

the usual time, and so with Newfoundland. The hon. gentleman also complained that in speaking of some one who had asked the question "what then?" I was trying to prevent Nova Scotians from asking questions. Not at all; but on the contrary I wished him and every Nova Scotian to ask himself and his neighbors, and the leaders of this movement, "what then?" I ask that an answer to that question be given to me as a Nova Scotian, and to every man whom it interests in the country. If repeal is applied for, and refused, what then? I will not repeat what I heard an ex-member of this Legislature say in the lobby of the House this forenoon. If his sentiments were uttered within the purviews of London, he would be imprisoned within half an hour; but when gentlemen in private make such assertions, why not state their answer to the question boldly? I want the hon. member for Colchester to ask himself and his leaders "if repeal be refused, what then?" The hon. gentleman himself undertook to answer it, but with all the skill of a practical lawyer, he went round and round it without coming to the point. He says I may ask myself "what then?" when I think of facing the electors of Inverness. I have faced them three times already, with what result the House knows, but I will never forget the time when the hon. member for Colchester was with us before, and when, at the close of the last session of that House, some of us went down to bid each other good-bye, and after four years hard fighting, the question was asked "who will come back?" They thought there was no hope for me—never dreamed of seeing my face again; but we all thought that there could be no doubt about the return of that hon. gentleman with flying colours. How could any constituency resist that great constitutional lawyer? I did come back, however, and I ask where was he? Left at home. I therefore tell the hon. member, when he asks me how I shall face the electors of Inverness, that he had better look after Colchester. When my constituents do not want me, they will bid me good-bye, and dispense with my services. The hon. member also made some remark to the effect that any society of chimney sweeps would kick from their company the men who voted for Confederation.

MR. MORRISON.—Hear hear.

MR. BLANCHARD continued.—It would be more becoming to the hon. member to say shame, shame, for such language was hardly suitable to the dignity of the House and to his own position. He also spoke of some people speaking of themselves as the almighty "we," but it was the almighty "I" with him. Things went wrong in Canada, he told us, because "there was no Tom Morrison there." He said further that Nova Scotia would never be loyal to Canada, and, in imitation of a celebrated orator, exclaimed "never! never! never!" I thought that that passage would have taken the House by storm, and that the country when it heard it would burst out in wild enthusiasm. Then he said that Mr. McGee was an "extirpated" rebel,—that surprised me a good deal for I thought that Mr. McGee had still an existence. I would like to speak with respect of every man, but when

members talk in that strain of Mr. McGee they should remember who he is and who they are. Where did I see that statesman within the last few years? On the platform of Temperance Hall, which was crowded with one of the finest audiences that it ever held, and there Mr. McGee kept the whole attention of that audience enchained for two hours with eloquence such as is rarely heard on a platform. Whom did I there see delighting to do him honor? The Hon. Joseph Howe, who said at the close of the lecture to the orator of the evening, "go on, I am with you;" and Mr. Johnston and Dr. Tupper joined in these expressions of honor and encouragement. When we hear a man like that—the first orator in British America—spoken of as an expatriated rebel, it is enough to make one's blood boil. The hon. member for Colchester concluded his speech rather strangely; he said "if I had ten thousand voices I would shout repeal! repeal! repeal!" That was his peroration, and a magnificent one it was. I should like to ask the members who are in the habit of reading their bibles to recall to their minds the way in which Joshua directed that the walls of Jericho were to be knocked down: he directed the Israelites to take ram's horns and make trumpets of them, to surround the city, and blow with all their might. Then the people were to shout with all their voices, and the walls were to fall down flat. I would advise the Government to follow that example: to send the hon. member home to England as a delegate, and if the British Government should refuse repeal, to station him in front of the Colonial Secretary's Office to shout. If the walls do not fall as he shouts I shall be very much surprised. I admire the voice of the hon. gentleman; I only wish that heaven had given me such a one, and I trust that the Government will not forget their constitutional lawyer when they come to appoint the delegates. Perhaps it may be unnecessary for them to take my advice.—the walls of Jericho may be down now, for I should not be surprised to hear that the hon. gentleman's shout had reached all the way across the Atlantic. I speak thus of that gentleman with perfect good nature, hoping that when next he addresses us he will give me as good a text.

Sometime after him we had the hon. member for Halifax, Mr. Northup, who made a short speech. Some allowance is, of course, to be made for a young member unaccustomed to debate, but when I heard that gentleman's impassioned tones and language on the subject of Confederation, and his not very creditable allusions to the Hon. Mr. Mitchell and others, I thought "well, is it possible, that we have never heard of his being a Confederate?" It has been said that once on a time he sustained and supported the men who were carrying the scheme;—that may not be true, but he was certainly recorded as one of the most emphatic supporters of Union. Something wonderful must have occurred to change his opinions. He told us of what his customers said, and of what some one from New Brunswick said respecting the feeling there. I believe, from conversations I have had with parties from that Province that those rumors are worth