

things that should be free ; nails amongst the things that should be free ; lumber and coal oil amongst the things that should be free ; the very things that I am fighting for here, Sir. Why, I am a better Patron than any of them.

Mr. ROGERS. You are stating what is false now.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. Order.

Mr. ROGERS. I take it back.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Rogers) must withdraw the expression he has just used.

Mr. ROGERS. I will, Mr. Speaker. He is not quoting from the Patron platform now.

Mr. DAVIN. Do I understand my hon. friend (Mr. Rogers) to say that this is not authoritative ?

Mr. ROGERS. You are not reading from the Patron platform.

Mr. DAVIN. Well, I have it published in the "Standard," which is one of the Patron papers in the west.

Mr. ROGERS. That is not the Patron platform.

Mr. DAVIN. Does the hon. gentleman deny this :

First, the maintenance of British connection. Is that true ?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mulock). I do not think it is right to catechise in that way.

Mr. DAVIN. What is it the Postmaster General is muttering ?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL. I was stating to Mr. Speaker, if you desire to know, that I do not think it is quite in order for a member of the House to proceed categorically to examine another member of the House.

Mr. FOSTER. I would suggest that if my hon. friend (Mr. Mulock) speaks to the Speaker, it would be only courtesy for him to rise on his feet.

The POSTMASTER GENERAL. That is why I rose.

Mr. FOSTER. You spoke before you rose.

Mr. DAVIN. I may say, Mr. Speaker, that I will not mind my hon. friend the Postmaster General ; there is not very much in that. When my hon. friend the Postmaster General says something that is worth my while to deal with I will deal with it. Here we have the minutes of the fourth annual meeting of the Grand Association of Ontario, of Patrons of Industry, held in the Temperance Hall, Toronto, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and

Friday of March, 1895, with Mr. Mallory, Grand President, in the chair. I suppose that is authoritative. I suppose I shall have to say to my hon. friend what I said to the member for Lisgar (Mr. Richardson) that he is really not everybody, and that he does not apparently carry the Patrons in his pocket, any more than he carries out their pledges in this House. Here is what is in this pamphlet published in 1895 :

Luxuries shall be taxed to the fullest revenue-producing extent, and the following shall be admitted free into Canada, viz.:—cotton, tweeds, woollens, workmen's tools, farm implements, fence wire, binder twine, coal oil, iron and corn.

Well, Sir, is that not satisfactory ? I want to call the attention of the House and the country to this. As a great Italian writer said of Italy, if I may compare very great things with very small, "Would that I could have my hands in her hair, that I might wake her up." I know that in this case it would be hard for me to get my hands in the hair of the hon. member ; but certainly I wish I could do something to wake him up to the principles which he is pledged to follow. Here is a peculiar thing : When I am stating here the Patron platform and advocating it, a Patron stands up and actually says it is not the Patron platform at all. The blandishments and allurements of polite society have recently so bewildered and hypnotized him that he is ready to say with the Irishman, "I am not myself at all."

Mr. ROGERS. I ask the hon. gentleman to give me the privilege of reading two or three paragraphs of the Patron platform.

Mr. DAVIN. I have the floor, and the hon. gentleman can reply to me afterwards. Now, what I have said is also a reply to what was said by the "Patrons Sentinel" last year, when I moved a similar motion. That paper said :

Messrs. Davin and Boyd brought forward a resolution in the House of Commons last week to place farm machinery, binder twine and coal oil on the free list, when a revision of the tariff takes place ; but the motion was voted down, supporters of the Government taking the attitude that the matter should be left over till the whole question was under consideration. It would have done no harm, however, to have placed themselves on record as favourable to the change, as their vote against the resolution will not strengthen the confidence of the farmers in their professions of paternal solicitude for the interests of agriculturists.

This is what the "Patrons Sentinel" said last year when they had the excuse, that the tariff was not brought down ; but now, when the tariff is brought down, and is taken back, and we are within two or three days when it will be brought down again, as a revised tariff, I am taking one of the last opportunities we have of urging on the Government to give us free implements and free coal oil, or greatly reduced duties