

parties in Upper Canada? We think it does. Unless some reaction had occurred, the result of the election of officers would have shown some sympathy with the party which played such fulsome and disgusting court to Orangeism at the late election? Fulsome because insincere, and disgusting on account of the excess of its meanness. If we look at the partial success then, and the utter defeat now, it is impossible to avoid the conclusion that a sweeping reaction has taken place. That reaction is like a dark cloud hovering over the prospects of Clear Grit politicians. It is the presage of their future isolation; and to them isolation is destruction. In this view, the result of the election of officers by the Grand Orange Lodge of British America is eminently prophetic; and in its bearing on the future of political parties is far from unimportant."

Says the *Huron Signal*, of date January 21st, 1859, and which is edited by a Mr. McQueen, one of the staunchest opponents of Orangeism:—"We acknowledge your power and influence in the elections of the country." The great efforts put forth at every election to secure our support is a clear proof of the power of Orangeism. But it is not merely the numbers of the Order that give the principles of Orangeism the influence and extensive power in the country which they now hold. It is the steady adherence to their principles, in spite of the many political blandishments made to Orangemen by interested politicians and public jobbers. This is what has given us weight with all men who respect an honest purpose. The Order has now gathered within its sheltering fold such an immense proportion of the male adult loyal Protestant population of the whole Empire, and has elevated itself to such a position in the nation, that the eyes of all classes of the people are fixed upon it. The vastness of the Order,