
there was a Royal Charter given for the purpose of building a Pacific Railway to the Pacific Ocean by the Company. When I went home, their respective friends, Hugh Allan, and certain other members of the Board for the purpose of attempting to carry out this charter which had been given to them. The charter had been given to them according to the law of the United Kingdom, and the Government of Canada, with the sanction of the Parliament of Canada, and every clause of it was in accordance with the provisions of the law passed by the Parliament of Canada. [Cheers.] The Government of Canada, however, in England to lay a great scheme—so great a scheme Mr. Speaker that some of the good gentlemen oppose that that it was going to overtax our resources and destroy our credit—that we could not afford to do it. I am sure that in such a young country they have gone home to England to lay their project

before the English and European capitalists. They were going home to operate, and it depended much on the support they received from this country in order to be successful in their work in Canada whether they could succeed or not. They had gone home in February—Parliament met early in March. I think the hon. member for Sheffield rose in his place and made his charge against Government on the 2nd of April. The hon. gentleman may have I do not know, but I think he was very full of fine patriotism in making that charge; but whether he was so actuated or not, whether his motives were parliamentary or unparliamentary, patriotic or unpatriotic, one thing is certain that that direct object, and the point at which that motion and that statement were directed, was to kill the sheep in the shagland, (Cheers.) The sheep was slain, and that object—not so much with the desire of destroying the administration—not so much with the purpose of casting a reflection upon the ministry as with the view of destroying that first, in the expectation that the ministry would fall. But that is the way in which I have no doubt about it, and when the hon. gentleman's motion was defeated—and when I took the resolution—the aim was well intended, the desire of killing was intended, but it failed in the execution.

tion. I have considered the whole position of the House, and I am glad to be connected with him went to England in 18 March—Parliament was sitting at the time—the hon. gentleman made his motion—I could not know how long Parliament would last, and the chances were that I might not be there some time before the end of the session. If I did not return, then of course I considered that there could be no examination until they did, but I thought they might return. I declare that I never saw the hon. gentleman, and I am a member, when he made his statement, could be guilty of such great, such palpable, such obvious injustice as to press his Committee in the absence of Sir Hugh Allan, Mr. Abbott, and Sir George Grey, and to deprive them the opportunity of defending either themselves or the charter which they obtained. The House must remember also that

the motion made by the hon. gentleman went much further than any motion, and he was not prepared to support it. He moved on 2nd of April, was not to enquire into the facts that he mentioned the statements upon which he based his motion, but to go into the whole of the subject connected with the charter, and the granting of the charter to the Hon. Mr. May. His object and aim of his motion was to destroy the charter. I will read the motion of the hon. member. After detailing the facts he moved: "That a committee of seven members be appointed to enquire into the circumstances connected with the granting of the charter of the Pacific Railway with the legislation of last session on the subject, and with the granting of the charter to Sir Hugh Allan and others;" so that the aim of the hon. gentleman in making that motion was not simply to attack the charter, but to enquire into it from improper motives, or inducements of any kind they had given the charter, but was for the purpose of destroying that charter, and of attacking all the

legislation of the previous session by which the charter was passed. The speaker said that he did not think that no member would be guilty of the gross injustice of attempting to attack the whole of the legislation of the previous session because it had been introduced under an Act of Parliament, and of attempting to affect vested interests on which a million of money had been expended, and which the persons primarily interested, The Government, had intended to support. He was asked, and was intended to be a vote of want of confidence. Was that so? or was it not so? Will the hon. gentleman say?

Hon. Mr. Huntington.—The motion when made was intended to express precisely what it does express. (Laughter.)

Sir John Macdonald.—It is said, sir, that there had been one honest man in the city of Sodoma or in the city of Gomorrah they might have been saved, and so the Opposition may be saved in

In the same way, for they have one honest member, Mr. Wentworth, who stated that that motion was intended to be a vote of want of confidence. Everybody knew that that was its design, (hear hear), and yet at this day, at this late hour, the hon. gentleman Mr. (Huntington) had no scruples in coming up and saying so. (Cheers.) I do not think it is not a motion of want of confidence. It was meant in that way, and I can prove that it was, by my hon. friend, the member of South Wentworth. I tell him and I believe him. He said it was so, with the committee of Supply. He said he gave notice of that motion yesterday; I therefore suffering from him in politics, I know he would not say what was not true. If I remember rightly the hon. member for Sheffield said he would make the motion when we gave notice of Committee of Supply. We gave notice of that motion, and it is always given in such cases, and I certainly supposed that he intended to make a general motion on our policy connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway. He said he was going to make a motion, on that subject, and I thought he was more than likely to say this in the next inter of Finance, so