

Mr. McNeill. — Mr. Chairman, it is rather

It will not be denied that some of the people then broke the law, though in only trifling matters; but the organs of the Opposition magnified the matter, and endeavored to prove that the country was in a state of rebellion. What was the reason the association was denounced by these organs? Because it had opposed Confederation. If it had not been for the influence of the Tenant Union we would probably have been in Confederation to-day, if we had not opposed the latter vigorously, we might have been pushed into it. The tenantry were blamed for burning barns and houses, and for threatening to take the lives of their neighbours, because they opposed the proprietary system and Confederation. The Poor Law Committee was turned out to assist the Sheriff, and a splendid affair it was. But there was no man who did not believe that the late Government had some other end in view, when they endeavored to make matters appear a thousand times worse than they really were.