

purposes, the steam corvette *Charybdis*, lately returned from service in the Chinese seas, etc."

We have reason to be gratified at the presentation of this corvette to the Dominion; and the only question which suggests itself to my mind is, as to the location of the training ship. There was a rumor current some time ago, that this ship was to be located at St. John. Now, I do not wish to say a word against St. John, but I think that anyone who knows anything of the two harbors, of St. John and Halifax, will not hesitate for a moment in saying that the proper place for the training ship is in the harbor of Halifax.

Hon. Mr. CHAPPAIS—Quebec.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I feel that I have trespassed at an almost unconscionable length on the time of the House; but I feel at the same time that I have done no more than my duty, and I regret that, owing to want of time and ability, my remarks have not been what the occasion called for.

Hon. Mr. MILLER—I rarely trouble the House on an occasion such as this—in fact, I do not remember that I have ever taken part in the debate on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. Perhaps this is partly due to an excessive feeling of modesty on my part, but it is chiefly owing to my observance of the wholesome rule which prevails in the Imperial Parliament, which allows the mover and seconder to place the views they represent before either House, and confines, as a general rule, the remarks which are made on such occasions to the leader of the Opposition, and the leader of the Government in reply to him, and a few of the most prominent members of Parliament. I have always considered that practice a wise one, and, therefore, I have seldom, if ever, ventured, myself, although not a young member of the House, to trespass at any great length on the patience of hon. gentlemen in debates on the Address. I think the English rule is a safe and salutary one, because, where a member ventures to travel outside of the topics of the Address, he takes the House by surprise, and places those who may not be ready to reply on the spur of the moment at a disadvantage. After

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the speech of the Senator from Halifax, I am not willing to follow my usual practice and remain silent on the motion before the Senate. I listened with infinite pleasure to the able and eloquent speeches of both of the hon. gentlemen—the mover and seconder of the Address—to-day, and can only reiterate the remarks which fell from the hon. the leader of the House that it would be presumption on my part, even more than on his, to pay a compliment to those gentlemen on the manner in which they discharged the duties devolving upon them. I can only say it was what might have been expected from gentlemen who have taken so prominent a part in public affairs for many years, and fully realized all that their great ability led us to expect from them. I listened also with pleasure to the able and moderate speech, from his standpoint, of the leader of the Opposition, and I felt that it was strongly in favor of the paragraphs in the Address, with one exception—its reference to the National Policy. The hon. gentleman could not but feel that the Government had presented to the House and country a bill of fare which was by no means meagre or unsatisfactory; a bill of fare which was very different from those dismal exhibitions which it was the misfortune of my hon. friend, year after year, to present to the House during the period he was on the Treasury benches. It is rarely a Government has it in its power to present so satisfactory a programme to Parliament as was presented to us yesterday by His Excellency, and I think they may congratulate themselves upon the proud position which they occupy to-day. His Excellency has adverted in terms of thankfulness to the bountiful harvest which has been vouchsafed to us by a kind Providence. He might have gone further and congratulated the country upon the fair success which has attended upon other branches of productive industry, such as the fisheries. It is satisfactory to know that this great industry, which is one of the chief sources of wealth in the Maritime Provinces, has been fairly remunerative during the present season, and the condition of our fishing population in the Lower Provinces is much superior to that which existed at this time last year. With regard to the National Policy