

SPEECH
OF
SIR RICHARD CARTWRIGHT,
Minister of Trade and Commerce,
At London, Sept. 19th, 1900.

Speaking at London, Sept. 19th, 1900, Sir Richard Cartwright said: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen: A good many years have elapsed since I last had the pleasure of addressing an audience in the good city of London, and, as might be expected, in the interval a considerable number of changes have come over the political kaleidoscope. Nevertheless, I hope to be able before I sit down to show you that despite the aspersions of their opponents, the Liberal party are, after all is said and done, where the Liberal always were, that the Liberal party are prepared to redeem the pledges in power which they gave in opposition; and that it simply requires a fair examination of the facts of the case, a fair understanding of the changes which have occurred in the position of Canada within the last few years, and notably within the last four years, in order to be able to prove to you, as I hope I shall succeed in proving to-night, that the Liberal party in power are prepared to the fullest extent to make good the statements and assurances which the Liberal party made to you when out of power.

No Objection to Fair Criticism.

Now, sir, I have not the slightest objection to the severest criticism that our opponents choose to make against us—on one condition only. I have myself had the reputation in time past of being a tolerably severe critic of our opponents—(cheers)—and it would very ill become me, and it would very ill become the Liberal