

Scotia? The only man amongst the people's delegates who had a seat in this Assembly has shrunk from the averted faces of his countrymen, knowing the doom that must fall upon him. Instead of appealing to the constituency that hitherto supported him, he has sent his emissaries abroad to see if in some outlying county a seat cannot be obtained for him in any Parliament. I ask the hon. member for Guysboro' if he does not think it would be wise for him to take a note of that? I ask the men throughout the country who are opposed to union if they do not think it a significant fact that the man who controls a portion of the press enunciating anti-Union sentiments is at present like Japhet in search of a father, and if they think it would be well for them now to respond to the call of the men who, having done all they could to trample down the credit of the country, are now reduced to the position which I have described? With the messengers which the hon. member for East Halifax has sent out coming back to him without being able to find a place on which he can rest his foot, I ask the hon. member for Guysborough if he does not think it would be wise for him to come back to the patriotic stand which he took in declaring that he would endeavour to work out the new system for the benefit of the country? I have little fear as to the result of the contest which is approaching, for I believe that the people will not look for men belonging to one party or the other, but will elect the men who regardless of the past are prepared to obtain all possible advantages for the country.

Mr. McLELAN—I have been much amused at some of the remarks of the Prov. Sec., and especially at the remark he made in reference to the hon. member for East Halifax not being able to find a constituency. I am surprised that the hon. gentleman should make such an observation, after the issue of the *Colonist* on last Saturday, which shows him to be in that very position. The Prov. Sec. has been driven from the constituency in which his daily life and the motives which have actuated him are best understood. His own messengers have not yet come back to tell him whether a place for his foot can be found or not. He says that we are arrayed to obstruct the progress of the country, but will he put his finger upon one advantage that is to flow from union. The only benefit which they promise is the construction of the Intercolonial railroad, and the hon. member for Guysboro, and those who concur with him, are therefore in a position to enquire whether for that work we are not to pay more than it is worth,—whether we are not to be taxed to an extent that would be sufficient to build the whole road. Surely if these are the facts it would have been better to forego the railroad on such hard terms. Is the member for Guysboro' wrong when he says that the delegates failed to secure to us that one benefit on which the friends of union relied so much? Any one who compares Mr. Fleming's estimate with the amount guaranteed will see that sufficient care has not been taken to ensure the building

of the road through this province. They failed in discharging the trust which they undertook, and in condemning their want of attention we are not to be met by the charge of obstructing the progress of the country.

Mr. TOBIN—It is a very singular that fact the men who have been obstructing the passage of the Imperial Act—doing all that men could do to prevent the consummation of union—are now the most desirous to go to Ottawa. I find that there is an election card out for this city, containing four names of the most determined opponents of union. I know something about the retirement from this constituency of the hon. Provincial Secretary. If he had wished it, I know he could have beaten every Anti-Unionist who might have the hardihood to run against him. I have conversed with highly intelligent men, from East and West—with professional men, clergymen, and others of weight and influence—and my conviction is that there is not a shadow of a doubt that all such persons are in favour of union. I say to the Union party: Wait, have patience for a days, for there will be candidates in the field worthy of your support,—men who will reflect credit upon the constituency of this metropolitan county. The game is not up yet, but will be fought to the bitter end by men of tried value and of ability. I am convinced that there are in this city four Unionists to one Anti-Unionist. An unfair advantage has been taken of the fact that the Provincial Secretary has retired, and it is said that he did so for want of support. Never would an election have been more easily won, if he had run it. If he felt it his duty to go back to his own county, that is his own affair, but I believe he could have won an easy victory in Halifax. Don't let gentlemen believe that this struggle has even yet commenced. I regret the more that the Provincial Secretary retired, because at the moment he did so a requisition was about being handed him with some 1600 of the best names in this city and county. Let me here take an opportunity of stating that there will be a public meeting held in this city, a few days hence and every part of the county will be asked to send their delegates. Then there will be given a full expression of the public opinion of this county, and candidates worthy of support will be nominated to represent the constituency in Ottawa and in the Local Legislature.

Hon. Prov. Sec.—I thank the hon. member (Mr. McLelan) for having afforded me this opportunity of giving some explanations on the subject to which he has referred. As my hon. friend (Mr. Tobin) has intimated, some gentlemen will soon find, to use a homely phrase, that they have hallowed before they were out of the wood. I came into this Legislature, it is well known, in conjunction with my hon. friend, Mr. McFarlane. We have been long allied as members of the same Government. In order to discharge the important duties of the position to which my country has called me, I was obliged to remove from Cumberland, and have since lived in this city, whilst my hon. friend re-