

it is altogether necessary that the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Davin) should continue, as he has done for six or seven years, and in fact ever since he has been a member of this House, pretending to advance and promote the interests of the North-west, when as a matter of fact he has been trying to catch votes.

Mr. SPEAKER. The hon. gentleman is going too far. He should not use the words "trying to catch votes." Surely the hon. gentleman does not mean to make that statement.

Mr. LISTER. Let us look for a moment at the record of the hon. gentleman.

Mr. DAVIN. Order.

Mr. SPEAKER. Will the hon. gentleman withdraw those words?

Mr. LISTER. Certainly; it was not to promote votes. Let us look at the record of the hon. gentleman, who assails a new member from the North-west, an hon. gentleman who from what we may judge of him, will no doubt look after the interests not only of his own constituency but of the whole North-west. He will not be found speaking for a motion and voting against it, or dodging the vote. What do we find prior to the last election? The hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Davin) suddenly became a free trader, and if we look at the record we will find that the hon. gentleman spoke eloquently in favour of removing the duties upon certain articles, which he said intimately affected the best interest of the North-west. What the record shows is that while he spoke in favour of the removal of these duties, he voted against the motion.

Mr. DAVIN. No.

Mr. LISTER. Let the hon. gentleman turn to "Hansard" of 1893, and he will find that when my hon. friend the Postmaster General introduced a resolution in this House that it was expedient to admit binding twine free into this country, the hon. member for Assiniboia spoke in favour of the resolution and voted against it. Let the hon. gentleman look at "Hansard" for 1894, and also for 1892, and he will find that when the same resolution was introduced into this House he spoke in favour of it, but his vote was not recorded in favour of it.—to use a common expression, he took to the woods. What are we to infer from such action? That the hon. gentleman was talking to his constituents, that his party fealty was so strong that he could not vote against the party when the motion was put to a vote. Why, Sir, the hon. gentleman called the Cabinet which he supported, and which included many hon. gentlemen now leading the Opposition, a Cabinet of antiques, but antique as they were he was found supporting them, and if the interests of the North-west and his party affiliations

clashed, he was always with the party. I venture to say that my hon. friend who sits behind me (Mr. Morrison), when questions affecting the North-west are before the House for consideration, will be found supporting them by voice and vote; and we know he will always be able to support the Administration in power, because, as I said at the outset, the Administration is deeply interested in the advancement of that great territory, which has been so sadly neglected during these past years. Millions of dollars of the public money have been wasted, absolutely thrown away without securing any appreciable advance for that country. Under the policy of the present Administration that country will advance and prosper. The people may rely upon that, because there is a live Government in charge of their affairs to-day, and not one such as the concern which was turned out on the 23rd day of June last. The hon. gentleman from Assiniboia (Mr. Davin) is now full of zeal for that country. Is it new-found zeal? The hon. gentleman represents his constituency by virtue of the returning officer's vote; after all he has done for that country, and after all the speeches he has made for the people. Session after session he has brought up the grievances of the people, and introduced Bills which were never carried to a conclusion, but which enabled him to say to his electors: "See what I said for the people of this county." But, Mr. Speaker, he could not show what he did for them. The hon. gentleman is now in the peculiar position of representing that constituency by virtue of the returning officer's vote. After all he has done for that county; after all—I won't call it "wind" that he has expended in the House, but I will say, after all the eloquence he has ventilated—after all this eloquence, when he comes to ask the people for an appreciation of what he has done, they say to him: Mr. Davin, we don't want you any more. Sir, there is a protest pending against him, and the chances are that that one vote will not secure Mr. Davin's further sitting in this House. The chances are that his election will be set aside, and somebody else will take his place whose vote will not be inconsistent with his speech.

Mr. DAVIN. I rise to order. The hon. member (Mr. Lister) has reiterated the statement he has made in the early part of his speech, that I was accustomed in this House to speak one way and vote another. That statement is not true to fact. I do not say the hon. gentleman means to say what is not true, but objectively it is an untruth. Therefore, I rise to order. The hon. gentleman had better send for "Hansard" and try to establish what he said.

Mr. SPEAKER. That is not a question of order; that is a question of fact.

Mr. LISTER. I will show you presently. I have looked up the records very carefully.