

on account of the betrayal of his leader as was Judas when he gave the kiss and betrayed his Master.

Mr. Wood said it was unfortunate that some members of this House thought to bring up this matter again. He should not refer to it at all were it not that some members were not familiar with the facts. He should be very sorry ever to be in a position in which he would need commendation or a plea for fair play from the hon. member for South Simcoe. If he ever should be placed in that position he certainly should tremble for his reputation. He would not pretend to answer the attack which had been made upon him in the coarse, low style that seemed so congenial to that gentleman. He would simply make a statement of the facts. This note which had again been brought up to-day he had entirely forgotten, until in conversation with the member for Niagara some time after the defeat of the late Government, it occurred to him that the charge that Mr. Blake had been writing to him referred to this note. On the Monday following his resignation he saw Mr. Blake in the lobby. He had gone home after his resignation and had just returned and heard that certain rumors were afloat as to his conduct, and he told Mr. Blake that he would take occasion during the day to speak in reference to these reports.

Subsequently he saw Mr. Sandfield Macdonald—who, he might say, notwithstanding all that had been said, he did not believe entertained an unkind thought towards him. He told him that he was going to speak, and Mr. Macdonald asked him not to do so, that of course, he knew the Government was gone, and recommended him not to speak. He therefore said he would