

JUST regretted the tone in which his hon. friend had approached the subject before the House on the present occasion, and thrown so much abuse upon it. The hon. gentleman had said there was very little contained in the Speech from the Throne, but this much he (Hon. Mr. Letellier) could say, that more was contained in it, than in many of its predecessors of previous administrations. Such documents were not generally expected to be mere records of specific acts of the Administration. In the course of his observations the hon. gentleman had referred to the Copyright Bill and to the Insolvency Bill in favourable terms, while he still maintained that there was nothing in the Speech. With reference to the North-West Police Force, for the organization of which the hon. gentleman would claim some credit to him, he (Hon. Mr. Letellier) maintained that it had been organized last year; that its organization had been found necessary owing to the number of strangers that were coming into the country; and if the hon. gentleman's party were in power, he would doubtless be fully prepared to give them credit for such an organization. With reference to his observations on the negotiations with the Indians, he (Hon. Mr. Letellier) would merely observe that instead of sending a Lieutenant Governor to create disturbances, the present Government had sent a Member of the Administration, with authority to negotiate a treaty of peace and amity. Instead of being an act worthy of condemnation, it was, on the contrary, rather one for congratulation. He (Hon. Mr. Letellier) would pass over the visit of His Excellency the Governor General, which was, however, generally acknowledged to be a most important event. The hon. gentleman had stated that the Bill for the creation of a Supreme Court had been promised, but in all probability only to be set aside, but he (Hon. Mr. Letellier) would ask the hon. gentleman, had not such a Bill been promised on different occasions by hon. gentlemen opposite?

HON. MR. CAMPBELL.—You now promise it in 1875.

HON. MR. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST.—The Administration would be prepared to come before Parliament

with a bill in relation to the subject, as also with a measure in reference to the Law of Insolvency, in addition to which would also be submitted a most important measure of postal arrangement. The hon. gentleman had referred to the Government entering into contracts with reference to the Lake Nipissing Railroad; but when the papers on the subject are submitted to Parliament, then it would be quite time enough for him to come forward. This much, however, he could assure the hon. gentleman; he would find no speculation, no Pacific Scandal. When he endeavours to cast reproach upon the present Administration, he will find his efforts in vain, as no tangible grounds for attack offer. It is said that railroad iron has been bought by a member of the Government; but if such has been done, it has been in accordance with constitutional power and authority. Railroad iron had been purchased and other railroad transactions had occurred in the past which would never occur under the present Premier or the present Government. The hon. gentleman in the course of his petty attack had referred to the connection of the Hon. Mr. Brown with members of the present Administration; but that hon. gentleman, judging from the manner in which the party he had been connected with were working, and seeing that they were going to the wall, looked to his (Hon. Mr. Letellier's) side of the House, and actuated solely by a desire for the promotion and advancement of the best interests of his country, cast aside all personal considerations, and gave his hearty co-operation and assistance to those whom he considered as truly deserving of public confidence. He (Hon. Mr. Letellier) considered that from the carrying out of Confederation to the present time, the present Administration deserved a considerable amount of credit for its many and useful public acts. The hon. gentleman in his attack had perhaps evinced more feeling than soul, but his remarks had been such that he (Hon. Mr. Letellier) felt bound not to let them pass unnoticed.

HON. MR. ALEXANDER would make special reference to the subject of the Canadian Pacific Railway. In