

products in the home market, instead of being obliged to seek a market abroad. The hon. gentleman is not satisfied, but I will try to satisfy him. With regard to the prices of butter, we have the means in Prince Edward Island of raising large quantities of butter, and the farmers—I speak it from a knowledge of the facts—were unable, in 1878, to sell their butter. It was lying in the dairies. They were unable to get cash for it at any price they would ask, and were obliged to take it to the markets and trade it away. The price that year was 16 cents per pound, by the tub, in the Charlottetown market. In 1882, the price was 22 cents, an advance of six cents. Are the farmers being ruined when they can get those prices for their products? I have a number of figures more, but I will reserve them until the hon. gentleman produces his motion. The hon. gentleman made a personal allusion with regard to myself, to the effect that I am a living example that the National Policy has not redeemed its promises. He need not have gone as far as that. If I think that by coming to Ottawa with my family during the Session, I can live as cheaply as on the Island, I have a right to do so, and if the hon. gentleman thinks it proper to bring his wife with him, no person can object to it. It is beneath any hon. gentleman to make a personal allusion of that kind. The hon. gentleman thinks he has got rid of me out of the Island. The hon. gentleman is not rid of me. He will find me at the next general campaign, working in the interests of the Conservative party, and I hope to prevent him from coming to this Parliament to run down the Province that did him the honor of electing him.

Mr. JENKINS. I merely rise to say that my hon. colleague (Mr. Davies) has either totally misconstrued what I said, or has misrepresented me. I am sorry to say he is quite capable of misrepresenting me.

Mr. SPEAKER. Order.

Mr. JENKINS. I do not say it was intentional. I do not say he would do it intentionally; but I will say he is afflicted with a certain obliquity of vision—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order, order.

Mr. SPEAKER. I must ask the hon. gentleman to withdraw these expressions. We must endeavor now, in the beginning of this Session, to keep the rules of debate very strictly, and there should be no personal allusions of this kind allowed.

Mr. JENKINS. I withdraw the expressions at your request. I said nothing whatever that could be construed as my hon. colleague has construed my remarks. I did not say that Prince Edward Island was thriving, or her trade increasing, through the National Policy. I said that the trade between the Island and the neighboring Provinces had increased, and the manufacturing interests of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick had largely increased through the influence of the National Policy. Perhaps I should not have mentioned the term National Policy. It seems as irritating to my hon. colleague and the hon. member of the Opposition as a red rag to a bull. Perhaps I should have said: that happy coincidence of prosperity which followed the change in the fiscal policy of this country. Perhaps that would not have irritated my hon. friend and have caused him to give us the dregs of his campaign speeches at the last Elections. I think that the question of the National Policy is not under discussion now, and I would not have mentioned it, only that I felt satisfied the increased trade between the Island and the neighboring Provinces was due to the National Policy.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. It is not necessary that I should enter into the discussion between the hon. gentlemen who represent Prince Edward Island; but I may say that I do not agree with the views taken by the senior member for Queen's County, that any possible harm could come from

the adoption of this Resolution. The House is perfectly well aware that from the time the Island was brought into the Union, efforts have been made by both Governments to carry out as far as it was found possible and practicable, the Terms of the Union. Efforts have been made to produce as regular intercommunication as possible between the Island and the main land. The Government, when hon. gentlemen opposite were in power, had a steamer constructed for the purpose of maintaining winter communication with the Island, as it had not been found practicable to do so by any steamers in use for the summer season. Although very considerable success attended those efforts, it was found impracticable to maintain regular communication for mails and passengers throughout the entire season. Despite all that the *Northern Light*—a vessel specially constructed for that purpose—could do, there were several weeks in the season in which mail and passenger communication could not be carried on in that way. I may say if the hon. gentleman has satisfied himself that nothing remains to be learned in that connection, he has arrived at a different conclusion to that at which I have arrived. We waited until the efforts to maintain communication were tried, and saw how far that intercommunication could be made successful, before resorting to the further means of constructing railway communication to Cape Traverse, for the purpose of ensuring more rapid and perfect communication by way of the Capes. The Government was prepared last Session to submit appropriations for the construction of a railway from the Intercolonial to Cape Tormentine, as well as a railway on Prince Edward Island to Cape Traverse, with a view of having constant communication through the entire winter season. No delay was caused by any want of action on the part of the Government. From the moment that the representatives of the Island in both branches of the Legislature had arrived, themselves, at a common accord of opinion, no time was lost. That was not arrived at until the previous season, a year ago last summer. That having been arrived at, the representatives of the Island being agreed that, after all the experiments and experiences of the past, that was the best mode to adopt, the Government adopted that policy and asked from Parliament the necessary appropriation to carry it out. The Government did not ask for an appropriation to connect the Intercolonial Railway with Cape Tormentine, as they were prepared to do, because the Government of New Brunswick subsidized a private company to take that work up, and it was stated to the Government that that portion of the work could be accomplished without any application being made to Parliament. Parliament having provided the means of establishing connection between the railway on Prince Edward Island and Cape Traverse to facilitate this intercommunication, that work could have been proceeded with during the past season, only we felt it would have been quite practicable for us to take up that work in the coming season and have all the work on Prince Edward Island for the purpose of having this intercommunication completed at as early a period as it was possible for the company engaged in the work on this side to meet it. Until that time it seemed unnecessary to make that expenditure. The hon. gentleman, on a previous occasion, said he understood a contract had been entered into with the Steam Navigation Company of Prince Edward Island for that service. The hon. gentleman is mistaken in that respect. Application was made to extend that service. It was represented to us by the Steam Navigation Company, who have performed the services in which they have been engaged with considerable ability and success, that the demands for communication between the Island and the mainland had become so great owing to the growth of traffic as to make it essential, in the interests of the Island, that a very great extension of that service should take place. What had been in past years sufficient was, in the present condition of the Island,