

for recommending it. The honourable gentleman in 1849 had again made recommendations that did great credit to his sagacity, seeing that they had been taken up and now formed the Constitution of the Dominion. His speech then would remain when the honourable gentleman was gone. He did not object to a statesman changing his opinions, but he should give a clear and concise reason for such change, which his honourable friend had utterly failed to do. When that gentleman had said that next to representation in the Imperial Parliament a Federal Union was best, and nothing had been done towards securing the former, we were fairly entitled to ask the honourable gentleman to come forward, and assist in working out the system which he had himself recommended. Had the honourable gentleman merely advised the change, and a disturbance of the old Constitution, from a whim? A number of further extracts from speeches and letters were quoted, showing the inconsistency of the honourable member for Hants, and the speaker said that it was a poor compliment to the intelligence of the House, to suppose that they could not see insincerity in his former position, and that which he now occupied. The speaker paid a high compliment to the Hon. Mr. McGee for his efforts in promoting Confederation, and at one time in moving thanks to that honourable gentleman. The member for Hants said he was in favour of the Intercolonial railroad first, which would bring Union and make Nova Scotia the frontage of a mighty nation, and yet he now endeavoured to show that the strength of Nova Scotia was in isolation. When he (Dr. T.) advocated a union of the Maritime Provinces, he at the same time advocated the union of British North America. A resolution was passed in the Legislature of Nova Scotia in favour of the smaller union, which would have been even a greater change of the constitution of that Province than the present; and yet it was never proposed that that question should be submitted to the people, but should become law as soon as it passed the Provincial Legislatures and received the Royal sanction.

It being six o'clock the learned gentleman said he would like to finish his reply while the honourable member for Hants was present, as he understood he would not be in the

House in the evening, but he would not infringe upon a rule of the House.

The Speaker then left the Chair.

After recess,

Dr. Parker suggested the propriety of an adjournment to enable members to attend the concert of the Protestant Benevolent Society.

Agreed to.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Mr. Bodwell—That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House all papers and correspondence relating to the claims of the Hudson's Bay Company over the Northwest territory by the late Province of Canada or the Dominion.

Mr. Oliver—Address to His Excellency, the Governor-General, for a return of the quantity of beer manufactured, and the quantity of grain used in such manufacture in each brewery in the Province of Ontario since the 1st of July, 1867.

Mr. Blake—That he will on Thursday next move the House for an address to His Excellency, the Governor-General, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, with all convenient speed, copies of all warrants, orders, records, documents and other legal proceedings, had or taken in relation to the extradition of Lamirande, and also copies of all the despatches and correspondence between the Governments, as well of Canada, as of the Dominion and the Imperial Government, and also copies of all official correspondence and memoranda of the legal advisers of either of the said Governments, and of all communications by them to His Excellency, and of all other papers on the subject.

Mr. Benson—Whether it is the intention of the Government to complete before the opening of navigation in the ensuing Spring the excavation for several years in progress on the Welland Canal, and also such other work as may be necessary to admit the waters of Lake Erie through the said canal.