

one, now presents itself, from the adverse character of the statements made by His Excellency and Mr. Smith, which of the two is most correct? Has Mr. Smith's course been such as to justify the belief that he was disposed to carry out his pledges. Has not that course been one calculated to drive his supporters more and more from Confederation.

Every effort to get from Mr. Smith an explanation in the other House, of what the Speech meant was fruitless and frustrated, and but once and once only, did Mr. McMillan succeed in getting a word of evidence from his lips, and that was, that he would take representation by population, with proper checks.

His Excellency having had a pledge from his Executive, was slow to doubt their integrity, and therefore avoided embarrassing them. Let any gentleman read the correspondence, and if he is not prejudiced, he will find it evidencing the gentleman of honor, of ability, and the scholar. And, your honors, the real gentleman is much less suspicious, and more likely to trust another, than are those who are less respectable. He judges others by himself, until he has proof that he deserves contrary judgment.

Reference is made by His Excellency to a private Memorandum referring to a despatch from Mr. Cardwell, which Memorandum, at Mr. Smith's request, was not sent down to the Council. His Excellency's reply to that despatch, expressed to Mr. Cardwell the hope he entertained (based on Mr. Smith's altered views,) of a speedy consummation of union. This answer His Excellency showed to Mr. Smith and asked him if it was correct, and he replied that it was.

There was one fatal error committed by His Excellency, that may effect Confederation and which reflects upon His Excellency, not as a man, but as a politician—he seems, in his desire to maintain the men, to have taken a course which, if side issues are raised, may imperil the measure.

His Excellency states that he handed Mr. Smith a confidential memorandum, stating the opinion of Her Majesty's Government, the date at which he had determined to meet the House, and expressing his desire to know whether his advisers were disposed to recommend the Legislature to give effect to the opinions expressed by Her Majesty's Government.

His Excellency proceeds—

Hon. Mr. MITCHELL here quoted the correspondence from the "confidential memorandum" down, for the following twenty paragraphs, and resumed;—

It will thus be evident that His Excellency implicitly trusted to the Government to carry out their promises.

Am I asked why I withdrew my support from the Government? I watched them from day to day; I received each day some experience as to their intended policy; I found they were assuring their supporters that they did not intend to introduce any measure for Confederation, as Mr. Smith publicly announced in the House. When it was said there was a change in the minds of the members of Government; I was assured there was no change, and then, when I found the Government would not announce any policy, I felt relieved from any obligation longer to support them, and withdrew my pledge. With regard to His Excellency's reply to the Address of this House, it is warranted according to the policy of the Government, announced by themselves, throughout these communications with the Governor for some time past, and especially by the answer, given with their concurrence, to the former Address of this House, in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Mr. Smith was at Government House on Saturday, 7th inst., at half past ten o'clock. His Excellency had not then received a copy of the Address of the Council, and could not in consequence determine, and tell Mr. Smith what his answer would be; this, however, he did tell Mr. Smith, that his answer would be favorable to the spirit and request of the Address. How, then, can Mr. Smith find fault now? His Excellency had pursued his usual course in communicating with his Premier, as to his intended step; Mr. Smith knew precisely what the Address was, and therefore if, after His Excellency's assurance that he intended to give a favorable answer, Mr. Smith neglected to communicate with his colleagues, he must bear the