

would not have been lost but for the passage of the Redistribution Bill. These hon. gentlemen tell us that we are inciting the Province to rebellion, but we cast the imputation back indignantly, and claim to be as loyal as hon. gentlemen opposite. He went into the history of the Annexation manifesto, signed by the Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, Sir D. Macpherson, Sir John Rose and others, and claimed that the sentiments expressed therein were not prompted by motives of loyalty. He also quoted a strong repeal speech made by Hon. A. W. McLelan. The constitution of the Senate proposed by the conference might not be perfect, but it was better than the present Senate. The Senate had become a refuge for politicians whom the people had rejected. The leader of the Opposition would not defend the Dominion Franchise Act, but did not think the Dominion should use the promised franchises because there would be constant changes in the Provincial franchises. But the Province of Ontario was about to adopt manhood suffrage, and when that was done there would be no more changes. Referring to the new financial basis, the revenue and expenditure of the Dominion had enormously increased since Confederation, and why should the Provinces be expected to conduct their affairs with the same revenue as they had at Confederation. The financial arrangement proposed by the conference would forever put an end to the system of bribing Provinces. Sir John had said that he bribed the people with their own money; they wanted to prevent him from bribing the Provinces with their own money. The resolutions passed at Quebec were not, perhaps, all they would desire. All treaties and compacts were necessarily compromises; the recent Fisheries Treaty was a remarkable instance of that. The hon. gentlemen concluded by insisting that if the hon. leader of the Opposition were so loyal as he claimed to be he would not have lost the opportunity the Attorney-General had given him on the previous day of seconding the efforts of the Government and furthering the interests of the Government by unanimously approving the resolutions laid before the House. (Applause.)

Mr. GUTHRIE said the real question before the House was as to whether or not the proposition contained in these resolutions were worthy of being incorporated in the Constitution. Now the hon. gentleman, it seemed, could find no fault whatever with thirteen out