

barrels formerly used for flour and emptied, or new barrels of that capacity. Perhaps the Minister will tell me the number of capacity in cubic inches of the proposed barrel, as compared with the barrel generally used heretofore. I trust it is not his intention to propose to increase the size of the barrel. I am satisfied if that is done, it will operate to the prejudice of fruit growers generally in the Dominion. They will not obtain any more for barrels of apples if the capacity is increased than they would get if it remained as at present. I am prepared to approve of legislation which will secure uniformity in respect to this matter. I think it is required in the interests of the trade generally and is in the real interest of apple growers in this country.

Mr. COSTIGAN. I think it will be convenient if I reply to the enquiries made by the leader of the Opposition, and also allude to the friendly suggestion he threw out, which was the gist of his whole speech. It is not the first time I have experienced the friendliness of that hon. gentleman. Why it is that he makes a point of wounding my feelings on every occasion, I do not know. Is it because I am known to be of a quiet and peaceable disposition, and that I prefer to put up with the sneers of the hon. gentleman rather than to resent them? If that be the case, it would be wrong to allow the hon. gentleman to labor under that misunderstanding any longer; it would be better that we should understand one another, and though, according to his ideas of what the capacity of a Cabinet Minister should be, I may not come up to his standard, let me tell him that there is another standard by which I may be judged, and that I will not allow the hon. gentleman to treat me with sneers and contempt. I stand here by the rights of my position as a member, as a representative of the people—rights which are as constitutional and as well founded as the rights by which the hon. gentleman stands in his position. My rights to a seat in the Cabinet, I tell the honorable gentleman, are as well founded as were those of the hon. gentleman when he had a seat in the Cabinet. As to my qualifications, my capacity, the hon. gentleman need not be too severe. We all cannot be of such calibre as the hon. gentleman is, but the hon. gentleman, who sat in a former Cabinet, might perhaps measure the members of this Administration by the capacity of those with whom he sat while he was in that Cabinet. The hon. gentleman should look back to the colleagues with whom he was associated, and with whom I never heard that he found fault, and I am sure he will not consider that the humblest member of this Cabinet is at all inferior in capacity to many of those who were his colleagues in the then Cabinet. Then again I would remind the hon. gentleman that I shall know in future when he throws out friendly hints to me, what we may expect, from what one of his friends who was formerly leader of that party experienced, of the hon. gentleman's friendliness. I have not got the capacity of the hon. gentleman, but at least I am true to my party, and I have sometimes independence enough to express my views just as well as the hon. gentleman, not in such eloquent language, not in such a finished or polished way, but with just as much honesty of purpose as the hon. gentleman. The hon. gentleman cannot charge, at any rate, that whatever might occur, I would turn and betray my leader, and perhaps he may not be able to look his former leader in the face and say as much for himself; so I think that it is just as well that we should understand one another at the start, and that I should let the hon. gentleman understand that I will not allow his sneers to go unnoticed. I consider that I have a right to stand in my place here and in my humble way explain any measure which I propose for the consideration of Parliament, and if it is not acceptable I know what the result will be. These measures may not be pleasing to the hon. gentleman—they cannot all come up to his expectations, but I may say this that I think the hon.

gentleman often goes out of his way in questions like this, where no politics or anything like that is concerned, where we are dealing with the trade and commerce of the country—I say I think the hon. gentleman would show more good sense if he would assist in perfecting such measures instead of trying to pick little technical objections upon every point that is raised. That is the course which the hon. gentleman has pursued all through—ever since I have occupied the position I now hold. Let me tell the hon. gentleman that I defy him—little as he appears to think my capacity, and although I have a great opinion of his ability, I have also my opinion about other characteristics he possesses. I have within my memory some of the characteristics of that hon. gentleman, and as reference has already been made to the troubles we have now in the North-West, I have a recollection of that hon. gentleman using that power of eloquence that we all know he possesses as an orator, to excite the feelings of one portion of the community against another portion of the community. I remember it well, and I charge the hon. gentleman with it. I charge him with trying to raise a cry against Riel and his followers in the North-West, and afterwards when these people were coming here pleading for an amnesty he excluded the only Irishman who was among them; the hon. gentleman in the most inconsistent, cool, and ungenerous way as an Irishman standing here—when I stood on that side of the House defending or trying to ask that equal justice might be meted to the late Professor O'Donohue, what did the hon. gentleman say? He called on his followers on this side—

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I think this is exceedingly out of order.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order, order.

Mr. COSTIGAN. I do not want to take up the time unnecessarily, but I think this is as necessary as the remarks the hon. gentleman made, and that his remarks were just as foreign to the subject under discussion. I just wish to complete the statement I was making. When I was on that side, moving a resolution that Professor O'Donohue should be treated in at least the same way as others who were exiled for five years, while he was banished for all time, the hon. gentleman rose on this side and he appealed to his supporters to vote my resolution down, picturing Professor O'Donohue as a red-handed murderer, guilty of all the crimes of the calendar, that he was worse than all the others, because he went out of the country and brought in an armed force, and therefore that an amnesty should not be granted to him. And what did he do afterwards? An hon. gentleman alongside of him had gone back to Quebec for re-election, when politics were to be turned to account, what public opinion demanded in the name of justice and fair play should be meted out to this man—what the hon. gentleman refused on that occasion to the representatives of the people in this House—what he made his voters on this side of the House vote down, he turned and granted on the eve of the election in Quebec. I tell the hon. gentleman that if he has great power and eloquence, if he enjoys the position in this House of being able to castigate those whom he chooses—

Mr. MITCHELL. Not all of them.

Mr. COSTIGAN. No, not all of them. I tell the hon. gentleman there are members in this House who will not be castigated by him, and I for one shall not submit to it. Now with regard to the size of the barrel I wish to state, in answer to the question raised by the hon. gentleman, that it is proposed to fix the standard the same as is known for the flour barrel. The reason of that is that small growers are often supplied with empty flour barrels to pack apples in, and it will not prevent larger growers having them manufactured for their own purposes, and having them manufactured the same size. That is the reason that the