

to one source of consolation which he has under the circumstances. My honorable friend the member for Lambton sits alongside the hon. member for Lanark. They are engaged in a joint assault on my honorable friend the Secretary of State. They have so far a common object, but it must have been a source of amusement to my honorable friend, as it certainly was to the House, to see the hon. member for Lambton suddenly pause in the course of his fierce invective and turn to his friend at his side, to let him know what he thought of him and of his conduct to his political party and friends. It was quite clear that the hon. member for Lanark was still unforgiven, and my hon. friend the Secretary of State has the consolation to know that there is nothing which either of these gentlemen can say of him so bad that they have not, during the last three years, over and over again said worse of each other, and that if the hon. member for Lambton has on this occasion allied himself with the hon. member for Lanark, it is because he wants his services as a kind of political Sioux in hunting down and scalping my hon. friend the Secretary of State. The hon. member for Lambton has said the delegates from the Territory ought to be received.

Mr. MACKENZIE.—I did not say so.

Hon. Mr. ARCHIBALD.—Then I have mistaken the hon. gentleman, and I supposed him to have said what I think he ought to have said. These men are here by the invitation of the Canadian Government. They were appointed at a meeting of representatives from the various districts, convened at Fort Garry for that purpose. They are here, therefore, as the representatives of the people of that district, or, at all events, the representatives of that portion of the people who have taken part in these troubles. They may have sympathized with the actors in the *emeute*. Very likely they have—if they had not, they would hardly have been chosen as representatives, and would have been of little value if they had been chosen. If they can be of any use, it will be because they have the confidence and may be supposed to understand the views of the people behind them. These people are in armed insurrection. We wish to know what their difficulties are, we invite them to send delegates, and they respond to our invitation: and further, the question is not whether the conduct of these people has been right or wrong. We want to know what it is they complain of, and they send these men to tell us. They are, therefore, so far representatives, and any insults hurled against them are insults to the people who sent them here. I ask my honorable friend for Lambton, if he thinks any good is to come of his undertaking to proclaim on the floor of this House that one of these men is a drunkard and a liar—and that another, in reckless disregard of his sacred character, has been complicated with rebellion, and violence and outrages of the worst kind. A man holding the high position of the Honorable Member for Lambton in this House and in this country has a large amount of responsibility thrown upon him. His words should be weighed and measured. I fear such language is not calculated to promote the settlement of these unhappy troubles.

Sir, I do not say that we should frame our measure agreeably to the views of these or of any other delegates. We should get our information from every quarter, and the measure should be the one which recommends itself as best for the interests of the