

treating the poor Indians with shameful cruelty, defrauding them in the doling out of provisions, and irritating them by treatment which he could not describe. He could not say what proportion of the agents were censurable, but they were, he was grieved to say, too many. The resolution did not say anything in regard to putting any Government out of power. The sight of a great nation, strong as we were, going out to destroy these poor creatures was a sad one, and if a nation which was capable of spending \$5,000,000 to do these poor creatures an injury would not do its best to redress their grievances, that nation was not fit to live. He was not going to take up the difficult question of the necessity of party politics, but he would say, that party politics, as at present constituted and under present circumstances, contained some things which were very repugnant to the feelings of a Christian man. (Applause.)

Rev. Robert Hamilton seconded the motion, giving his experience of the ill-treatment of the Indians.

Rev. Mr. Ball spoke of the gross immorality which was introduced among them by depraved whites. He said that Sir H. Langevin, when the matter had been brought up in the House, had refused to acknowledge the responsibility of the Government for the wrong doings and immoral conduct of their agents. He had been very much surprised to hear such a statement from the hon. Minister, and could not realize that the Government would take such a position in regard to the matter.

Principal Grant:—We are doing a very solemn act, and we should all deliberately endorse or approve of this motion by all rising in attestation of our own feelings on the subject. I feel that we have been guilty of a national sin, and if we do not repent we will be punished as a nation, and a worse thing will come upon us if we do not mend our doings.

The resolution was carried unanimously by a standing vote.

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To that representation, like many others that have been forwarded to them, the Government paid no attention whatever.

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In the administration of the Indian affairs of the North-West, Sir John Macdonald has appeared thoroughly indifferent except to have positions of emolument provided for dishonest and immoral officials, whose acts have proved the most serious obstacle in the way of the efforts of missionaries to christianize the Indians of that territory.