

law. Life and property are as safe to-day in the North-West as they are in any other part of Canada. Horse stealing is almost entirely unknown, and law and order have been restored all over that country. This, I say, is largely due to the able management and the vigilance of the police. The Indian, as you are aware, is a very difficult being to manage. He also has been gathered in from his roving habits on the plains and placed upon a reserve; the scalping-knife has been buried, and the hand that wielded it has been trained to the plough. Anything that the Government can do towards improving the Police Force of the North-West would be, to my mind, a most commendable policy. They are a class of men deserving of it, and any expenditure made on their behalf would be well made, and would receive the hearty approbation of all citizens in the North-West. I do not intend to make any lengthy remarks. I understand that it is not customary to do so in seconding the Address. I assure you that I would very much rather have said nothing on this occasion, and as this is my first effort I have to thank hon. gentlemen for your kind indulgence. I have now much pleasure in seconding the Address moved by my hon. friend in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

HON. MR. SCOTT—In rising to make a few observations on the resolution before us I think I voice the sentiments of every hon. gentleman in this Chamber when I say that the two members who have been selected by the Government to discharge the duty of moving and seconding the resolutions in answer to the Speech from the Throne have performed the task allotted to them with ability, moderation and tact. The hon. gentleman who moved the resolution is new to public life—that is in a parliamentary sense—but he has had a long familiarity with the great public questions that usually come before Parliament. He has occupied a leading position amongst the merchants and manufacturers of the commercial capital of Canada; he has been a leading spirit in the largest bank in this country, and the hon. gentleman has had force of character enough to have marked out the lines, to some degree, upon which the fiscal policy of this country should be based,

so that he is not a novice. The hon. gentleman speaks on all public questions as an authority, and though I differ from him very materially on his views of the great public questions of the day, more particularly on that one to which he has adverted—the National Policy—yet it is at least a pleasure to listen to one who can speak from the intelligent standpoint that he does, and who is prepared to verify his statements with figures and arguments. He will have, no doubt, very many opportunities of having the soundness of those views discussed and tested by perhaps other means than those which he has treated us to to-day.

The hon. gentleman who comes from the great North-West spoke also with a full knowledge of the country which he represents. He has had the advantage of a seat in the other branch of the Legislature, and therefore he is not, strictly speaking, a parliamentary novice. I am glad to welcome the hon. gentleman to this Chamber, and I hope, on those public questions in which the North-West is so deeply interested, that we shall frequently hear his voice. I am free to say that had there been a representative from the North-West in this Chamber a few years ago, probably the Dominion would have been spared the crisis that occurred—a domestic war within itself. We should then have had somebody on the floor of this Chamber who would have brought under our notice the grievances of the people who afterward rose in rebellion. With the first and second paragraphs of the resolutions in answer to the Speech from the Throne I heartily concur, and I think we may all assure His Excellency that the Canadian people deeply and warmly appreciate the great interest he has manifested in the material prosperity of Canada. During the seven months that he has been with us he has taken very great pains to commingle with the people and learn their wants and wishes. He has attended the great agricultural gatherings, where he has had the opportunity of seeing Canadian farmers; he has also been at the meetings of the Boards of Trade, and has had there an opportunity of exchanging his views with the foremost commercial minds in the country. His Excellency has given us every assurance that he takes a deep interest in the welfare of this Dom-