

the Government had to congratulate themselves upon, it were scarcely worth congratulation, which would probably have been more fittingly bestowed in the Financial or Agricultural Departments. The hon. gentleman next referred to the paragraph in reference to the negotiations connected with the Indians of the North-West, the statements connected with which, he said, might no doubt be quite true. He next referred to the other topics contained in the same paragraph, which he characterized as standing dishes, having seen them so often before in similar documents, and he thought it was now quite time that Government should give up copying such precedents. He cordially approved of the organization of the Government of the North-West, as also of the Bill with reference to the law of Copyright. Although not quite prepared to insist upon it, he thought it would be desirable that as many measures as possible should be originated in that House. With reference to the omission in His Excellency's Speech, he would observe that there were other subjects of importance, such for example as the convention which had been entered into with the United States. Why, he would ask, had not matters of such importance been referred to? Surely hon. gentlemen were not jealous of each other. The Reciprocity Treaty was a subject of great importance, having been referred to in Her Majesty's Speech at the opening of Parliament. The reference to the North-West Police had no more interest than that of the Marine Police of Quebec, and was the result on the part of the Government of poverty of subjects to treat upon, having nothing better to refer to. (Hear, hear, from Government benches.) A great deal had been said during the past Session in reference to excessive taxation, but it would now appear as though nothing further would be said about it. If the Government party deserved any name, in his (Hon. Mr. Campbell's) opinion it was certainly that of "know nothing," for they absolutely knew nothing. With reference to the Telegraph Cable Bill which had originated in the House of Commons, and had been introduced into this House as a Government measure, we were told

that it would not interfere with private rights, and he had known one hon. gentleman who had voted for the measure, believing that it would involve no interference with private rights. And yet hon. members' backs were no sooner turned, than His Excellency the Governor General was advised not to give his assent to the Bill on the ground of its interference with private rights. That was not the position the Government ought to have led this House into; had they been of that opinion they should not have asked hon. members to assent to the measure. The course which had been pursued by hon. gentlemen had not been characterized by sincerity. He (Hon. Mr. Campbell) would not call it "organized hypocrisy," but in his opinion it certainly did not show sincerity. He would next refer to an hon. gentleman who, the day previously had taken his seat in that House (Hon. George Brown.) That hon. gentleman, he (Hon. Mr. Campbell) most heartily and sincerely congratulated upon so auspicious an event, but what was to be said of that hon. gentleman who, upon reference to the past, would be found to have been referred to in terms somewhat similar to him (Hon. Mr. Campbell). With regard to the expenditure in connection with the purchase of railway iron for the Lake Nipissing Railway, such expenditure might doubtless be all quite necessary and proper. But what would have been said in the past if the Hon. Mr. Langevin had purchased railway iron under similar circumstances? What a cry would have been raised. He (Hon. Mr. Campbell) merely referred to the matter for the purpose of shewing the inconsistency of the views of hon. members with regard to parliamentary government. He believed, notwithstanding all that had been said, that the Conservative party were the real friends and supporters of constitutional policy in this country. After some further observations the hon. gentleman concluded by observing that although not prepared to accord in opinion with all the views contained in the Address, still it was not his intention to propose any amendment, and he was therefore quite prepared that it should pass.

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