

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—The term, demagogue would be milder than the language he has employed concerning my hon. friend. The hon. member for Cumberland asserted that we could not expect the members of this House to place the slightest reliance on the figures and statements of the Finance Minister; that he had too much experience respecting the hon. gentleman's figures to accept any of them without personal examination; that he stands convicted of gross misrepresentation; that he was utterly dishonest, and that he hoped by mouthing words—

Hon. Mr. TUPPER—No! no!

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—I took down the hon. gentleman's words.

Hon. Mr. TUPPER—That was only one horn of the dilemma; there was another horn; I said—he was either dishonest or incompetent.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—If these are specimens of the hon. gentleman's horns, he had better not put them out so far.

However, I consider that if there is any hon. gentleman in this House who should never complain of any other hon. member using strong language, that member is my hon. friend from Cumberland. I do not know any one who can go to the very verge of being offensive, without being unparliamentary, so frequently and eloquently as the hon. member—who hopes, by employing very strong, not to say offensive, terms—and I fear they are very often offensive—and violent adjectives, with a rolling voice, and in an earnest and vigorous manner, to impress upon the House opinions which he can hardly be credited with entertaining. The hon. gentleman made two or three allegations to-night to which I desire to call the attention of the House for a few moments. One might have expected that if the hon. gentleman and his colleagues would shun the discussion of any subject that subject would be the Pacific Railway. The hon. gentleman pointed out, a short time ago at a public meeting, that although the late Administration entered into a solemn engagement by treaty, to build the Pacific Railway during ten years, they never intended

to perform their promise. Let me read the words by which the late Government was so bound:—"The Government of the Dominion undertakes to secure the commencement, simultaneously with'n two years from the date of Union, of the construction of a railway from the Pacific towards the Rocky Mountains, and from such point as may be selected east of the Rocky Mountains, towards the Pacific, to connect the seaboard of British Columbia with the railway system of Canada, and further, to secure the completion of such railway within ten years from the date of Union."

Hon. Mr. TUPPER—Will my hon. friend kindly read the qualification which was so important that it was put in the Act?

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—No hon. gentleman will find any qualification in this treaty; the hon. gentleman knows that it is not there, Sir.

The hon. gentleman says that he and his colleagues would have brought one hundred millions of foreign money into the country—a vast amount of capital and a vast amount of energy; that they would have constructed this road, and that they would have settled this extensive territory. Why, Sir, these hon. gentlemen were in power for two entire years after this solemn treaty was made, having a large majority in this House at their backs, and yet the only money they ever brought into the country was received from Sir Hugh Allan to carry on the elections.

Hon. Mr. TUPPER—We did not give up refunds to the amount of \$69,000 previous to the elections, as was done with Hon. Mr. McMaster.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—Well, Sir, if that is all the hon. gentleman has to say in reply, it is of slight import.

This is the only money of which I have any knowledge that they brought into the country. They had a large majority for two and a half years after the conclusion of the treaty, and what progress did they make? Did they not confessedly admit that the scheme was a failure? Did they not give up the contract into which they entered? And does not the hon. gen-