

proposed that if the hon. gentlemen now on the treasury benches should have the misfortune to lose the confidence of the house, and if their places were taken by the hon. member for Bothwell and others, these gentlemen might cross the house and go to work immediately. When his hon. friend, the Attorney-General, was Premier of the Province of Canada, he lost his Solicitor-General at the election which followed his vacating his seat, on account of his acceptance of office, although that gentleman has believed, truly represented at the time the feeling of his constituents, and would have been elected by a large majority, had not bribery and corruption effected his defeat—leading, probably, to the defeat of the Government of the day. He had seen enough in that contest to convince him that, when a