

LIBERAL CONSERVATIVE.	
Queens—Ferguson.....	3599
Kings—Macdonald.....	2398
Prince—Hacket.....	2763
	8760
LIBERALS.	
Queens—Davies.....	4382
Kings—Robertson.....	2434
Prince—Yeo.....	3184
	10,000
Lib.-Con. Votes.....	8760
Majority of Votes.....	1,240

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE — The polling in Prince Edward Island has nothing to do with the question that the hon. gentleman has brought before the House.

HON. MR. HOWLAN—I think it is due to a member of the Senate, when he has been attacked in another place, that he should, at all events in his own chamber, have an opportunity to reply. I think that it is only fair, when these members of another body have made an attack on me, that I should not be prevented from defending myself. I may tell the hon. gentleman further, that I have not yet broken any rule of Parliament; that I have a perfect right to refer to the subject in connection with the question before us. As I have shown, the difference between the votes cast for the two sides was only 1,240, and I may tell my hon. friend that if it had been known in Prince Edward Island that the gentlemen they elected to the House of Commons were opposed to this subway, some of them, at all events, would not have been returned to Parliament. That, the hon. gentleman knows, is beyond doubt. Members from other Provinces of Canada may consider themselves justified in finding fault with this project, but it comes with poor grace from those who represent Prince Edward Island, in view of the fact that nine thousand voters in the Province voted in favor of this subway. They thought it safe, one thousand two hundred miles away from home, to indulge in sneers and insinuations when this subject was up for discussion. What were the opinions of such men as Fowler, Shanly and

Newton, compared with those of Davis, Walsh, McIntyre and Perry. You can see in their circulars that they all appealed to the people to vote for them, and promised that if their party were returned, they would build the subway. I say it was unpatriotic on the part of those gentlemen that they did not take occasion to say one word in the House of Commons in favor of this project. What did we ask for? Simply that an examination should be made and that the scheme should be submitted to a board of competent engineers, by whose opinions we were ready to abide. But those men wanted to condemn the scheme without a trial—there are no so blind as those who will not see, and a man who shuts his eyes to facts, certainly is not to be praised for his intelligence. At the least they should have been willing to have aided this work by their influence. It is an open secret in Prince Edward Island, that whilst myself and others in that Province are trying to find some intelligent workable solution of this difficulty, some of those gentlemen, at all events, have asked the Government to give them a contract for their steamboats and offered to perform this service. We have the reports of gentlemen competent to judge of these matters that it is impossible to solve this difficulty by steamboats, yet these parties, in another place, profess to be able to accomplish what the best engineering authorities say is impossible, simply because they happen to have some worn out steamships and they hope to get a contract which will give them employment. That may be, for all I know to the contrary, the reason for their opposition to this project. At all events, it is an open secret that they have applied for a contract to perform this service, and the people of Prince Edward Island have frowned it down. There is only the one alternative—either we must build this subway or build a tunnel. That is the conclusion that has been reached by intelligent men who have given any attention to the question. I do think at least there might have been one little spark of generosity and patriotism—one thought of the interests of Prince Edward Island—in the minds of those who sneered at this pro-

HON. MR. HOWLAN.