

to submit to the judgment of the House any charges that can possibly be brought against me (Mr. MACKENZIE Hear, hear). With regard to the attacks which have been made upon me and which I do not desire now to characterize, all that I have to say is, that I can afford to forgive the authors of them. (Loud cries of hear, hear.) When I hear the honorable gentleman opposite (Mr. Maekenzie) cry "hear, hear" I cannot help being reminded of one fact at all events that will be a consolation to me whatever may happen hereafter. That honorable gentleman who cries "hear, hear" threatened over and over again during the last session, as honorable gentlemen must well recollect, that he would turn me out of the County of Oxford. (Loud cries of hear, hear.) He told the House again and again that it was through his influence that I sat as the member for the County of Oxford. (Renewed cries of hear, hear.)

MR. MACKENZIE, no, no.

The INSPECTOR GENERAL I say yes, yes. The honorable member came up to the County of Oxford with which I had been connected for many years, and the confidence of the people of which I had received many proofs of possessing. He came to my meetings. He advanced all his charges. He spoke for hours on various occasions. He circulated all kinds of handbills, *Message* extras, *Globe* extras, *Examiner* extras, *North American* extras and how many votes did his candidate get? (Loud cries of hear, hear.) Why just 23! (Renewed cries of "hear, hear" from both sides of the House), and I was elected by a majority of above 350, a larger majority than I had ever received before. (Loud cheers) And not only that, but I had the gratification of being also returned for the County of Renfrew, a County into which I had never been, where I had never solicited a vote, and into which I did not enter during the election, (renewed cheers.) I shall conclude—only occupying the time of the House to read an extract from a speech of the late lamented Sir Robert Peel, which I feel is not inapplicable to my situation.