; I told the people that under the same circumstances, having the inner consciousness that I had done no wrong, I would, under similar circumstances, repeat those transactions. In all my transactions, I have nothing to regret; I never received any favor from the Government they could not grant to any member of this House; I never approached the Government, directly or indirectly, in any shape or manner, with any object in view that could not bear the most severe scrutiny. I submitted the whole case to my constituents in the city of Ottawa, and year after year was re-elected mayor. Hon. gentlemen think they can brow-beat me by bringing up these charges, but I am prepared to meet them; I am prepared to place my record against the records of those who attack me, confident in the justice of my case. Let hon. gentlemen opposite remember that the only contract-broker we know of, who ever sat in Parliament, was the Speaker of the House of Commons during the Mackenzie Administration, and let them remember that another hon. member, a member of that Administration, had to resign his seat in consequence of his sharing a Government contract, and went back to his constituents, and was defeated. They should remember these things before attacking me, as they do, year after year. I am not afraid of the smallest or the biggest, of the lightest or the heaviest of hon. gentlemen opposite. I am prepared, on each and every occasion, to defend myself against their slanders. The hon. member for West Durham (Mr. Blake) looks pleased. He has little cause to be pleased; he has no reason to be proud of any hon. member on his side, who, after I had made explanations two years ago and challenged anyone to say then what they had to say against me or hold his peace, will rise in the House in my absence and make insinuations against me. I am prepared to answer these charges before my constituents. Let any hon. gentleman dare to accept the challenge I make; let the best man they have resign his seat and I will resign mine and go to the polls against him in my constituency on all the charges they can formulate.

Mr. VAIL. Hear, hear.

Mr. MACKINTOSH. I have no doubt the hon. member for Digby has some recollection of resigning his seat and being defeated. After I had served the city of Ottawa in Parliament for three years, a public meeting took place, at which both Conservatives and Reformers were present, the result being that the meeting passed the following resolution:—

"That this public meeting of the ratepayers of the city of Ottawa hereby tender to Mr. C. H. Mackintosh, mayor of Ottawa, sincere thanks for the able, impartial, and strictly honest manner in which the affairs of the corporation have been carried on during his three years' administration of the duties of mayor of the capital."

Amongst the movers of the resolution were Aldermen Masson and Jamieson—two prominent Reformers—and Mr. Henry Bate, another prominent Reformer. Subsequently, at a meeting of the City Council it was resolved:

"That the members of the council hereby express their unqualified approval of the public spirited and judicious manner in which his worship, Mayor Mackintosh has administered the affairs appertaining to the chief magistracy of the Dominion capital during the past three years, and hereby bear testimony to the honesty, impartiality and ability which characterises the discharge of his duties in the responsible position to which the electors elevated him."

And one of the movers of that resolution was Dr. St. Jean, the Reform candidate in 1882, who, in fact, after it was passed, opposed me in 1882; and there were also among the movers of that resolution, Alderman Masson and Alderman O'Leary, two pronounced Reformers of this city. Yet, though I have been tried by my peers, though my con-