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...stand upon their own records,
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...Not content with that, Sir, they
...to the people, already deceived by
...them once: "Put us back again, and
...there are millions and tens of millions of
...capital waiting to be invested in manu-
...facturing enterprises in this country." I
...ask them them to-day if they can point
...to those millions. I asked them in 1862,
...and three years after I ask them again
...where those millions are that were to be
...put into large iron works in this country.
...Where are they? Let them stand up in
...this House and answer. Sir, they must
...rise; they must point out where those
...millions are. It will not do to
...speak in general terms. We want
...to know where are the works;
...we want to know the names of the
...capitalists; we want to see the effect of it
...in giving industry and employment in our
...midst. Sir, I come now to notice what
...the gentleman who preceded me, himself
...a Minister of the Crown, did not attempt
...to answer in reference to the charge that
...was made by the hon. member for South
...Huron; and when I recall to your recol-
...lection, Mr. Speaker, the omission of that
...hon. gentleman, you will agree with me,
...I think, that it will be impossible, before
...this debate closes, that one of the gen-
...tlemen on the Treasury benches shall not
...get up and answer the charges framed
...specifically by the hon. member for South
...Huron against members of the Cabinet
...themselves, about which the hon. Minister
...did not say one word. Sir, what were
...those charges? He talked about
...what he had said to the representatives,
...what he had said to the people; he had
...read the speech and he heard it, but he
...did not say anything about the statement
...as to the members of the Cabinet, of which
...he himself was a member. What was
...said? You, Mr. Speaker, and the House,
...will bear in mind that this is no statement
...made by some irresponsible person upon
...a meeting to a platform. It is a state-
...ment made by a gentleman who has occu-
...pied one of the highest positions in this
...country, as he does yet, and made in the
...presence of the men whom he charges while

he stood within twenty feet of them.
These charges must be answered. The
Minister of Interior cannot afford to
these charges go unanswered. The Min-
ister of Interior ought not to have
down, he could not afford to sit down
with these charges unanswered by him.
give him another opportunity to do so.
What does the hon. member for South
Huron charge:

"It has come to pass that to-day, however
much we regret it, we are obliged to admit
that every second member of the Cabinet
has been either the recipient of a testimonial
largely subscribed for by public contractors
and public employees, or that Ministers have
received subsidies granted for the purpose of
advancing lines in which they are large share-
holders; or that they have been participants,
by means of the cloak of a special company
created for that special end, in printing con-
tracts and other jobs which they could not
have undertaken in their own proper persons
without putting their seats in peril; or that
they have been recipients of timber limits;
and I am sorry to say, as the Cabinet are, so
are the majority of their supporters."

Sir, a Minister of the Crown heard that
charge, and read that charge. It was
more against members of the Cabinet
than against the House, and the hon.
member for South Huron said he did not
blame the members of the House so much
as the members of the Cabinet; and we
had a Cabinet Minister rising and taking
notice of the fact that has been charged
against some members of the House, and
ignoring, not saying one word of that
fearful charge that is brought against
members of the Cabinet. Again, the
member for South Huron says:—

"Sir, it is a charge that should cause every
true Canadian to blush, and it would be like
it would be criminal in us to conceal our
opinion of these things. If they go on a
year, or a few months, may bring the
Confederation to an abrupt termination.
Our duty is to oppose and fight these
men. A short time will tell whether Canada
shake off the incubus that now presses
her, or whether Confederation is to not
its own corruption before it is able to
slough."

Sir, if such a state of things exists,