

I feel confident, however, that the Honorable Minister will not leave this occasion pass by without answering some of the arguments put forth by his accuser ; but in justice to the Minister, who is now absent or about to leave the Province for Europe, I feel that it is my duty while answering the accusations made against myself to produce the remarks of the Honorable Minister, so that he may not be condemned, without his case being placed clearly before the public.

I might state here, in passing, that we have never had in the Province of Quebec, in my opinion at least, a Minister of Colonization who had*at heart the interest of Colonization to the same extent as our present Minister. We have a man who is full of courage, full of energy, who is trying to work for the greater advancement of his country, in order to better the position of the Settler, while respecting the rights of the Limit Holder ; and because he tries to act as a public man should, he is assailed by accusations from a man in position and who, I hope, after he will have read the