

its hands against undue pressure, and that so long as the country sustained the Government, each man holding office was assured that he was protected by the Government from all undue pressure by political partizans. His faith in the moral strength of the Government in this respect had been destroyed, the Government had violated its pledges and policy, and could not possibly justify the dismissal from office of Mr. Morash, Protective Officer, and Capt. Young, Shipping Master of the Port of Lunenburg. Mr. Morash, an efficient officer, whose word, honour, vigilance and fearless discharge of duty, were such as to deter smuggling and smugglers, was dismissed through the Customs officer in May last, without previous notice, or cause assigned, or payment of salary to time of ejection from office. Had this officer been less sober, honest and independent, the Government would not have been forced to dismiss him. His dismissal has not only been injudicious and hurtful to the public interests, but to the revenue of the port. Capt. Young was also dismissed without notice or cause assigned, in October last, having been in office one year, faithfully doing his duty, striving to make all parties conform to the provisions of the Shipping Act, and making his quarterly reports to the head of his department. No man of that part stands higher in his position than he (Capt. Young.) He had done service to his country, and to the cause of humanity, that might have secured him lasting honour, had he sought it. When the *Indian*, of the Allan line of steamers, foundered on the sunken reef near the Gut of Canso, Capt. Young, regardless of self and the safety of his vessel and cargo (other vessels fearing to approach), rescued the greater part of the steamer's passengers and crew. In doing so he sacrificed his own vessel and the charter, amounting to \$7,000. When the papers will be submitted to the House he hoped to show clearly the tyranny practised over that officer, how he was ignored by the officer of Customs, who knowingly violated the law, clearing vessels, without having the necessary certificates from Capt. Young, of shipment of crews—who grasped at the shipping office and now holds it, in

connection with his own office, with the additional fees and emoluments, the Government not venturing to appoint any other person to the office, and having been made aware of the conduct of the Customs officer. The Government struggled long against ejecting Capt. Young, but at length ignobly yielded to the pressure, perhaps indirect pressure, used by a merchant of the port, who threatened annihilation of the representative and the Government if his will were not obeyed, and who had violated the laws time and again, allowing and directing his vessels to go to sea and return without legal shipment or discharge of crews, by the shipping master (Capt. Young), and who was again and again fined for such offences. He (Hon. Mr. Kaulbach) concluded by saying that he had already fully shown sufficient cause why the papers should be submitted, and he was prepared to charge home the wrong and injustice done to the ejected and the country, and would be prepared, at the proper time, and if necessary, to ask hon. gentlemen whether the vows made by Government last session had been violated; but yet he had some hope that the Government, on reviewing its action, and as it yet had the ability, might uphold its dignity, and with becoming grace restore to office the men so improperly dismissed.

HON. MR. BOURINOT seconded the Motion of the Hon. Mr. KAULBACH.

HON. MR. SCOTT had no objection to the motion, but the hon. gentleman had in his notice given no clue to his motives. He (Mr. Scott) had taken some notes of his observations. He had made reference to these particular cases; but his references were of such a character as not to admit of an immediate reply. He therefore thought it better to wait until the papers came down to the House.

HON. MR. SCOTT moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. HAMILTON, that the Hon. Mr. Fabre be relieved from further attendance on the Committee appointed to examine and report upon the contingent accounts of the Senate for the present Session, and the Hon. Mr. Wilmot be appointed in his stead. Upon this Motion being put and carried,