

point in reference to our trade that I must advert to for a moment. We are given to understand in the Speech, what we have understood months ago in the newspapers, that the Administration have determined on appointing a General Agent in London. I did not credit that myself at first, because the hon. gentleman at the head of the Government attacked the late Administration because they appointed a General Agent. He declared it was wholly unnecessary, and objected to his continuance for even one year; and I could not imagine that he had so soon changed his ground. The late Administration made arrangements whereby financial matters should be attended to by Sir John Rose, and the attention of the Chief Emigration Agent confined wholly to his own department. I am not aware that this arrangement has worked ill, or that Sir John Rose has failed to attend to the duties entrusted to him, nor has the mover or seconder of the Address given the reasons for this appointment. The hon. gentleman who is to receive the appointment—Sir Alexander Galt—is a gentleman of the highest standing in the country,—a gentleman for whom I have personally the greatest respect, although I am not able to agree with him politically, I am glad to find that the hon. gentleman opposite and that gentleman have become reconciled so thoroughly. It must have been much more pleasant for the hon. gentleman at the head of the Government to be toasted by Sir Alexander Galt at the late banquet in Ottawa as his “distinguished friend and leader,” than to be designated here, as he was, as the Pecksniff of the House. I have no doubt that the hon. gentleman will administer his duties in such a manner as to reflect credit on Canada. The only thing to be regretted is that his appointment and their reconciliation took place at the same time. The hon. gentleman who spoke last congratulated the House in the course of his remarks, on the result of the Argenteuil election; and no doubt he and his friends have reason to rejoice over this small victory; and I have personally, as well as in a party sense, to regret the absence of the late member for Argenteuil, who so long and so worthily, represented that county. At the same time we, in other respects, have reason to congratulate ourselves on this side of the House. The hon. gentle-

man on the other side committed an indiscretion from his own stand point in going to Ontario last summer, immediately after the prorogation of Parliament, and causing the local elections in Ontario to be conducted on protectionist principles, as the Dominion elections in 1878 were conducted. Many of his own friends were unwilling; but he succeeded in carrying out this policy. The hon. the Minister of Railways and the Minister of Finance and the hon. the Minister of Justice, I think,—the two former gentlemen certainly,—were good enough to go to the several constituencies in Ontario, and lecture the people as to their duty to maintain protective views at the elections and the gauntlet thus thrown down was taken up by the Reformers. I was surprised to find the hon. member for Hamilton here when I came into the House to-day. The hon. member for Hamilton (Mr. Robertson) is a man whose word is not to be doubted, and, if the newspaper reporters are right, he stated that if Mr. Mowat's candidates were elected it would be impossible for him to take his seat in the House of Commons.

MR. ROBERTSON (Hamilton): I never said so.

MR. MACKENZIE: It was so reported.

MR. ROBERTSON: A great many things are reported.

MR. MACKENZIE: Perhaps in the course of the Session we will come to know who the bad reporters are. We will find out what he did say. It was the general report that such was the ground taken by the member for Hamilton; and the Mowat candidate was sustained in that city. Mr. Mowat's Government was sustained over the whole Province by a majority of two to one. A decided verdict was then rendered against the policy of the present Administration by their own shewing in matters of trade. They selected the ground and that was the result. Hon. gentlemen cannot avoid accepting the policy of their own leader, Why not follow him loyally in this as in all other matters? He may hope before the end of his Parliamentary term that he will be able to reverse this verdict. But I am greatly deceived, if he does. I do not propose to take up the time of the House much longer upon the topics of the Speech,