

ful it certainly was, and well calculated to rally his supporters. I thought, while he was speaking, of Vesuvius, and expected, with the rest of my friends, to be buried with the lava. I thought of a flaming fire, a rushing, mighty wind, and an earthquake, and I thought of a very essential element which was not in the speech at all. As the interests of trade are identical in the three Maritime Provinces, I am sure the National Policy has been as injurious to Nova Scotia as to New Brunswick. I see that the Government have sent \$1,000 worth of food to the starving fishermen of Guysboro. The National Policy has not done much for them. I am anxious to hear the representative of that county (Mr. Ogden) expatiate on the beauties of the National Policy. The contrast between the beaming face of that hon. member, whose eyes stand out with fatness, who has more than heart can wish, and the hungry, gaunt forms of his emaciated constituents is great indeed. The National Policy has helped them with a vengeance. I understand the Government propose this as a loan. I trust it will be considered as a gift. They have helped the poor of Ireland, why not the poor of Guysboro', who, to some extent, have been made so by their National Policy? I was amused at the changes which came over the countenance of the hon. the Minister of Railways during the speech of the hon. member for Annapolis on the British Columbia Judges' Bill. When he found his hon. colleague was disposed to raton that vote, he fairly trembled—

"For Satan trembles when he sees
The weakest saint upon his knees."

I hope the hon. member will not prove a weak saint—but that the seed has fallen in good and honest soil and will bring forth much fruit. My heart warmed towards him, and I felt like giving him the hand of fellowship and welcome him to our sorrows just now and our joys three years hence.

MR. KILLAM moved the adjournment of the debate.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: No. It is necessary to go into Committee on the resolutions submitted.

MR. KILLAM: It would be unfair to proceed at this late hour. There are several hon. members of the Opposition who desire to speak upon the subject.

MR. MACKENZIE: It is not necessary to go into Committee now.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: With our usual good nature we will consent to adjourn the debate.

House adjourned at

Fifteen minutes after

One o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Wednesday, 7th April, 1880.

The Speaker took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY—QUEBEC CELEBRATION.

QUESTION.

MR. DOMVILLE enquired, Whether the Montreal Volunteers will be permitted to go to the city of Quebec to take part in the next celebration of the Queen's Birthday, and what assistance they are to receive from the Government to enable them to do so; whether the 54th Battalion of Infantry and the Richmond Field Battery of Artillery, nearly one hundred miles nearer to the city of Quebec than the Montreal Volunteers are, and in every way equal to the Montreal Volunteers, will be permitted to go upon the same terms as to Government assistance; and if not, whether the Government will assist the Eastern Townships' Volunteers to meet at Richmond to celebrate the Queen's Birthday.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: The Montreal Volunteers are to go to Quebec to attend the review; two battalions and a battery of artillery. One battalion will be taken from the Eastern Townships, number of battalion not yet fixed; one from the Province of New Brunswick, not yet fixed; also one from Ontario, not yet fixed. An allowance towards covering the expenses of each battalion attending the review will be made.

MAIL CONTRACT IN LÉVIS.

QUESTION.

MR. LARUE enquired, For what reason the Government cancelled the contract for the carriage of Her Majesty's Mail between Lévis and St. Joseph de Beauce, and intermediate stations, awarded to Laurent Roy, of Lévis, on the