

they made for building a line of railway down the valley which I love and desire to serve, and which my hon. friend also ought to love.

Hon. H. R. EMMERSON (Westmorland): In the semi-ready and unique exhibition of declamatory eloquence to which we have listened, we have been favoured not only with a definition of dishonest intellect—a perverted mind, as I understand it—but have been given an illustration, or object lesson, as well. I have appreciated very highly indeed listening to the production of my hon. friend (Mr. McLeod), but I would have been more grateful—and I am sure the House would have been—had he dealt with the subject brought before the House by my hon. friend from Carleton (Mr. Carvell). I observed from my seat that my hon. friend from York (Mr. McLeod) was very highly gratified with his performance, but I did not observe hon. gentlemen around him indulging in the same gratification, and I am sure that they, as well as myself, would have been under a debt of gratitude to him had he favoured the House with some expression of opinion on the subject which my hon. friend from Carleton very properly and aptly brought to the notice of the House this afternoon.

Without attempting to follow the hon. member for York in his—shall I say serpentine movements, always avoiding the subject, I ask you, Sir, if it was not opportune and apt that my hon. friend from Carleton should bring this matter to the notice of the House. I know that my hon. friend the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, as well as the hon. member for York, charged my hon. friend from Carleton with indulging in vituperation, and they considered it very unfortunate that the hon. member for Carleton should have indulged in language that could by any process be misconstrued. If my hon. friend from Carleton did indulge in that kind of discussion, and if it is wrong, it is very unfortunate that both my hon. friends the Minister of Marine and Fisheries and the hon. member for York followed his example. Mr. Speaker, what did the hon. member for Carleton bring to the notice of the House this afternoon? Unfortunately, there have been matters occurring in the province of New Brunswick which should bring the blush of shame to the cheek of at least every New Brunswicker. Unfortunately, in the Legislature of that province there have been incidents recent-

[Mr. McLeod.]

ly that do not reflect credit on the Government of the province or upon the people of the province—more's the pity that there should have been the necessity for any such incidents. We have heard a great deal with respect to the St. John Valley railroad. My hon. friend from Carleton has, I know, a habit of not mincing matters when he speaks. This at least can be said for him: there is no excuse for misunderstanding him. He never indulges in insinuation or innuendo. No one will charge him with that. When he has anything to say, he says it, and hon. gentlemen opposite know full well that those are his methods. For the purpose of warning the acting Minister of Railways, he told us this afternoon that in the province of New Brunswick they have been attempting to construct a railway, that the province, in addition to the subsidies granted by the Parliament of Canada in aid of that road, had also pledged its credit in guaranteeing its bonds; that of the proceeds from the bonds guaranteed by the province, over half a million dollars had been improperly diverted from its legitimate purpose; that charges had been made in the provincial Legislature against hon. members of that House, namely, the Premier of New Brunswick and a member of that Administration, now the member for York, New Brunswick. Those were the only two individuals named, and let me say that instead of indulging in the style of speech to which we have just listened, it would have been far better if the hon. member for York had not attempted to say a word along the lines which he followed, inasmuch as he stands before the Legislature of New Brunswick charged as a former member of the Government of that province with being implicated in the misappropriation of those funds. My hon. friend the Minister of Marine appealed for sympathy with respect to his former colleague, the Premier of the province of New Brunswick. He referred to the fact that these charges had been made, and that they were now under consideration by a tribunal. When were those charges made? About a fortnight ago. The Minister of Marine took credit for his friends because they appointed a Royal Commission to investigate those charges. But have they appointed a commission? They authorized it, but since then a fortnight has passed and no tribunal is considering the charges at this moment; nor has the tribunal authorized by the Legisla-