

Province of Ontario had just come into possession of that country under the award, they had appointed a stipendiary magistrate, and adopted other legislation for the administration of justice in that district, and the Dominion Government, then meeting at Ottawa, had not sought to confirm that award. It was then a matter of public policy that the Ontario Government should take steps to assert their claim against all comers, and in that way they practically took possession of the country. (Applause.) In reference to the manner in which the exploration was conducted, it was a cruel and indecent thing for hon. gentlemen to say, as they had done, and as the press of their party had repeated, that the trip was a "drunken spree," and an "Executive debauch." A large proportion of the luxuries charged in the bill were used at the different points at which the party touched in the discharge of the usual hospitalities incident to an official visit of such a character. The only spirits taken with the party over the Dawson route was whiskey. (Laughter.) He did not know what the party could have done without it—(laughter)—in counteracting the effects of bad drinking water. His hon. friend from Glengarry had referred to him in the debate of a previous evening in a way that had secured for him (Mr. Hay) considerable notoriety throughout the country. The hon. gentleman had described the trip in a jocular view, which, as well as the more serious part of his speech, was rather overdone. In conclusion, he would ask the House if there was anything more contemptible or more cruel than the line adopted by the hon. gentlemen opposite toward the Lieutenant-Governor in thus dragging his name into public notice. It was all done for political capital, and it was lamentable that the party should have so little regard for the position of Her Majesty's adviser. He was prepared to justify the expenditure before the House and before his constituents, and he would rather be found supporting ten times the expenditure than attempt to justify the foul expressions that had come from the lips of hon. gentlemen opposite. (Loud applause.)

Mr. WHITE wished to know if it was a necessary part of the object of the trip that the party should go to Manitoba and return *via* St. Paul and Chicago at the public expense. Instead of attempting to justify the excursion, or show what public objects it had accomplished, the last speaker had made an insulting attack upon the member for Glengarry and other members on this side. The member for North Bruce had first justified the trip, but in the end he had tried to balance himself carefully on the fence. He proceeded to criticise at some length the remarks of Ministerial speakers, and said that if the Government pretended to justify the expenditure they should justify it as a whole.

Mr. DEROCHE moved the adjournment of the debate. Carried.

Mr. MOWAT moved the adjournment of the House.

The House adjourned at 11:10.