

year will be laid before us, and that they have been prepared with all due regard to economy."

MR. MILLS: This is a not less objectionable paragraph. We are not aware that in consequence of the "entire failure" of the food of the Indians, an unusual supply was required. I believe there was not an entire failure of the food supply, but that there was a very considerable number of buffalo, and the usual supply of fish on which the Indians partially subsisted. If there had been an entire failure, these gentlemen would have been obliged to feed the Indians the whole year at the public expense. Will hon. gentlemen opposite say this was done? We are certainly not aware of the fact asserted, and we do not believe that Ministers are. It seems most extraordinary to call on the House to state as a fact in reply to the Speech something known to be contrary to the fact. I would suggest in place of the word "aware", the words "that we regret to learn" in the first line "has" instead of "must have" in the second line, and "we trust that the hope expressed by Your Excellency may be realised", instead of "we share the hope expressed by Your Excellency" in the third line.

SIR SAMUEL L. TILLEY: I think there is certainly something in what the hon. member for Bothwell (Mr. Mills) says, that the failure was not entire; but there was a large failure, and there is a very large amount of distress.

MR. MILLS: A partial failure would cause that.

Motion *agreed to* on a division.

Motion *made* and question *proposed* :

"9. That we shall be well pleased to find that the effect of the tariff of last Session in the development of the varied industries of the country, has on the whole been very satisfactory, and that we shall willingly give our attention to any amendments of which the experience acquired since it came into operation in March last, may have suggested the expediency."

SIR RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT: If a paragraph had been desired, calculated to make it impossible for the Opposition to concur in the Address, this would have been the one that would have suggested itself to the Finance Minister. I am willing to make a compromise with him, and to leave the entire resolution as it stands, with the addition of three or four words like these:—"The effect of the

Tariff has been very satisfactory to Messrs. Redpath, Drummond and certain cotton manufacturers."

SIR SAMUEL L. TILLEY: We are not astonished that the hon. gentleman who has just spoken, and those who sit near him, cannot comfortably vote for this paragraph. They are not pleased that the effect of the Tariff on our industries has been satisfactory—that is the trouble.

SIR RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT: We question your facts.

MR. GAULT: I am very happy to say that not only sugar refining, but cotton manufacturing and the whole trade of the country has been benefited by the Tariff. We have hundreds of houses now occupied in Montreal, as a consequence of the Tariff, that were formerly untenanted. Coming from my own house in the western suburbs of Montreal the day before yesterday, of 83 houses formerly idle, I could find but 27. In St. Antoine Ward and Point St. Charles, two very important suburbs, many houses used to be unoccupied, and many people were unable to pay rent. Now, I am happy to say, the people are fully occupied, and all the manufactories are working. One gentleman told me he was making castings for 400 railway cars for the Grand Trunk. Every industry in Montreal is fully occupied. No man stands higher to-day in Montreal than the Finance Minister; he is the most popular man in the city. I hope the policy he has inaugurated will be continued ten years, when we will see this country prosperous.

MR. MACKENZIE: It is very clear that the hon. gentleman who has just spoken has the best possible reason for cottoning to the Government.

MR. GAULT: I have stock in every industry in Montreal, besides the cotton, that yields a profit. I am not like hon. gentlemen on the Opposition side, many of whom boast that they do not hold a share of stock in the Dominion.

Motion *agreed to* on a division.

Motion *made* and question *proposed* :

"10. That any Bills for the better organisation of the Civil Service, for the consolidation of the Inland Revenue laws, and for the amendment of the Acts relating to the Dominion lands, to the Public Works, to the Indians of the North-West, and to the Mounted Police Force, which His Excellency may cause to be laid before us, shall receive our most careful consideration.

MR. MILLS.