

like blazes in council when these questions came up.' Mr. Sifton repudiated protection in a speech in Winnipeg, and declared that if the woollen mills could not run with a twenty-three per cent protection, let them shut down. Of course this would be opposed by Mr. Tarte. Mr. Sifton declared that he was the only one in the Cabinet—and here is another, shall I say violation of the obligation which he took as a Privy Councillor—Mr. Sifton declared in his speech in the North-west a short time ago that he was the only one in the Cabinet who opposed the duty upon lumber. He should have had the manliness to have told the Manitoba farmers when the question come up that the government thought it in the interests of the country, but instead of that he said: I am the only man in favour of free trade. Then we find again, on the question of reciprocity, Mr. Tarte declared that the time to seek reciprocity had ended, but if you look at Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech down at St. Hyacinthe, you will find that he said:—

The last had not been heard of the Washington commission, and if we are returned, further efforts will be made to get for Canadian products their natural market.

On the question of transportation, Messrs. Tarte and Fitzpatrick were again at loggerheads in committee. Mr. Tarte referred to the large amount of money which had been spent in Quebec without the people profiting by it, and asked Mr. Fitzpatrick if he knew how much had been spent. Mr. Fitzpatrick replied, 'You know best, and how it was spent.' I suppose probably he had reference to a 'rake off' just then. However, I do not know that. This is the language of the hon. gentlemen themselves.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—The hon. gentleman refers to the time when the McGreevy-Connolly scandal was being exposed by Mr. Tarte?

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Very likely, I told the hon. gentleman just now that he was an admirer of Mr. Tarte, and he has taken the first opportunity to defend him.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—No, I am explaining what the Minister of Justice meant.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I will not enter into that point. If I did I could

show how much rake off Mr. Tarte got. I could show how much he got from Paquet, how much he got from Whelan, and one or two others. But that is digressing.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—For Conservative purposes?

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I will leave him with his hon. friend, and he can admire him as he does, and can sleep with him if he likes. These are but a few cases in which these gentlemen have proven to the world that they are not a unit. I am not prepared to say that they should be a unit in council, but I do hold, and so will any other man who understands anything of the constitution under which this country is governed, that whatever differences there may be at the council board, when they come out of the doors they should be one, and not be contradicting each other. If those things should occur in England, as they have occurred in this country, where responsible government is not only practised but lived up to, no man could remain in the government an hour afterwards. Some people will very likely, under the circumstances, think that they are a loving lot, and some might explain, in the language of the psalmist, 'Behold how good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.' Well, there is unity so long as the retention of office is in view. I would suggest to the hon. Secretary of State the paraphrasing of the old nursery rhyme about dogs, and that he should have the following motto put up upon the door of the council chamber; it might remind them of their boyhood days, and suggest to them the propriety of trying to do better. It should read thus:

Let dogs delight to bark and bite and scratch  
each others faces,  
But children of one Cabinet should not quarrel  
'like blazes.'

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I desire to thank the hon. leader of the Opposition for the complimentary terms in which he referred to the mover and seconder of the address. These gentlemen delivered their speeches in very good taste, and I think their remarks met with the approval of both sides of the House. They have given us an assurance that they will be valuable members of the Senate in the future. The same might be also said of the other four hon. gentlemen