

body who knew him. I had been the agent of the bank for the sale of its bills on Glyn & Co., and I was in London when the indebtedness of the bank to Glyn & Co. was settled by Mr. Street and Judge Galt and Mr. Robert Cassels, and I know that the settlement that was made with the Glyns was a most favorable one for the bank. I know that the securities, many of them, that had been received from the Grand Trunk Railway Company were handed over to Glyn & Co., who were the largest creditors except the Government, who could have swept away and swallowed up the assets if they had chosen to do so, and thrown a large responsibility on the shareholders who were subject to the double liability, that would have made the failure much more disastrous than it finally turned out to be. And what is the hon. gentleman doing now? He is endeavoring to stir up this settlement, and to see whether there is still any liability resting upon shareholders. He is doing his best to place himself and the other shareholders of the bank in the position to be called upon, if they are liable—for every shareholder was subject to the double liability. I think nothing could have been more inexpedient than to stir up the transactions connected with the settlements of the bank. As for my two hon. friends here, it is not necessary for me to say anything in vindication of their position. The silence of this House when the hon. gentleman from Woodstock brought up his charges ought to have been a sufficient rebuke. The silence of this House on this resolution which has been upon the notice paper for a week and received no seconder, ought to have been a sufficient evidence that the hon. gentleman's position is one of utter isolation here, and a sufficient expression of the feeling throughout this House without forcing upon it such a scene as we have witnessed to-day. It is a most painful matter to refer to, and I trust that the hon. gentleman, if he carries out the threat with which he closed his speech, that he will appeal to the country through the press, will receive from the press the justice which the malice of his charges deserves.

HON. MR. ALEXANDER—No hon. member of this House can approach the hon. Senator from Barrie without admitting

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his great legal attainments, his large experience, and his general high character. I never had the honor of meeting the hon. gentleman until I met him in this House, except at the annual meetings of the Bank of Upper Canada when that hon. gentleman used to appear with all his means and might, as a friend and supporter of the president, Mr. Allan.

HON. MR. GOWAN—I beg to state that that is utterly incorrect—utterly and palpably incorrect, and I appeal to my hon. friend from Toronto opposite (Mr. Allan) to say whether on more than one occasion I did not press for information—whether I did not ask in a hostile spirit for it, because I felt aggrieved—and in a hostile spirit towards the directors of the bank?

HON. MR. ALEXANDER—The hon. gentleman and his friends at Barrie paid pretty dearly for the support and the proxies which they gave to the hon. member from Toronto—the hon. gentleman and his friends suffered very severely for it. As to the remarks of the hon. gentleman from Niagara I scarcely feel called upon to reply to them as he was pitchforked into this House after being rejected by the people. I like to believe that all the hon. members of this House represent the people, but the hon. gentleman from Niagara does not: he was pitchforked into this House by his great Chieftain, Sir John Macdonald. No doubt the House is heartily sick of the whole subject, and I never would have referred to those personal matters if they had not been unworthily dragged into the debate by the hon. gentleman; but I conceive it my duty now to say, and I say it very solemnly and with very great pain, that the acts and the conduct of those two hon. gentlemen remind us of the solemn words addressed in England by a celebrated Judge, upon the occasion of his sentencing Sir John Dean Paul to penal servitude, upon which occasion he observed “We may well daily pray to God to lead us not into temptation.”

HON. MR. SCOTT—I do not know whether it is the intention of the hon. gentleman from Woodstock to press the motion, because I see the committee has