

SPEECH

DELIVERED BY

Mr. BUNSTER, M.P.,

ON THE

BRITISH COLUMBIA TARIFF.

WEDNESDAY, 7th MARCH, 1877.

(From the *Hansard Report*.)

Mr. BUNSTER moved:

"That the Hon. do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolution:—That in the opinion of this House the interests of British Columbia will be promoted by the adoption of a Special Tariff for the protection of the Farming, Mining and Manufacturing interests of that Province, until the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway."

He said that, four years ago, he had the honour of bringing this subject before the House. Since then, circumstances had occurred which he thought would enable the House to judge of the matter in a more favourable light; the question possessing additional interest to entitle it to their favourable consideration. He was glad the Speech from the Throne had referred to the visit made by the Governor-General to British Columbia last summer.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT said the motion could not possibly be in order.

Mr. BUNSTER said if the hon. the Finance Minister would bear with him for a few moments, he would show that it was in order. It was not fair or honest that, whenever the members from British Columbia rose in the House, they should be interrupted in this way. It was rather singular, to say the least, that the hon. the Finance Minister should interrupt him when

he mentioned the circumstance of the visit of the Governor-General to British Columbia last year.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT said the hon. member should place the motion in the hands of the Speaker before he proceeded to speak to it.

Mr. BUNSTER said he would do so at the proper time.

Mr. SPEAKER said he looked into the matter a few moments ago and found that the motion handed in was one of an abstract character, and therefore would be in order. Whether it was exactly consistent with the notice was another question.

Mr. BLAKE said the House had only to do with the motion on the notice paper, and that was the only one the hon. member could move.

Mr. SPEAKER said it had occurred to him that, looking at the motion as it appeared on the paper, it was entirely out of order; and he had, therefore, examined the motion itself. In his opinion it was in order, though it might be a very inconvenient abstract resolution.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD said that what appeared on the notice paper was merely a synopsis of the motion.