

the value of stocks which in former times, at all events, we were accustomed to consider in some degree as the barometer of trade. The Government of Mr. Mackenzie was abused because people were failing in 1876-78, and when stocks went down in value the Government were told that they were responsible, and they were told that if they formulated some policy, or passed some Act of Parliament that they could remove this terrible incubus. The incubus that hung over the country then was in no sense due to the Canadian people, nor was it removed by the Canadian people in any other way than through their own industry. It was removed by the current of trade setting in in other countries, when they were enabled to buy our products, and it requires no great argument to prove that that is a correct and sound conclusion.

HON. MR. ARMAND (in French)—In participating in the debaté on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, I wish to render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's. I congratulate the Government on the choice which they have made of our new colleagues; I do not know the hon. gentlemen from the sister provinces, but if I may judge by analogy, by those who come from my own province, the choice of them is wise and judicious.

As for the hon. gentleman who represents the division of Laurentides, a French Canadian district, he belongs to one of those nationalities speaking the English language. Although already in the decline of life, he is new born, so to speak, to a public career. His great aptitude for commerce and finance contribute to make him a valuable acquisition to the Senate. No one can say of him that he does not represent property. If I can believe rumour, he is more than a millionaire.

As for the hon. Senator for the division of De Lorimier, he is also new born to public life in the Parliament of the confederation. His great aptitude for law entitles him to be considered as one of the first members of the bar of the commercial metropolis of the Dominion. He is a son of that illustrious old man who was for a considerable time among us as our colleague under the old union of the Canadas and under the present confeder-

ation. We who have had the happiness of knowing him are aware that he was always incorruptible and immovable as those old rocks which cannot be stirred and from which the moss is never removed. I have, then, the pleasant hope that the present senator for De Lorimier will always follow the right path in his new career as I am bound to believe he has followed it in the past. The Government has had ample time to make its choice and it has certainly chosen a man of talent.

But I think that under the elective system the electors would have required less time to make a selection, and I believe that they will say, with their hands upon their hearts, that they could not have done better to gain the sympathies of the present Secretary of State. If I can believe rumor, this gentleman had another candidate in view. If such is the fact, this hon. gentleman has furnished evidence that he does not know how to appreciate men, and that he has not at heart the interests and the dignity of his Province.

Now, hon. gentlemen, in view of the rapid construction of our Pacific Railway, which is being built as if by enchantment—a road which, according to many journalists, and also our neighbors, would certainly involve us in ruin—in view of these numerous means of communication and facilities for traffic by land as well as by water, communications which are the surest indications of the prosperity of the country—in view of the millions which have been granted as bonuses, I, for one, would be happy if I had only congratulations to offer the Government. But no; as the adage goes, "There is no spot in the heavens without a cloud." To use a French and maritime expression, I perceive on the horizon of my country a speck which menaces the existence of what is dear to all of us, the constitutional usage of giving to my Province in this honorable House an adviser to the representative of our august, of our gracious and well beloved sovereign—to the representative of Her who presides so worthily over the destinies of Albion—the Empress of India. I perceive, besides, the violation of the British North America Act, as was shown by the hon. senator from DeLanau-diere and also by the hon. senator from De Salaberry and many other hon. gentle-