

in 1873-4 and now was entirely different, as, at the present time, this country was made a slaughter market for American goods. No comparison could be made between these periods. This resolution was introduced by a faithful, and he might almost say a servile follower of the Government, and his whole career in Parliament.—

MR. MACKAY (Cape Breton): If the hon. gentleman refers to me, I hurl the statement back as ungentlemanly, and improper, and out of place.

Several HON. MEMBERS: Order.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member is out of order, and the hon. member for Niagara used an unparliamentary expression when he spoke of the hon. gentleman as being a servile follower.

MR. PLUMB said the hon. gentleman had supported the Government with such great faithfulness, and in such an unreasoning manner, that, with full knowledge of the great interests of the country he represented that were at stake, he (Mr. MacKay) had uniformly voted down every proposition which had been brought up by the Opposition touching the questions which most vitally concerned the hon. gentlemen and his constituents. The hon. gentleman had afforded one of the most remarkable spectacles of subserviency to the party in power by the course he had pursued in this House since he (Mr. Plumb) became a member of it, and this hon. gentleman now, at the eleventh hour, and in a moribund Parliament, about the time when he had to render account to his constituents, brought forward this resolution as a sort of death-bed confession, which he trusted might be acceptable to his constituents. Members of the Opposition, consistent with their professions, would support this resolution as they knew that it was only the part of a great scheme. But it would not find favour on the other side of the House, and members of the Opposition would affirm a principle in which they all believed, by supporting this resolution, perhaps a great deal to the hon. gentleman's astonishment. The hon.

gentleman had brought it forward for purposes best known to himself. Did he suppose for one moment that it could find favour at the hands of the Government, which he (Mr. MacKay) had supported so sedulously. The hon. gentleman's course was apparent to everybody; he had never dreamed of such a thing as the success of this motion, he had offered it for an entirely different purpose which he (Mr. Plumb) would not characterize. Members of the Opposition wished it to be understood distinctly that this motion did not all meet the question which they advocated, it was only part of a great scheme, and it could not stand by itself. No doubt every hon. gentleman who entertained the same views with himself would support the resolution though they were not guided and could not be guided by any particular party necessities or party affiliations, while so acting.

MR. CAMPBELL said that when he read this resolution he had concluded that it was only a farce. When he entered the House, three years ago, he was inclined to support the party in power; they had professed such purity and reform principles that he was really led to believe that they were in some degree sincere, but he was not here many weeks before he came to the conclusion that the Government was incapable of properly steering the ship of State, though they might do very well in a small boat. This ship was too big for these hon. gentlemen. He was not long in the House before he applied to the hon. member for Cape Breton (Mr. MacKay), to bring up this coal question; but the hon. gentleman backed down, and would give him no help. He had concluded that the Government had no policy but that of expediency. They had no direct course or compass; they only drifted, the ship was too large for these hon. gentlemen. They might do well enough in a barge on the lakes, but at sea they were utterly at a loss. The hon. gentleman opposite had opened up a large field for discussion.

SIR. JOHN A. MACDONALD: It is much larger than a coal field.