

attempt has been made to deal with the question, to set it aside by a motion. I hope the hon. the Premier has taken this opportunity to free himself from the trammels of his followers, and will press for a total abolition, which was always his first love, and to which he recently told the people he was strongly attached himself. We are told in the last clause that the Estimates have been so prepared that all the branches of the public service shall be attended to, and that the public works shall be pressed forward without increasing the burden of taxation. We are to have no alteration of the tariff, no protection of any kind, no holding out of the hand to any interest, but the burden of taxation is not to be increased. I wonder what the hon. member for South Waterloo (Mr. Young) is going to say about that. Will he not insist upon a bounty for beet-root sugar? Will he not insist that that growing interest, on which he spoke so eloquently and so well the other day in the western country, where he had a responsive, a sympathetic, and an admiring audience,—will he not put his foot down and say that there must be always a protection for beet root sugar? If he does not, I have no doubt the hon. gentleman will have the independence of character which has always distinguished myself, and will shake the dust off his shoes, and will look to other sources for protection to that great and growing interest, beet-root sugar, in which his department is so strongly interested.

MR. YOUNG: I am afraid I would look in vain.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: I was going to say I am afraid that my hon. friend, up in that country, if he does not do it, will be one of the dead beats, and to prevent that consumation I hope the hon. member will press upon the Government to reconsider that question, at all events as far as concerns beet-root sugar. If he will move that, and promise not to withdraw it at the end of the Session with the help of the Minister, I promise to support him. With these remarks I shall not move any amendment to the Address.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD.

MR. MACKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, I have but very few words to say in reply to the remarks of the hon. gentleman opposite. I quite admit that, on this occasion, free comments may be made upon Ministerial utterances in the Speech from the Throne, although it is now and has been the practice for many years so to construct that document that there shall be nothing which will necessitate on the part of the Opposition the moving of any amendment, it has been thought desirable in our Parliamentary practice that it is better to postpone debates upon specific subjects of discussion in the House until those matters are brought forward before us by Bill or resolution, and I am glad to know that the hon. gentleman admits that the speech has been constructed this time fairly in that respect. Several matters, however, have called for a remark from me, and I shall make them in passing from one subject to another, following the hon. gentleman. He somewhat complains that no report of the exhibition at Sydney is promised. I have only to say that I expect to be able to lay that report before the House in a few days. I will make no remark upon the remarks of the hon. gentleman upon the person who represents Canada at Paris. I have only to say that the one paid Commissioner at Paris is a gentleman well known to himself and to the greater portion of the members here, from this quarter at all events—Mr. Thomas C. Keefer, selected for special considerations to represent the Government, a gentleman at once conversant with the French, German and English languages. I have no doubt whatever but that the mission will be well managed, and managed perhaps more economically than any other thing of the kind has been done hitherto. The hon. gentleman objected to the course we pursued with regard to the irruption of fugitive Indians from the United States into Canada. He told us that we were bound to call upon the United States to prevent their Indians crossing into our territory. I am sure the hon. gentleman could not have seriously meant that.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: No, I did not say that.