

Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT — The hon. gentleman must excuse me. I made no such statement.

Mr. DOMVILLE—I apologize to the hon. member. It was a Ministerial supporter; and as hon gentlemen on the other side of the House form so compact a body under all circumstances, that whatever emanates from one must of necessity, emanate from all. If not the Hon. Minister of Finance might say that he did agree with that assertion and I would be satisfied. I must apologize to the House for speaking so long, but I wished to have my views on this subject understood. I did not wish to be put down as a Free-Trader or Protectionist; for I want to see such a policy brought down as will, if possible, meet the emergency of the moment and contribute to the happiness and welfare of all classes.

Mr. PALMER — The constituency I represent is rather a peculiar one in regard to the question now before the House. It contains nearly sixty thousand of a population. In the city there were a great number of mechanics and manufacturers, and at the same time a large number of merchants engaged in the shipping business, so that with the exception of the farming interest, I may be considered a representative of all the interests in the Dominion. My views are of what I call a free-trade character, that is, I think that it is to the benefit of a country to have the freest trade with the world that the condition of the country will admit of; and such a view I hold to be not at all incompatible with that fostering care of all industries without which there would not be any trade whatever. But before I proceed further I would like to have a point of order called, viz: whether I can refer to anything which has been said on this subject in a previous debate.

It would be impossible representing the interests I do, to vote upon such a resolution without expressing distinctly the views I entertain upon the question of the tariff and the principles of trade involved therein. It cannot be denied that the principal industries of this country, which have hitherto prospered, are at the present time in a depressed state, and that those engaged

in those industries have asked for that protection which they think the Government should extend to them under existing circumstances. They feel that may be done in a great measure by a revision of the tariff, and therefore whether they are mistaken or not, it does not become any member of this House to taunt them, as some hon. gentlemen behind me have done, by saying they are suing *in forma pauperis*—that they are asking assistance from the charity of the country.

Mr. SPEAKER called the hon. gentleman to order. He must refrain from referring to what hon. members had said in a previous debate.

Mr. PALMER was under the impression this was one debate.

Mr. SPEAKER said the whole question of free-trade and protection was before the House, but this was an entirely new debate, and it was improper to refer to what had previously been said in the House. If that were allowed the hon. members referred to could not be prevented from demanding an explanation, and the whole subject would be gone into just as if there had been no debate at all.

Mr. PALMER was of opinion that this was a continuation of the late debate, and that it was in order to refer to statements previously made.

Mr. SPEAKER said if the hon. gentleman would reflect a moment he would see that it was not one debate.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD said the ruling would materially affect his hon. friend; it would only prevent him from alluding to the speeches of hon. gentlemen on a previous motion, but he could reply to their arguments without referring to the individual members. There was, however, a question in his mind as to whether this was not substantially one debate, just in the same way as if an amendment was proposed where a measure had previously gone into Committee, which allowed discussion on the third reading of a subject introduced on the second.

Mr. SPEAKER said the question that he should leave the chair might be put fifty times during the Session; would it be proper for any member