

Mr. BULL.—I do not wish, Mr. Chairman, to say much on this question; but it appears to me that parties in this House take great pleasure in raking up everything they can "against each other." I have taken an active part in politics for some time, in connection with the Liberal party, and I think that they have always been the friends of the tenantry. There is one act of the Conservative party which I would like to notice—that is the bringing of the troops here. I feel pretty sensitive on this subject; it is not a very pleasant thing for a whole country to be branded as rebels. The Government of the day should have advised the people of the dangerous course they were pursuing. I do believe, and always have believed, that some of the members of the Government, then in power, had no other end in view than to bring the Island into Confederation. One prominent member of the Government laid his scheme for that purpose, and he thought that by stigmatising us as rebels, the Home Government would be induced to force us into Confederation. The present party must, however, have the credit of getting the charges for the pay of the troops remitted. There is, also, a great deal of talk about the Land Purchase Act. The fact of the matter is, that this Act is not what it is said to be. If, when this Act first came into operation, the loan Bill had been passed, it might have been different; but the Land Purchase Act, as it is to-day, is a failure. It is worse than paying rent. No solvent farmer will purchase his farm when he can invest his money to more advantage.

Hon. LEAGUE or THE OROSHIANS.—I have certainly been rather amused with the speaker who has just sat down. He got up to lecture us on political morality, and said that we should not impute motives; but he soon got the fever on him, and he also imputed motives, for he said he believed the late Government got the Tenant League into existence for the purpose of forcing the Island into Confederation. It is not often that the hon. member troubles us, but when he gets up to lecture us on political morality he should be careful not to fall into the error which he condemns. The charge he attempts to sustain is altogether false. He also attempted to lecture the Conservatives because they did not want the Tenant League of the dangerous course they were pursuing. The same doctrine fell from the lips of the hon. member for Belfast, who was himself a Tenant Leaguer.