

says that this question is dead forever. It may be or it may not be. The Local Legislature has gone through a most successful session, and has just passed a series of resolutions which conclude with the following resolution, which seems to be the deliberate policy of the party in power in that Province.

Mr. TUPPER. Would the hon. gentleman mind reading the whole of them ?

Mr. JONES. I only took the last :

"That the House strongly affirms the resolution of the last House that Nova Scotia suffers great disadvantages in the Union, and declares its opinion that unless a material change takes place in financial affairs and commercial relations, whereby the position of the Province is improved, the discontent in Nova Scotia will continue and increase, and it will be necessary to again submit the question of separation from Canada to the people of the Province for their decision."

That is the final conclusion of the address, and it is only carrying out the policy of the Government of which the hon. Minister of Justice was a member, saving the question of repeal, because the Government of the hon. Minister of Justice stated most emphatically that unless they had an extra allowance, great difficulties would arise. Therefore it will be perceived that this question is not at all settled. What may be the outcome of it I cannot predict ; but I am here to take my responsibility for every word I uttered, either in Nova Scotia, during the campaign, or in this House, and to stand up here for the Province, which in her present position has not resources equal to her expenditure. I have pointed out that the position taken by the hon. member for Pictou is not tenable, inasmuch as all the promises made for railway assistance in the Province of Nova Scotia were not made during the previous years when the Government was in power, but were all made on the eve of an election, apparently for election purposes ; and I hope most sincerely that every one of these promises will be redeemed.

Mr. WELSH. Since I have had the honor of a seat on the floor of this House we have been steering North-West. I had a great mind to-night to call on the Minister of Marine to alter the course ; but I do not know whether he is well acquainted with the compass. Of course, there are many things about marine that he does not know, such as when the sun is over the foreyard. But I will not have to call on him to-night, for there has been a squall got up in Nova Scotia. I am not going to interfere with the discussion on Nova Scotia ; but this discussion is supposed to be on the Bill for North-West representation. Its object is to open up a way for appointing some senators for the North-West. I did not intend to speak on this question at all. But on Friday evening the leader of the Government got up and sung his little song of triumph before the House. He started the song, and "as the old cock crows the young one learns," so the young cocks on that side of the House began to crow to-night. Well, I will turn to Prince Edward Island to reply. The hon. First Minister said something about threatening the bolters of Prince Edward Island about voting. If I were on my oath to testify at this minute about any Government employé voting for me, I would say I could not name one. I was asked to take a walk down to the railway wharf previous to the election, and there were 200 or 300 boodlers employed about the railway works, who, as soon as they saw me, began to hoot, and I thought I would go away. Our opponents, the Hon. Donald Ferguson and the Hon. Wm. Campbell, were up here, just previous to the writs being issued, on a deputation. In fact they have been here a great many times on a deputation. They have been claiming something like \$5,000,000 from the Dominion Government. The islanders do not come here begging for any favors ; they do not ask for anything more than justice, but it appears this Local Govern-

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ernment—parties of your own stripe, Sir—have been repeatedly here asking for justice without getting any justice ; and they went back to the Local Legislature and the Local Legislature and Council unanimously voted petitions to be sent by memorial to the foot of the Throne to claim justice. They went home to represent the Government's case to the British Government ; and the Minister of Finance was there to checkmate them and argue against the granting of their petition. The whole affair is published in a blue-book, which, no doubt, every hon. member is well acquainted with. They came out, and reported the matter would be referred to the Dominion Government by the home authority. Then they came up here in January on another deputation, and returned to the Island. Whether they had the writs for the election or not, I do not know ; but they said they had a Minute in Council stating that if Sir John should be returned, he would bring in a Bill granting \$500,000 to the Island at 4 per cent. interest, which would be \$20,000 a year. Further, they stated this amount would not interfere with the \$5,000,000, but was merely granted on some arrangement connected with the expenditure on the Intercolonial Railway. I was not here the other day when the hon. member for Queen's (Mr. Davies) stated this, and the right hon. gentleman denied it. There must be a mistake somewhere, but I rather think it is true, because, if I am not mistaken, the other night the Minister of Finance, in reply to a question, said it was the intention of the Government to grant the Island an extra subsidy of \$20,000 a year. We not only had to contend against all these things, but we had to contend against the Government railway employes and civil servants, and also against the Local Government officials ; yet the majority given us in a Conservative county exceeded anything ever known in the county before. The people of the Island took it that the whole thing amounted purely and simply to bribery, and I suppose they voted accordingly. During the discussions here, on various occasions, we have had the revising officers and the returning officers brought cut, and each hon. gentleman passed his opinion as to how they acted. But I have this much to say for Prince Edward Island : That we have three sheriffs there, partisans of the Government, and the returning officers were partisans too ; but I am proud to say that these gentlemen acted honorably, and I believe the officials under them acted very fairly throughout the whole Island. It is much to their credit that we did not see, what many perhaps would have liked to have seen, a double return, or a man who had not the majority of votes sent here to represent the people. We call ourselves hon. gentlemen when we get up to address each other, and really, I think, we ought to act in accordance with the title, but I am afraid the title will not apply all round. The elections were on the 22nd of February, and I think it was on Saturday, the 19th of February, the last public meeting I was at in the county, when the Hon. Donald Ferguson got up and produced a telegram purporting to be from the Minister of Finance, dated Amherst, saying : If the party returned him to support Sir John, the Government was prepared to go on with the sub-way right off. If that be not true, the hon. the Minister of Finance can contradict it. We have heard a good deal about Nova Scotia secession. I consider I am just as loyal a subject as lives under the Queen's flag, I was born under it, and I hope to live under it and to die under it. I like the constitution we have, but I tell the right hon. gentleman this, that if you send us to the poor-house you cannot expect us to whistle Rule Britannia. No, Sir, we will not do it. Now the right hon. gentleman is very good-natured and very jolly. He is a friend of mine, and during the whole contest I always stood up for him. I always said he was a good fellow and I can say so still. He came to the Island once very sick, and came away very much improved, almost as if he had been to the hot springs at Banff ; but unfortunate-