

this subject, and of abandoning our interests too hastily last year, because I think there was another course still open to them. I heard, not many hours ago, in another place, that the Dominion of Canada could not demean itself and humble itself to ask the United States to renew a treaty or an arrangement which they had decided in their Congress should be abrogated. Was that necessary? Could not the Government of Canada have said to the Government of the United States: "You have decided to abrogate that arrangement which has been in operation so many years. Now we do not ask you to renew what you have said you will not renew, but we call upon you in consequence to propose an alternative measure. It rests with you now to propose a measure which will prevent unpleasant and dangerous collisions between your fishermen and the marine police which we must establish to preserve our fisheries and to keep sacred to the use of our fishermen the three mile line which we have always claimed."

That was the course which I think was fairly open to the Government, and had we placed the United States in that position I think we should have been relieved of the expense which we have to incur now. It would have shown a willingness on our part to adopt another course, though it might not be as much to the liking of the fishermen of the Lower Provinces as that which they had before. Speaking of these fishermen neighbors of mine—for I reside within a few miles of some of them—I shall not just now touch upon another grievance of theirs, because later in the session I shall probably take occasion to give a notice of motion upon it.

I have cursorily touched upon certain measures which are mentioned in the succeeding paragraphs, and there remains very little which I think it necessary to mention; but there is one subject which is not alluded to in this Address, and concerning which I regret no notice has been taken. It is not a very pleasant subject, but it is a very important one, and the people of my province have learned to their cost in lost lives, money and business how important it is. I allude to a sanitary subject—the spread of small-pox in this Dominion—and I regret that the

Government have not seen fit to mention that subject or announce that they are prepared to deal with it as a Dominion measure, and take such precautions as will in future prevent the spread of the disease.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—It is not a Dominion subject; we have not the power to deal with it.

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE—I am quite aware of that doctrine. I once brought that subject up on a former occasion when our province suffered severely, and I felt it my duty to call the attention of the House to the subject. I was answered then that it was *ultra vires*, but a member of the then existing Government, and a medical man himself, I was clearly informed, held different views as to its being *ultra vires*. And supposing it is *ultra vires*, is it not necessary that application should be made to the proper quarter in order to put it within the power of this Dominion to enact uniform laws for the preservation of the health of its subjects? I would just ask the hon. gentlemen who I know is candid and competent to form a decision upon it, of what use is it to any province to have suitable sanitary arrangements, good laws with regard to the prevention of disease and to arrest it when unhappily it does appear, if such a disease as small-pox is actually propagated in an adjoining province? Nothing except a law of universal application such as prevails in Great Britain, and which has had the result of nearly stamping out that once fatal and disgusting disease, will suffice. In our province we took vigorous measures on its appearance—a little late perhaps—but even so we lost many valuable lives. Our business matters were arrested at a most important season of the year and finally we incurred a vast deal of expense, all of which might have been prevented had there existed a Dominion law which would have made the spread of small-pox a matter of impossibility. I think that it is a subject well worthy the attention of the Government. The local sanitary precautions which are taken will be useless so long as there exists a nidus for the propagation of disease. I regret that the member of the medical profession who supported me on a former occasion