

"The Bill before the House proposes to disfranchise arbitrarily a portion of the people of this country. This legislation is objectionable in principle, and I deny that there is anything in the world to justify its introduction or its enactment. A proper regard for the future of this country and for our good name among the nations and peoples of the world compel one to oppose the measure. It is not founded upon any principle of a substantial character. I maintain that history will adjudge the act contemplated by this bill as a blot upon our national career. And unfortunately, it comes at a time when we are writing glorious and imperishable pages of our history, which will be the future epics of this young nation."

Mark these words, Mr. Speaker, "a proper regard for the future of this country and for our good name among the nations and people of the world compel one to oppose the measure." . . . "History will adjudge the act contemplated by this bill as a blot upon our national career." And yet it is to this "blot upon our national career" that the present administration owes its return to power; and it is as beneficiaries of this arbitrary and unscrupulous enactment, which overrode the will of the people, that members of the Government opposite continue to occupy the Treasury Benches, and enjoy the emoluments, privileges, dignity, and power which attaches to their position.

Is it any wonder, Mr. Speaker, that the administration has lost the confidence of the people. It never has had the confidence of any appreciable number, it never could have