

time—the hon. gentleman who follows his leader tells him that he was the person who proffered and gave him the bribe. The senior member for Halifax said :—

"What Blake and Mackenzie wanted was that the increase to our subsidy should be made as on the basis of our debt and public works, and had their advice been followed we should have had \$240,000 per annum for ever instead of \$160,000 as at present, \$85,000 of that being only for ten years, five of which already expired."

Is the Liberal Conservative party to be charged with being guilty of high crimes, misdemeanors, and corruption, because that party offers only one-half the amount with which hon. gentlemen opposite would have bribed the province? But then the hon. member for South Oxford and the senior member for Halifax are accustomed to hold up their hands in holy horror in regard to bribes in the shape of subsidies. The railway subsidy they declare to be a corrupt expenditure; and I would remind the house that we have been told over and over again by hon. gentlemen opposite the same old story, that the granting of such large bonuses would inevitably lead to direct taxation. The senior member for Halifax denies that that they would cut off the subsidies. That is too dear to him; it is not the policy that he desires; but I am afraid his influence is on the wane when he has to sit and listen to attacks made on Nova Scotia by his allies, and stands up and assails the interests of Ontario and Quebec as he has done this evening. But the hon. member for North Norfolk (Mr. Charlton) says that this retrenchment is to be based upon the stoppage of all the railway subsidies. "We can save," says the hon. member, "the railway subsidies and avoid any repetition of such little scenes as occurred in No. 8 a few years ago; we can save by putting an end to the system of bribery in giving grants to railway lines of \$3,2000 a mile; we can cut off the whole thing with advantage to our Treasury, advantage to our markets, advantage to our country, advantage to our hopes in the future, not only in this world but in the world to come." Now, will the hon. gentleman resign his future in the world to come for the sake of getting on those Treasury benches? We have had a taste of the qualities of the hon. gentleman from Halifax (Mr. Jones); we have heard his speeches in Opposition, and we have heard his speeches when in power. Why, there was not a more liberal, large-minded man when he was in power in his profes-

sions as to what he would spend if he got hold of the public money. When he was in power the same hon. gentleman who advises retrenchment to-day (it is not permissible, I know, to allude to a past debate, but some of the hon. gentleman's most earnest addresses have lately been in reference to the advocacy of an increase of expenditure rather than to the decrease), in 1878, when running for an office, or running an election, at any rate, in the city of Halifax, there claimed credit not only for the agitation for better terms, but when a minister of the Crown this mild and subservient follower of the hon. gentleman who has defamed and villified both his province and mine, villified him and myself and every man from that province, this hon. gentleman went down to Halifax as a minister of the Crown in August, 1878, and as a reason for support claimed on the public hustings "that the present Government," that is, the Liberal Government, "have expended \$1,250,000 in Nova Scotia, during five years, more than the late Government expended in seven." But now it is a terrible thing for a Liberal-Conservative candidate to make promises. You must not say, according to the new code of morals laid down that when you get to Parliament you will advocate the granting of a subsidy for a railway in your county, nor should you advocate the expenditure of public money upon post offices! Post offices and public works generally were alluded to as having been promised the electors in Prince Edward county. This is a terrible thing, but now we see that, in 1878, a minister of the Crown and the Minister of Militia of that day, the senior member for Halifax of to-day, said to the electors from the hustings at a political election: "That if he were elected he would use his influence to get the Government to extend the Intercolonial railway to Wert's wharf." It is wrong for us to promise that the Government will spend money upon public works, but it is all right for the hon. gentlemen opposite. It is all right for them to talk about retrenchment when in Opposition, but it was quite a different thing for them to practice it when they held the public purse. The same hon. gentleman further said, on this question of public expenditure:

"That during the time the late Government were in power"—

"The late Government" was the extravagant and the corrupt Government now in power—

"they had only spent on an average three