

House would be, or the country would be. I do not suppose we shall discuss this subject at greater length now, but I would urge again, as I have done before, that it is scarcely fair to the country, or the duty of hon. gentlemen to their constituents, to so persistently, on every occasion, place Canada in an evil light in comparison with other lands. I think it is not a fair or correct thing. The policy of the United States is one that has made that country great, and has attracted to her the largest emigration that any land ever has had. I desire, in this connection, to refer to a quotation from a work by a judge of human nature, not inferior to any other man distinguished in English literature. The late Charles Dickens, in one of his novels, notices one of his American characters, Elijah Popham, I think, says: "Sir, we must be cracked up, we demand this and we must have it, and if we are not cracked up there will be trouble, stranger." It was rather an exaggeration of a national characteristic, but that is one feature that, as Mr. White suggested, has tended to make the United States great, and has directed to her as large an emigration as any country ever saw. That is their steadfast, persevering determination, whenever the United States are mentioned; they speak of her in terms of eulogy, instead of dispraise. It is the duty of patriotic Canadians to imitate them in a measure, and not to be everlastingly running down their own country.

MR. MACKENZIE: It will be observed that on no occasion will hon. gentlemen opposite condescend to speak on the merits of a case; but invariably content themselves with lecturing the Opposition, telling members of the Opposition what it is their duty to do. The hon. member who has just sat down is a very young member of this House, not very young in years, but young in political experience, young as a Parliamentarian, and yet he presumes to address and lecture hon. members on this side of the House with a degree of political impertinence which is scarcely tolerable. He thinks all he has to do, when he gets up, is to abandon the argument, and deal out the most vituperative language against his opponents.

MR. BOULTBEE: I do not think I used any such language. I defy the hon.

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gentleman to point out any single word of mine that was vituperative. I used nothing but proper Parliamentary language.

MR. MACKENZIE: I do not say there was any unparliamentary language.

MR. BOULTBEE: Nor vituperative.

MR. MACKENZIE: Why, did not the hon. gentleman gravely tell the House that there was no patriotism on this side of the House? I cannot imagine anything more vituperative than the language he addressed to us in making that statement. But the hon. the Premier used the same kind of language.

SIR SAMUEL L. TILLEY: I deny that most emphatically.

MR. MACKENZIE: We are told we are delighted to see a blot upon the country. If that were true, if it were a fact that a blot afforded us delight, we have a huge blot opposite to us every night; we have those in front of us who have blotted every page of history in every conceivable manner; if we choose to expose every blot that we might expose, we would be doing nothing else. I appeal to the hon. gentleman who last spoke in so exasperating a tone, if the hon. member for North Norfolk did not speak to the point, or if there was anything said on this side of the House that was improper.

MR. BOULTBEE: I am not aware that I made any remark with regard to the member for North Norfolk (Mr. Charlton). I think he spoke to the point, and that he made a very good speech.

MR. MACKENZIE: My hon. friend from North Norfolk is patriotic then, and the course he has pursued is patriotic. Who are those members on this side that are not patriotic? Was it the hon. member for South Perth (Mr. Trow)—was it he who was lacking in patriotism?

MR. BOULTBEE: If you want me to answer, I can do it.

MR. MACKENZIE: It is the hon. member for L'Islet (Mr. Casgrain) who is unpatriotic, perhaps. Well, I have known that hon. gentleman for some years, and those who accuse him of being unpatriotic, I think, will fail to make good their charge. It is the duty of members of Parliament in Canada to expose everything tending to the injury of the country, no matter whether they are the acts of the Government or others, and no matter whether acts