

Canadian one. He was therefore disposed to give his support to this appropriation.

Mr. BOWELL desired to call the attention of the Government to the wording of this paragraph. By it all classes could make claims under it. Even the Hudson's Bay Company's Officials in that country could make claims under it, and these parties, to his mind, were more responsible for the troubles in Rupert's Land, than any one else, and in his opinion, they were the parties who should be made to pay these losses, and not Canada. If, however, the claims of the loyalists were to be paid, great care should be taken that these payments should not be quoted as a precedent upon which others who were not loyal, could make claims. He did not wish to have another Rebellion Losses Bill to stir up the animosity and ill feeling that existed in the country some years ago. It might be true that the present men in power did not intend to pay any of the Hudson's Bay Officials, but they had no certain lease of power, and the Opposition might if they obtained possession of the Government Benches, go beyond the intentions of the present men in power, and for the sake of securing support, might pay them. (*Laughter.*) Under the paragraph there was nothing to prevent Riel from coming back and claiming an indemnity.

A VOICE: Yes, a rope.

Mr. BOWELL doubted from what had taken place in that country whether the fear of a rope would keep him out of the country. He thought that the claims ought not to be admitted without reservation. He, however, did not think the people of Manitoba should be taxed, thereby sending a firebrand into that country which it might be difficult to extinguish. He looked upon any claim by the Hudson's Bay Company as a mere piece of impudence, inasmuch as they had, in his opinion, been instrumental in causing the insurrection.

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS did not acknowledge any right or liability whatever towards the Hudson's Bay Company in reference to any claims which they might submit.

Mr. BLAKE: He knew that well enough. He was acting merely for party purposes.

Mr. BOWELL: It comes with exceedingly bad grace from the hon. member for Durham West, to attribute party motives to any member, in the discharge of what he conceives to be a public duty. There is no man in the House more sensitive than he when motives are attributed to him, or even hinted at. Yet there is no man who had prostituted greater abilities for petty party triumphs oftener than that hon. gentleman. What right had he to charge him (Mr. Bowell) with being insincere in this matter. Had he not upon every occasion voted against the Government upon their Red River policy. (*Hear, hear.*) When this question was before the House during the last session, the member for Durham West found it convenient to be absent, attending to his own personal and pecuniary interests and neglecting those of the country. Why was he not then in his place? Did he see looming up in the distance, a question upon which he could agitate the whole of the people of Ontario? (*Hear, hear.*) Was

it because he wished to have the power at his command to inflame the worst passions of human nature when he could turn it to profitable political account? Was it for this reason that he studiously avoided at the command of his political master and controller in Toronto attending any of the indignation meetings held in that city? Who that has watched his course in this House, and witnessed the exhibition in the Ontario Legislature during the last Session, but must have come to the conclusion that his whole course has been one of purely party tactics. (*Hear, hear.*) Here when it was first discussed last year, he was conveniently absent and during the present discussion both he and his leader, the member for Lambton, had been as quiet as lambs; neither of them had raised their voices until goaded on to do so by their opponents, and then the mildness and gentleness with which the member for Durham West had touched the subject was truly amazing when compared with the manner in which he fulminated his thunders at every one who dared to think differently from him in the Legislative Hall at Toronto. (*Hear, hear.*) Here he pretends it would be useless to bring the subject of Scott's murder before the House because he would not carry a motion similar to the one he had introduced into the Legislature at Toronto, when surrounded by an Ontario and protestant audience. (*Hear, hear.*)

Mr. BLAKE: I did not say that.

Mr. BOWELL: No, you did not say protestant, but that is what you meant. There you succeeded in arousing the prejudices of a certain class of the people who were honest in their feelings of indignation at that murder, and thought you were sincere not knowing by what feelings you were actuated. But now the elections are over in Ontario, and having made an agreement with a certain class of people not to discuss this question further, and knowing that your political allies in this House from Quebec would vote against you to a man, you have found it convenient to keep quiet and push forward another to do what you had not the courage to do yourself. He forsooth to accuse any one of being actuated by party motives. Why has this question been the stalking horse in every election contest in Ontario by the member for Durham West, and his partisans? (*No, no.*)

The member for Durham West says no, no, yet such is the fact. Likenesses of poor Scott have been hawked about among the electors in one hand, and Blake's resolution in the other to influence men in their vote. The portals of the grave have been opened, and the dust of the martyred dead dragged forth to do the works of such politicians as the member for Durham. Crocodile tears have been copiously shed, and affected tears wiped from where none existed, in order to carry the Ontario elections. The hon. member knew well that the people of that Province were excited and indignant at the thought that no action had been taken to bring to justice these murderers, and that all that was wanted was to put a match to the inflammable matter and that a conflagration would ensue. He did it, he profited by it, and now he wishes to play the moderate man, and that too in the very place where he knows, action should be taken if taken at all. He knew well that a local legislature had no power to deal with a question affecting the administration of justice in another Province. Yet, with all this assumption of political honesty