

to appoint him. Taking different ground, he attacked the member for Centre Wellington as an anti-unionist, as striking below the belt, as stabbing in the dark. To be consistent, he should apply the same language to the member for Sherbrooke. The motion embraced two propositions—that Dr. Tupper should not have been appointed, and that he should now be recalled. The member for Sherbrooke strongly supported the first of these propositions, but opposed the second. The honourable member said it was a motion of want of confidence. He (Mr. Blake) believed it would be treated in that way, and that the majority would be disposed to support the Government, not because they did not agree in the first proposition or second proposition, but because they felt the motion was a censure on the Government whom they were determined to support. With them be the responsibility. He for one was prepared to vote for the motion.

**Mr. Mackenzie** with reference to Mr. McGee's argument, that it was a duty the Government owed to the member for Cumberland to afford him an opportunity of vindicating himself in England, and he could not set the interests of an individual against that of a whole nation. The honourable member insisted that Dr. Tupper should not be sacrificed. He (Mr. Mackenzie) was prepared to go even further than that. He was prepared not only to sacrifice Dr. Tupper, but to sacrifice the Government and all their male relations to propitiate Nova Scotia and preserve the Union. (Laughter). This difficult question which had arisen must be met not only with conciliatory language, but with conciliatory actions. If we desired to retain Nova Scotia in the Union, we ought to remove every just ground of complaint. Mere honeyed words would effect little unless that were accompanied by actions. If it was necessary to make changes in our Legislation we should not hesitate to do so. At present, however, he did not think much practical results would be derived from discussing these difficulties, as events were transpiring in England which might materially effect the dealing with them; but so far as his voice and influence would go, he desired to urge on this question—a policy of conciliation should pervade the whole proceedings of this House and the language of all its members. None would suppose that the people of Nova Scotia would have any objection to what they would deem a just union with the other British colonies to be achieved with their own consent, and he

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was quite sure that in the course of a very few years we would be able so to harmonize all interests in our commercial policy and every other portion of our national policy, as to promote the prosperity of Nova Scotia, but at present we had to deal with the actual difficulty which presented itself. With this view we should remove every just ground of complaint, and if the recall of Dr. Tupper was considered in that light, we should not hesitate to recall him.

**Hon. Mr. Holton** suggested that the amendment should be withdrawn as proposed.

**Mr. Ferguson** objected to the withdrawal of the motion.

**Hon. Mr. Holton** then asked in what condition was the House placed a little ago. The Minister of Militia had asked the withdrawal of the motion, and now with the management of the leader of the Government, the staunchest follower in the House of the Minister of Justice rises and objects to the withdrawal, but since the Government insisted on the vote being taken, he would move an adjournment of the debate in order that a full expression of the opinion of the House should be given on this point.

**Hon. Mr. Smith** strongly condemned the conduct of the Government on this matter.

**Sir John A. Macdonald** repudiated the statement that he had in any way induced the member for South Simcoe to take the action he had done. It was such a statement as the member for Chateauguay was accustomed to make. It was taking such a course as had left that honourable member without a backing, without a follower, without a friend in that House. Notwithstanding years of Parliamentary experience, that honourable gentleman was without a position and was forced to cling to the skirts of the honourable member for Hochelaga. In order to show honourable gentlemen the Government did not wish to shirk the vote, he would consent to the postponement of the debate in order that the matter might be fully discussed tomorrow.

**Hon. Mr. Dorion** did not think there was any need for the excitement of the Minister of Justice. He was glad the adjournment had been agreed to.

**Mr. Mackenzie** regretted the Minister of Justice should have become so excited with respect to the withdrawal. He was quite certain it was the best policy. The full discussion