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Howard D. Gray, Esq., Hayelock, K. C., Writes that he was troubled by a bone felon for six months, so severe that he was unable to attend St. Regis to Montreal in his industry of the day, and that if they did not do that, there was no use in an Opposition; and yet in his speech, forgetting that he was a Minister, forgetting that he had to give an account of his stewardship, forgetting that it was his duty to defend his measures, to defend his position and to vindicate his right to the position he now holds, his speech was entirely against, but we will never surrender the right of my late colleagues and my unfortunate self. (Laughter.) You can judge from reading that speech if it is such a speech as ought to come from a Premier. Mr. Mackenzie, I put it to you, is it for our mouths to judge of the competence of the Government, because we had shown our own incapacity. Well, gentlemen, if so, we were out; we had suffered the consequences of these errors, and he ought to know that a Minister cannot hold his position by the demerits or incapacity of the Opposition. You can judge, gentlemen, from the speech which was delivered in this city the other night, the nature of the answers that we of the Opposition receive in Parliament when we arraign the conduct of the Government. Just in accordance with the tone of that speech are we answered in Parliament when we perform our duty to our constituents and our country—when we perform our functions as an Opposition, scrutinizing the conduct of Ministers, pointing out their shortcomings, and warning them of the unwisdom of their course. Mr. Mackenzie, instead of answering the attacks of the Opposition, instead of justifying the course of the Ministry, instead of vindicating the wisdom of their measures and the justice of their administration, turns round as he did the other night and personally attacks the members of the Opposition, tries to change the issue, tries to hark back on the defunct administration, tries to avoid the discussion of its measures, tries to avoid the necessity of defending his course by gross attacks upon the members of the Opposition, endeavoring to lead the House away from the consideration of his own course, his own demerits, to past issues that are of no consequence to the country—of no consequence to any one. (Cheers.) But we are out now; we are suffering the consequences of any errors we have committed. It would be no answer to say that we were reckless, criminal or incapable; that we had shown ourselves unworthy of the confidence of the people. Supposing that it were as they say,

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"The Prince of Cambay's daily food
Is asp and basilisk and toad,
Which gives to him so strong a breath,
He nightly stinks a queen to death."

(Laughter.) You may judge, gentlemen, from this poetical exercise of the Premier of Canada, of the kind of answers we get in the House. We tell him, "your Pacific policy is wrong." He answers, "you are an asp." (Loud laughter.) We tell him "that the Tariff is a mistake." "You are a basilisk." (Renewed laughter.) We say to him, "how about the steel rails?" "You are a toad." (Laughter.) I have seen him again and again in the House of Commons, give answers not more consequent and quite as polite as the answers I have been supposing at this moment. But I suppose the honorable gentleman considers that this was a specimen of what we call in Scotland "wut." (Loud laughter.) I might say, gentlemen, as I am in the poetical vein as well as himself, that looking at his free trade speeches in Scotland and his protection speeches in Montreal, he might remember two lines of the same poet from whom he quoted:—

"What makes all doctrine plain and clear,
"Tis just two thousand pounds a year.
And prove that false was true before,
The answer plain, two thousand more."

(Laughter and cheers.) In Mr. Mackenzie's speech, as you must see, he attempted to change the issue by talking of our incapacity. He attempted to contrasted himself and me, and said, what right had I to speak of any one being incapable when I made such a mess of

The Washington Treaty?

Although that was an Imperial Commission, although there were five Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty of whom I was the fifth, he said that I alone should be the utter incapacity of my party, and therefore it did not lie in my mouth to charge any one with incapacity! One of the first instances he gives is that in the Treaty, the navigation of the St. Lawrence was made free to Americans for all time, while Lake Michigan was opened to Canadians for ten years only. Now, Mr. Mackenzie must have known, because he had the blue-papers before him, that instructions were given to the head of that Commission that the navigation of the St. Lawrence was to be free. The Commissioners had no discretion in the matter; it was an instruction from the Imperial Government, from the Liberal Government, from the Gladstone Government, that the Canadian Commissioner was to be careful to speak of him as the Honorable Alexander Mackenzie in the future. (Laughter.) We all got a lesson lately, which I know you will take to heart, in politeness and deportment. We were told that no more must he be styled Sandy Mackenzie (renewed laughter); that no more must such an one be spoken of as Archie McKellar, or another as Geordie Brown; that you must think of them as the Honorable Archibald McKellar and the Honorable George Brown. I didn't know, gentlemen, before I read that speech, what a deeply injured man I was myself; I didn't know that the people of Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, had been insulting me for thirty years by calling me "John A." (Laughter and cheers.) And then I could not but reflect, when that speech will be re-echoed, as such a speech deserves to be re-echoed across the Atlantic, how Ben Disdy and Bob Lowe will feel that, great statesmen as they are, and one of them the Premier, they should be called plain Disdy and Bob Lowe, (Laughter.) So, gentlemen, remember that he is the Honorable Alexander Mackenzie. It is said that in Spain the great old grandees, founders of the ancient families of Castile and Leon, the Duke of Osuna and the Duke of Medina Sidonia or the Duke of Medina Celi and such great grandees, when they spoke of each other, called one another Osuna, Sidonia or Celi, and so on, but when they spoke of a new man they styled him the noble and illustrious Hidalgo, the Marquis of Nuevo Hombre. (Laughter.) Now, gentlemen, I know that every one of you are F. F. C.'s [of the first families of Canada], and that while you are quite at liberty to address each other as Tom, Dick or Harry, you must show respect to a new nobleman, the honorable Alexander Mackenzie, Premier of the Dominion of Canada, member for Lambton, &c." (Renewed laughter.) Having thus called your attention to the propriety, and to the necessity of mending your manners in this respect, I would say it is very strange that this gentleman who gave us a lesson in deportment seemed to forget in his speech that he was Premier. It seemed to me that he had so long in Opposition that he fancied he was Opposition still. He had told us in terms that the duty of an Opposition was to object and attack the Ministry of the day, and that if they did not do that, there was no use in an Opposition; and yet in his speech, forgetting that he was a Minister, forgetting that he had to give an account of his stewardship, forgetting that it was his duty to defend his measures, to defend his position and to vindicate his right to the position he now holds, his speech was entirely against, but we will never surrender the right of my late colleagues and my unfortunate self. (Laughter.) You can judge from reading that speech if it is such a speech as ought to come from a Premier. 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[From the Montreal Gazette.]

The Right Honorable Sir John A. Macdonald, rising to reply, was received with enthusiastic cheering, renewed again and again. The welcome was unprecedented in heartiness. When the applause had ceased, Sir John said:

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen: I, one of Her Majesty's loyal Opposition (cheers), have come from Toronto to join in this magnificent demonstration in favor of my friend—my political and my personal friend—Mr. White. (Cheers.) I feel that it was due to him, due to the sacrifices he has made, due to the stand he has taken, due to the position he has honored, to testify my respect as one of the old members of the Conservative Party, for Mr. White. (Cheers.) But while it was due to him, it was also a great gratification to myself. I long in public life have watched the course of Mr. White. I first knew him when, at Peterborough, with all the earnestness and enthusiasm of youth, he conducted one of the ablest country newspapers I ever read in Canada. I have watched his course ever since. It has been a truly Conservative course, not merely, gentlemen, in the party sense of the word, but in the higher patriotic sense, Conservative in thought, Conservative in feeling, Conservative in preserving the connection with the mother country—that grand old country from which we all hail. (Cheers.) I have watched his progress ever since, and I find him now with not less earnestness, with not less enthusiasm, but with matured mind and with the experience that he has gained by long and intelligent and vigilant observation of public affairs, till he now stands one of the first journalists in Canada (enthusiastic cheers) worthy of this demonstration, and worthy of the exertions which have been made by the true electors of Western Montreal. It is true that he has told us he is a defeated candidate, and no one more regrets that defeat than I do; not only on my own account, but on account of the party of which, for the present at all events, I may be considered as the leader. (Cheers.) Mr. White has this consolation, that she loss is to his party, the great Conservative party, that the loss is to the city of Montreal ("we know it")—that the loss is to myself who looked forward hopefully to having him acting with me, fighting with me, battling, as I said a few evenings ago, with the beasts at Ephesus. (Cheers.) But, as Mr. White has said, it is no defeat; it is a great triumph; for he had the real honest vote of Montreal, and he has in this demonstration the testimony of the wealth, intelligence, enterprise and commerce of Montreal. (Cheers.) I might, gentlemen, at this late hour, content myself with making these remarks. I feel my self, and with thanking you for the honor conferred upon Her Majesty's Opposition; only that being a lawyer I am fond of precedents, and I find that at a similar banquet to that which I have the pleasure of attended, which took place in Montreal in honor of a most estimable gentleman, Mr. Frederick Mackenzie, his namesake, the Premier of the Dominion, took occasion to enter into

Some of the Political Questions of the Day,

and following that precedent, I shall, with your permission, do the same. (Loud cheers.) Gentlemen, I feel bound to follow the example set me by the Premier of Canada—by the Honorable Alexander Mackenzie—for it would be careful to speak of him as the Honorable Alexander Mackenzie in the future. (Laughter.) We all got a lesson lately, which I know you will take to heart, in politeness and deportment. We were told that no more must he be styled Sandy Mackenzie (renewed laughter); that no more must such an one be spoken of as Archie McKellar, or another as Geordie Brown; that you must think of them as the Honorable Archibald McKellar and the Honorable George Brown. I didn't know, gentlemen, before I read that speech, what a deeply injured man I was myself; I didn't know that the people of Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, had been insulting me for thirty years by calling me "John A." (Laughter and cheers.) And then I could not but reflect, when that speech will be re-echoed, as such a speech deserves to be re-echoed across the Atlantic, how Ben Disdy and Bob Lowe will feel that, great statesmen as they are, and one of them the Premier, they should be called plain Disdy and Bob Lowe, (Laughter.) So, gentlemen, remember that he is the Honorable Alexander Mackenzie. It is said that in Spain the great old grandees, founders of the ancient families of Castile and Leon, the Duke of Osuna and the Duke of Medina Sidonia or the Duke of Medina Celi and such great grandees, when they spoke of each other, called one another Osuna, Sidonia or Celi, and so on, but when they spoke of a new man they styled him the noble and illustrious Hidalgo, the Marquis of Nuevo Hombre. (Laughter.) Now, gentlemen, I know that every one of you are F. F. C.'s [of the first families of Canada], and that while you are quite at liberty to address each other as Tom, Dick or Harry, you must show respect to a new nobleman, the honorable Alexander Mackenzie, Premier of the Dominion of Canada, member for Lambton, &c." (Renewed laughter.) Having thus called your attention to the propriety, and to the necessity of mending your manners in this respect, I would say it is very strange that this gentleman who gave us a lesson in deportment seemed to forget in his speech that he was Premier. It seemed to me that he had so long in Opposition that he fancied he was Opposition still. He had told us in terms that the duty of an Opposition was to object and attack the Ministry of the day, and that if they did not do that, there was no use in an Opposition; and yet in his speech, forgetting that he was a Minister, forgetting that he had to give an account of his stewardship, forgetting that it was his duty to defend his measures, to defend his position and to vindicate his right to the position he now holds, his speech was entirely against, but we will never surrender the right of my late colleagues and my unfortunate self. (Laughter.) You can judge from reading that speech if it is such a speech as ought to come from a Premier. Mr. Mackenzie, I put it to you, is it for our mouths to judge of the competence of the Government, because we had shown our own incapacity. Well, gentlemen, if so, we were out; we had suffered the consequences of these errors, and he ought to know that a Minister cannot hold his position by the demerits or incapacity of the Opposition. You can judge, gentlemen, from the speech which was delivered in this city the other night, the nature of the answers that we of the Opposition receive in Parliament when we arraign the conduct of the Government. Just in accordance with the tone of that speech are we answered in Parliament when we perform our duty to our constituents and our country—when we perform our functions as an Opposition, scrutinizing the conduct of Ministers, pointing out their shortcomings, and warning them of the unwisdom of their course. Mr. Mackenzie, instead of answering the attacks of the Opposition, instead of justifying the course of the Ministry, instead of vindicating the wisdom of their measures and the justice of their administration, turns round as he did the other night and personally attacks the members of the Opposition, tries to change the issue, tries to hark back on the defunct administration, tries to avoid the discussion of its measures, tries to avoid the necessity of defending his course by gross attacks upon the members of the Opposition, endeavoring to lead the House away from the consideration of his own course, his own demerits, to past issues that are of no consequence to the country—of no consequence to any one. (Cheers.) But we are out now; we are suffering the consequences of any errors we have committed. It would be no answer to say that we were reckless, criminal or incapable; that we had shown ourselves unworthy of the confidence of the people. Supposing that it were as they say,

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to a charge against themselves? If we say you have ruined our tea trade, you have destroyed manufactures, you have shaken our credit, you have deprived our workmen of work, you have forced our factories to work only at half or quarter time, is it any answer to say that the Ministers before them were unworthy of the position they held? We are out in the cold shades of Opposition, and there all that it had been disproved, and yet he repeated the old calumny in making the statement,—I do not wish to use stronger language; and he was wilfully using this language and making this statement, when he had, of course, the statements of all my colleagues and of myself in Parliament. (Hear, hear.) Gentlemen, consider for one moment. In 1858 there was an arrangement made at the request of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, with the British Government, by which the British Government agreed to give a guarantee to half the cost of the construction of that road, on condition that the Imperial Government should have the selection of the route. (Hear, hear.) When Mr. Sandfield Macdonald's Government came in, in 1862—it agreed to endorse that statement and carry out that promise. (Hear, hear.) More than all, gentlemen, at a later date in 1864, in the debates in the Parliament at Quebec on the Quebec resolutions which were to form the basis of the Confederation and establish the Dominion, Mr. Mackenzie made an elaborate speech, stating that he was in favor of the Robinson line as the line was worthy of adoption (applause); and I have no hesitation in stating, gentlemen, that that line and that route is correctly located, for the purpose of getting communication from Halifax with the St. Lawrence, running a line through New Brunswick down the Valley of the St. John, with a cross-road to Halifax, would have been no carrying out of that scheme, but the people of Nova Scotia and a great portion of the people of New Brunswick would have had a right to complain of a breach of faith if the line were not located where it is now (hear, hear.) But, sir, there are other reasons, and conclusive reasons, why that road should be located where it now is, England had withdrawn her troops, and we had the pledge of England, and the pledges—the pledges of the British Government—have never been violated. (Loud applause,)—we had the pledge of England that in case we were attacked by foreign foes, no matter from what quarter, no matter from what source, the whole military and naval power of the Empire would be at our disposal (cheers), and would be exercised in our defence, provided that we gave England the means of defending us, by providing a road, a military road, whereby she could send her troops with the military stores in winter and in summer to fight our battles. (Cheers.) A road down the valley of the St. John would have been in no sense a military road; and instead of being a source of strength, it would have been a source of weakness. (Applause.) A railway running along the territory between the State of Maine and New Brunswick would have been a source of weakness, because with the enormous military force the United States have got in case of war, that Government could at once send in and take possession of the road, making it the means of sending American troops to conquer Canada, instead of it being the means of sending British troops to protect it. (Hear, hear. And more than that, gentlemen,—while the negotiations were going on, and after the negotiations were finished, after Confederation, while we were considering the line and location of the railway, we asked the British Government, in order that there might be no mistake, if it would sanction a frontier line; and the reply of the English Government was that they would sanction no such line—that they would consider that the bargain had not been carried out—that they would grant no such guarantee, and that they could not carry out their promise to defend this country effectively with the whole force of the Empire, if that road was exposed, as such a road would be. (Hear, hear, and applause.) Now, we have got a railway remote from the frontier—and as long as the military power of England exists, and as long as the military power of England continues as it is now, that road will always be a military road, and one upon which we can depend for our defence in winter and in summer against all comers (cheers.)

Before I leave the question of the Washington Treaty, I will say, gentlemen, that there was one point in it with which I especially agreed; and that was a clause in it providing that the United States should be recommended to restore to Canada the

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(Cheers and applause.) Her Majesty's Government,—the Gladstone Government, (hear, hear) anxious to settle all matters with the United States—anxious that there should be no question remaining between them, refused to press our claims, and it was a loss to us, but no humiliation to Canada; if there was a humiliation anywhere it was a humiliation to England, but England can afford to bear such a charge. (Applause.) It was no humiliation to us, and what did the late Government do when Her Majesty's Government asked us to waive considerations—for the purpose of settling all these questions forever, refused to bring up the question which promised to be fatal to a final settlement? We claimed at her hands some compensation, and said, "If for Imperial reasons, for your own purposes, you do not press our just claims; we ask you to compensate us," and, gentlemen, she fully compensated us in a manner most agreeable to our feelings. It would have been little consolation to us to have received a sum of money for the annual sum that these outrages and these invasions cost us; and it would have been little satisfaction to us if we, the people of Canada, felt that this money was to be taken out of the pockets of the British taxpayers, our fellow subjects; this would have been no consolation, but many of us would have been rather inclined to submit to the loss rather than there should be a burden upon the over-burdened British taxpayers. (Hear, hear and applause.) But we have made an arrangement which fully compensated us without taking one single farthing out of the pockets of the British people. We asked England—she gave us money, but to lend us her credit, and Mr. Cartwright is now in England exulting his horn on this. (Laughter, and groans for the Finance Minister.) Mr. Cartwright is at present exulting his horn on the strength of the guarantee of the sum of money which England agreed to guarantee for us; and which she has guaranteed for us. (Applause.) And this is another instance of our incapacity. [Hear, hear and laughter.] One word more with respect to the Inter-Colonial Railway. It is true that the Government did attempt to see whether they could not find a central line—not a line running along the valley of the St. John, coterminous with the United States frontier—but along the sea coast and through the centre of New Brunswick, and far removed from the frontier, and equally defensible in a military point of view. Mr. Sandfield Fleming was sent there for the purpose of seeing whether such a line could be found out, but the report of the Engineer was that the country was impracticable; that the country was so rocky and mountainous that it would cost an immense sum of money to build it, and as Mr. Sandfield Fleming in his report said that not one single pound of freight would ever go over the road if once built in this part, there was nothing left for us but the present route, which, after all, the *Globe* of the day before yesterday states has already shortened the route for travel between the Western States and England, and by which the mails of this continent and the travel of this continent will hereafter pass down to Halifax. [Hear, hear.]

Gentlemen, my friend, Mr. White, has in flattering terms spoken of

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of which I have been a member since 1854. It is not in the spirit of boasting, but it is, I think, in my right, as my record was very lately attacked, to point out and recall to you events which occurred from the year 1854 to the 1st of July, 1867, when, with the exception of forty-eight hours in one instance, when the Brown-Dorion Administration came into office [cheers], and with the exception of twenty months, when Mr. Sandfield McDonald formed a Cabinet, I was a member of the Government which swayed the destinies of the old Province of Canada. [Hear, hear and applause.] And I hesitate not to say that between these two dates no country in the world has more developed so vastly, or so quickly, or so thoroughly [loud applause and voice "that is so"]; whether you look at her material, or her moral, or her intellectual development, in every possible respect the improvement and development of Canada has grown and has progressed with scarcely a hindrance or let, with scarcely a stay, during that long period during which we had the confidence of the people of Canada. [Applause.] Well, we have a right to claim for ourselves that we governed this country wisely and well; and we point to the Statute Book for our legislation, and we point to the state of the country in 1854, and to the state of the country in 1873 to prove the truth of my assertions and the wisdom of our Administration. During the whole of that time we were assailed and we were hindered and harrassed by a most unpatriotic Opposition. [Hear, hear.] I am a strong party man; I will go as far in favor of my Party, and in upholding my Party, and in securing the success of my Party as any other man—as far as a British statesman can or ought to do. [Hear, hear and applause.] But I will not do it, and I have never done it, if there is a question of the interests of my country. [Cheers.] Our maxim has always been—By the Party, and with the Party, but for the country. [Hear, hear and applause.] But Mr. Brown's and Mr. Mackenzie's maxim has been—By the Party, with the Party, and for the Party [hisses and groans]; and