

Government at Ottawa, to press upon it the necessity of the discontinuance of the policy hitherto pursued by it in that respect, and it was my duty, while acting with the other members of the delegation, to lay before the Government the pernicious effects of the monopoly which it had created and was sustaining in this Province. To reiterate the statement of Sir John A. Macdonald on the floor of the House when the C. P. R. resolutions were before that body, "that we cannot check Manitoba," or that of the Hon. Thomas White, on the same occasion when he stated :

"There is nothing to prevent Manitoba now, if it thinks proper, granting a charter from Winnipeg to the boundary line. This provision does not take away from Manitoba a single right it possesses. * * * * There is nothing to prevent the Province of Manitoba from chartering a railway from Winnipeg to the boundary to connect with any other southern railway. The only guarantee which this company has under the contract is that the traffic shall not be tapped far west on the prairie section, thus diverting the traffic away from their line to a foreign line. But there is nothing to prevent a railway being built in Manitoba, within the Province, that would carry the traffic to any railway that may take it from the American side."

Or that of Sir Charles Tupper on the occasion of moving the resolutions granting further aid to the Canadian Pacific Railway, viz. :

"I am glad to be able to state to the House that such is the confidence of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in the power of the Canadian Pacific Railway to protect itself that when the line is constructed north of Lake Superior the Government feel it will no longer be incumbent upon them to preserve the position they have hitherto felt bound to preserve, that of refusing to consent to the construction of lines within the Province of Manitoba, connecting with American railways to the south."

Or that of the Hon. the Minister of the Interior, in March last, in reply to an address in this city, namely :

"Your address refers to the question of disallowance, and the