

influence on him in his position as Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Mr. TETT (South Leeds) referring to previous remarks upon the election contests, and particularly concerning the honourable Commissioner of Crown Lands, he would assure the house he would not have opposed him had he come forward and requested it, as he had a high respect for that honourable gentleman, and was glad to see him in the Government. His friends were satisfied that his constituency might be represented in one house—the Commons—by a Reformer; but they could not allow the two seats to be given away. He felt he could have beaten Mr. Tarrent more easily than Mr. Richards; but however strong his esteem for the latter gentleman, he could not sacrifice his own party reputation of twenty years and his party, too, for the honourable member for Niagara. But he had every faith in him as a member of the Ministry, and would give it his hearty support.

Mr. J. L. McDOUGALL (South Renfrew) rose to explain that a telegram had been sent to his friends in his constituency asking him to retire in favour of Mr. Richards. He said he could not do so as he was anti-Coalition in principle. Mr. Richards was nominated, and some of that gentleman's friends approached him and his friends to get out of the way. The member for South Lanark told him Mr. Richards had telegraphed to take his name from the nomination, unless the other two candidates withdrew. Does that not show Mr. Richards was willing to be elected for South Renfrew? (Hear, hear).

Hon. Mr. RICHARDS—Certainly.

Mr. McDOUGALL—Well, did not Mr Richards state he did not wish to be elected for Renfrew, on account of claims for Crown lands.

Hon. Mr. RICHARDS—He had referred to another constituency.

Mr. GIBBONS (South Huron) said he was elected by the Reformers of his Riding. He had had a hard contest, but had lived through it. As regarded the Address, there had been few exceptions taken to it. He had had a good deal to do with