

party in this House, which would justify some action on the part of this House. But, Sir, we have had no investigation, we have had no proof; we have had simply assertion of the most allusory and unsatisfactory kind. Against all that I put this one consideration, and it is a consideration which I put to the man on the street, to the man who is unpartisan, to the man who simply wants to be fair, and I put it to my right hon. friend. It is this: You have a party in the province of Manitoba, the Liberal party of that province; they are your supporters in this House; without their action you would not have a Liberal supporter from the province of Manitoba. That party has its home and its existence in that province of Manitoba. It is vitally interested in provincial politics as well as in Dominion politics—may we not say more interested in provincial politics than in Dominion politics? Your party of men in the province of Manitoba is to-day well officered, intelligent, has its organs of public opinion to express its position and to expose its grievances if it has any. In the House of Winnipeg to-day you have one of the best men of the Liberal party, I think, the Hon. Mr. Mickle, who represents that party in the province of Manitoba. He is an old politician; the history of politics in that country is contemporaneous with himself; he has worked through it, lived through it, knows of it as an active partaker in the political life of that province. If this condition of things exists in the province of Manitoba, it exists as a tyranny and oppression of the Liberals as far as they are concerned provincially just the same as it does as far as they are concerned federally. Is that not absolutely true? Are we to consider that, if those grievances, if those acts of oppression, tyranny and fraud, are absolutely true, the Liberals of the province of Manitoba sit down quietly under that state of things, and neither through their organs of public opinion—I would not say so much about that—nor through their representatives in the provincial legislature have they made any move of warfare, opposition or amendment with reference to that state of things?

Take a concrete example and it serves here splendidly. There was your representative from Winnipeg—doing what? A gentleman in the provincial legislature because cognizant, more than a year ago, of an alleged dirty and dastardly attempt to put 450 foreign voters on the naturalization lists and on the voters' lists for the province of Manitoba—in the city of Winnipeg, if I remember right. That is knowledge which comes to him. He knows it because he paid for it or gave his cheque to pay for it. He knows it because he procured those affidavits, because he read those affidavits, because he was alongside Rudneski and the other gentlemen who swore

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to the affidavits. He bought the live carcass more than a year ago, but up to the present day he has not presented the animal to the provincial legislature. But he hands over the dead carcass to the selected purveyor of that sort of thing the hon. member for Winnipeg (Mr. Bole), and that member brings into this House the carcass, ill smelling and decayed, on a silver salver and presents it to my right hon. friend, and he calls it sweet meat. What does my hon. friend think of that? With what applause was not the reading of those affidavits received—those affidavits which the hon. gentleman who procured them and paid for them, and had for more than a year in his possession, did not dare offer at home. But a thousand miles away was the theatre where they could be presented to the applause of the right hon. gentleman and all honourable Liberals who support him in this House. I am willing that this matter be judged by that simple proof. Show me a vote among the provincial Liberals in the province of Manitoba, show me a debate in the provincial legislature in Manitoba, show me a grievance ventilated in that legislature, show me a single amendment proposed in that legislature, show me one move made by honest thinking men there with regard to those grievances which press down so severely on the party opposite. There is a challenge to my right hon. friend. Let him point out one protest in the local legislature of that province. My right hon. friend cannot do it. But he is willing to take these old, decayed and dastardly affidavits, brought into this House, as the proof upon which he comes with this radical legislation and proposes to carry it through willy nilly. The hon. member for Winnipeg (Mr. Bole) read affidavits from these men; and on the very face of them, they were men who were absolutely without conscience and without principle because they swore that they did everything that was illegal and wrong with reference to the naturalization and the putting of names on the lists, and they did that for pay. That is the herd with which the hon. member for Winnipeg runs. That is the herd with which my right hon. friend runs. For he himself applauded the reading of those affidavits. I saw him applauding. Affidavits of that kind brought down 1,000 miles from the scene of the transaction, where they were ashamed to deploy it, and those men's affidavits put up here to traduce throughout the whole Dominion of Canada, by being spread on the records of the Dominion, honourable men and honourable officials in the city of Winnipeg, in the Manitoba government and in Manitoba public life! That I leave with gentlemen who have such peculiar ideas of their position and rights in this House as the hon. member for Winnipeg (Mr. Bole). And it is the saddest of things for me to know that that was applauded by my right hon. friend and by other gentle-