

credit be it said, when they realized that, they decided to mend their ways and to adopt their own policy. They are now proposing to adopt the policy which they advocated before the last general election: and, honourable gentlemen, if they do that, I believe that they will rehabilitate themselves in the good will of the people of Canada.

My honourable friend, the ex-Minister of Labour (Hon. Mr. Robertson), said that the Government was dependent upon the third political party. I just want to say that if it carries out what has been outlined in the Speech from the Throne, and carries it out fairly and reasonably and honestly, it will have the support of the West.

Hon. Mr. DAVID: And what about the East?

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: The Government did not get a great deal of support from the East; it did not get a great deal of support for its railway policy last Session from honourable gentlemen sitting near my honourable friend. It did not get very much support from my friends from Montreal.

Hon. Mr. DAVID: No.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: No. And does my honourable friend mean to say that if the Government now carries out the policy laid down it is going to lose the East?

Some Hon. SENATORS: Sure.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: Does my honourable friend say that?

Hon. Mr. DAVID: It depends upon how far they go.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: I can show my honourable friend that the Western party do not expect everything on earth, but they expect the Government to carry out the policy that my honourable friends on this side supported two years ago.

Hon. Mr. DAVID: I?

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: All of you.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: What policy is that? There are so many of them.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: The reduction of expenditures—

Hon. Mr. DAVID: Oh, yes. All right.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: —reduction of the tariff, lower freight rates, and several other things. My honourable friend says that if the Government carries out that policy it will lose support in the East. I do not believe it. There are members of the Liberal party in

the House of Commons, including members occupying Government benches, who in my judgment ought to be sitting on the other side of the House. Their policies and their ideas are just as "high-tariff" and just as "big-interest" as those of any honourable gentleman sitting in opposition in either House, and they ought to be sitting with them.

All that the Western party want is a fair deal. The leader on the other side of the House, in his very fair and moderate speech of yesterday—a speech which I enjoyed very much—spoke of what had caused the third party. He drew attention to the fact that the three great western provinces which are now entitled to over fifty seats in the House of Commons returned only two members of the old parties—why? I can tell you why. First of all, it was owing to my honourable friends opposite defeating reciprocity in 1911, and, secondly, because the Liberal party, which was fairly prolific with promises—

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: And is yet.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: —when it came to carrying them out fell down rather badly. That caused the rise of the third party, or the Farmers' party. The members of the Liberal party are now coming to their senses, and are realizing that during the last two years they have been in bad company and have been following a poor policy. In order to have the Western party right behind them, all they have to do is to carry out what they proposed.

My honourable friend the ex-Minister of Labour is wrong when he states that if the Government has the support of the Western party it will not be able to do anything at all, that the Western party want to wipe out all protection. I venture to say, honourable gentlemen, that my honourable friend cannot point to a speech of any of the leaders of the third party in the House of Commons, since they have been members of the House of Commons, that would bear out that idea in any shape or form.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Read their platform.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: The members of the Progressive party are common-sense, level-headed men, and are just as much interested in getting good government for Canada—not only Western Canada, but Eastern Canada—as any other class of men in Parliament; and they are prepared to give their support not only to the Government but to any party that will bring forward measures that are fair and reasonable to the people of Canada.