

"Could cast them off as a huntsman his pack,
For they knew when they liked they could
whistle them back."

No matter how much they burdened Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the tariff must be accepted there. He was a little amused at the manner in which his Tory friend alongside of him was going to fix up society in the Dominion. He was going to have one-third agriculturists, one-third manufacturers, and one-third doctors and lawyers. He was going to carry on a very profitable trade and get exceedingly rich under that system. It reminded him of two Irishmen who thought they would make a little trade with whiskey. They bought a keg of it to sell at an approaching fair, but becoming anxious to do a little business amongst themselves, one said to the other, "I will buy five cents worth from you;" the other agreed, and then proposed, with the five cents, to buy an equal amount. So the five cents changed hands until the keg was emptied. He had too many doctors and lawyers in his system. He remembered a sort of cry about people going to the United States. A lawyer came into the Parliament of New Brunswick once and said the country was going to the dogs, everything was going away, that no less than twenty journeymen tailors left New Brunswick that summer. One shrewd listener said, "It is a pity each one had not taken two lawyers on his back." If every labourer that went to the United States would only take a lawyer and a doctor on his back, the country would be a great deal better off. He had never looked on a sicker lot of politicians than that on the other side of this House. The handwriting was on the wall. He could see it plainly inscribed—"Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin," which they could interpret for themselves. As sure as they sat there, their days were numbered, and their kingdom would be taken from them. He felt it and was sorry for some of them, because they could never rise again. Like Nebuchadnezzar, they would be made to eat grass, like the oxen, for the imposition they had practised on the country.

MR. C. BURPEE.

April 7th, 1879.

MR. BURPEE (Sunbury) said that, referring to what the member for Cariboo had just taken exception to in the remark made the other night by the hon. member for Charlotte (Mr. Gillmor), he (Mr. Burpee) thought the latter gentleman had been misunderstood. He had not desired to speak against British Columbia, but to set out that the bargain with that Province involved the construction of the Pacific Railway, which would entail serious financial consequences upon the Dominion. He (Mr. Burpee) was aware that British Columbia was possessed of resources of wealth which might be of advantage to the Dominion. But he thought the annexation of that Province at the time was premature, and imposed a burden upon the Dominion greater than it should be called upon to bear. The union, with its concomitant, the building of the Pacific Railway, was an undertaking of so gigantic a nature that it must entail financial complications and might bring on national disaster and bankruptcy. He thought that the British Government were as well calculated and better able to govern British Columbia than was the Dominion for some time to come, but, if we had to take British Columbia into the union, the British Government should, he held, have contributed to the building of the road. Referring to the question now before the House, which had been discussed at such length, and with so much ability, from every standpoint, as to be quite exhausted, it was not to be supposed that he would be able to throw much new light on the subject, but it would not be out of place for him to deal with the burdens which the new tariff would impose on Canada, particularly with the case of New Brunswick, which had been placed in an exceptional position by the tariff. Notwithstanding the strictures of the member for Cardwell (Mr. White), who had deprecated the course of viewing this matter from a sectional standpoint, he (Mr. Burpee) would, in the interest of his constituents, refer to the matter in this way, holding, as he did, that they had been treated exceptionally hard. It was a fact that New