

"Hans Breitmann choined de Turneers,
Dey make shinnastic dricks;
He stood on de middle of de floor,
And put oop a fifty-six;

"Und den he drows it to de roof,
Und schwig off a treadful trink--
De veight coorn toomple back on his headt,
Und by shinks, he didn't vink."

Such was the performance of the hon. gentleman. He too put up a fifty-six. He took the French invasion of Canada, he threw it to the roof, back it came upon his head, but with the protecting buffer of the United States alliance. He did not wink, not he! There was another interesting element in these utterances of the hon. gentleman. The hon. gentleman, the High Commissioner, and a late member of this House—Mr. Donald A. Smith—appeared together at those social gatherings—*tres juncti in uno*. They indulged in mutual compliment and congratulation. It was a little surprising to one who remembered their last public appearance in this chamber. At that time they also were together and engaged in a conversation, through the medium of the Speaker, in somewhat slight contrast to the language of the late conversation. Happy change; wonderful recantation. I wonder how, and I wonder why and where. How great the recantation was we can only judge by contrasting the two conversations. As a great many hon. members may not have had the extreme happiness, which some of us enjoyed, of listening to the former conversation, perhaps the House will allow me to read it. On the 9th May, 1878, the hon. gentleman, the First Minister, on the proposed lease of the Pembina Branch, made this statement in the House:

"It was because of the inconvenience to the Government of the constitutional action of the Senate which put a stop to their bargain with the hon. member for Selkirk to make him a rich man, and to pay him for his servile support, that an unconstitutional course was pursued."

Mr. Smith was naturally annoyed at this statement of the hon. gentleman, and on the following day, on the 10th of May, he spoke on the subject as a matter of privilege and denied the charge. Then, referring to the attack made on him by Dr. Tupper, he read an extract, part of which was as follows, from a speech which had been delivered by Dr. Tupper at Orangeville:

"Mr. Smith gave unqualified evidence that the Canadian Pacific scandal had nothing to do with his changed attitude towards Sir John Macdonald. Mr. Smith was a representative of the Hudson Bay Company, and he had been pressing a claim on his right hon. friend for public money. Sir John had been holding back"—

So you will observe that the name of "Old To-morrow" dates from a considerable time back:

"Sir John had been holding back, and Mr Smith came to the conclusion that it would be just as well to jump the fence if there was to be a change of Government. But Mr. Smith was a canny man; he held back, and sat on the fence and watched the course, certainly not in the interest of his country, because he did not want to jump too soon and find he had jumped into a ditch; but when he came to the conclusion that the Government was going out he made the bolt, and he (Dr. Tupper) had no doubt that he had had a great deal of reason since for congratulating himself on having jumped as he did."

"That, said Mr. Smith, is the insinuation and I give it the most positive denial.

Presently says Dr. Tupper:

"Does the hon. gentleman deny that he telegraphed down here that he would be here and support the Government, after he knew everything about the Canadian Pacific Railway affair?"

"Mr. SMITH. I do deny it. I never telegraphed I would be here and support the Government. Never, never. I offered and proposed that there should be another amendment, and a very different one, that is, the Government should frankly confess their fault to the House, and then, if the country condoned it, and Parliament condoned it, it would be a very different thing.

"Mr. TUPPER. That is not what you telegraphed.

"Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

"Mr. TUPPER. That is not what you telegraphed.

"Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Hear, hear.

"Mr. SMITH. The hon. gentleman is altogether in the wrong. I telegraphed simply, in courtesy, in reply to a letter, that I would be in Ottawa

by the 23rd October. I saw the right hon. gentleman himself in one of the rooms. He sent for me. Mr. Mitchell came and informed me that the hon. member for Kingston desired to see me; and let me say to Mr. Mitchell's credit, that he has got up in many an assembly where I have been and said I was perfectly justified in doing as I did, as Mr. Mitchell knew all the circumstances.

"Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I am sure he did not.

"Mr. TUPPER. Will the hon. gentleman name one single meeting where Mr. Mitchell ever made such a statement anywhere, and where the record of it is to be found, except out of the hon. gentleman's own mouth. . . . And that goes for a very little in this House or out of it.

"Mr. SMITH. On the occasion spoken of I did see the hon. gentleman in the room. I think it was No. 6 or 5, and the hon. gentleman then did try to persuade me to vote for him, but the hon. gentleman will not dare to state I said I could support him. . . . He said: 'If I am not supported now I will appeal to the country.' . . . He must have counted on the whole of Ontario being one great rotten borough—a veritable Old Sarum, as he said that if he appealed to it he would have Ontario to a man with him.

"Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. There is not one single word of truth in that statement—not one single word of truth. The hon. gentleman is now stating what is a falsehood.

"Mr. SMITH. The hon. gentleman says he did not say so: certainly the spirit within him said it; for the words came out of the hon. gentleman's mouth. (Order). If he did not say so, the spirits within him did. Those words were uttered by the hon. gentleman.

"Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. They were not uttered by me.

"Mr. SMITH. They were as assuredly and certainly as the hon. gentleman and I are here. The hon. gentleman from Cumberland the same evening told me that the right hon. gentleman was not capable of knowing what he said.

"Mr. TUPPER. Is it competent for a man to detail private conversations while falsifying them?"

"Mr. SMITH. I do not look upon these as private conversations, and give the exact truth. . . . Will he (Mr. Tupper) deny that he said to me, as soon as it was possible to make the right hon. gentleman understand right from wrong—or to that effect?"

"Mr. TUPPER. If he will allow me five minutes I will show that the very first statement he commenced with to-day, the statement that he never sought a favor from the late Government, is as false a statement as ever issued from the mouth of any man, and he has continued with a tissue of as false statements as were ever uttered by any man.

"Mr. SMITH. I never asked, prayed for, desired, or got a favor from the late Government.

"Mr. TUPPER. Will the hon. gentleman allow me to tell a favor he asked for? The hon. gentleman begged of me to implore the leader of the Government to make him a member of the Privy Council of Canada. That is what he asked for, and he was refused; and it was the want of that position, and that refusal, which, to a large extent, has placed him where he is to-day.

"Mr. SMITH. The hon. gentleman knows that he states what is wholly untrue, and, driven to his wits' end, is now going back to a journey he and I made to the North-West in 1869, and I give the most positive denial to any assertion made by him, or any other person, that I asked for or desired any favor from the Government.

"Mr. SMITH. He knows—

"Mr. TUPPER. Coward, coward! Sit down.

"Mr. SMITH. He knows—

"Mr. TUPPER. Coward! Coward! Coward!

"Mr. SMITH. You are the coward. . . . Nay, further, there were two gentlemen, members of this House, the day after that 4th November—

"Mr. TUPPER. Coward, coward.

"Mr. SMITH—who came to me with a proposition to throw over the right hon. gentleman and the present member for Charlevoix, if I would consent to give up the position I had deemed it my duty to take in the House the evening before, and would support the Government by voting against the amendment of the hon. member for Lambton.

"Mr. TUPPER. Mean, treacherous coward.

"Mr. SMITH. Who is the coward, the House will decide—it is yourself.

"Mr. TUPPER. Coward, treacherous—

"Mr. SMITH. I could not support them—

"Mr. SPEAKER. Admit the messenger.

"Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. That fellow Smith is the biggest liar I ever met."

The messenger was admitted, the record states, and so the conversation ended, and it was resumed the other day in London. Well, Sir, the hon. gentleman remains at his post, in charge of the discontented Indians, over whom he acts as a guardian, and those police who, the newspapers tell us, are getting demoralised themselves, as I am sorry to notice. His colleagues from the Pro-