

also to intersperse his remarks with a few of those choice notes in the shape of cat-calls, &c., and which you know how to make so well. We will get you a seat right in front of the platform, and you will be surrounded by friends. I can guarantee we will have some good fun, and we will give you \$10.00, in addition to your expenses. What we want particularly is to make it appear that the friends of the speaker on the platform are saying what is not at all complimentary of him. I think you could manage this for us. You would have to leave so as to get here on Monday evening or afternoon. If you decide to come, telegraph me, saying what time you will come, and I will meet you—if in the afternoon; or if at noon, come to the office (above address). Of course, if you cannot come I want the letter kept secret, and will depend upon you for that. Try and come. Destroy this letter.

(Sgd.)

A. G. CHISHOLM,

Lieut. 7th Fusiliers.

A campaign conducted on sound Tory principles could not but bring to the front a prophet; the Ontario Provincial election in December, 1886, was not an exception, as this confidential letter from Dalton McCarthy, President of the Tory Central Association, proves. But, instead of carrying 57 seats, the Tories have to be satisfied with 32.

(Private and Confidential.)

LIBERAL CONSERVATIVE UNION,

TORONTO, Dec. 23rd, 1886.

“DEAR SIR,—One last word. Victory is within our grasp. Returns of the most favourable character are coming in. We expect to carry fifty seats and there are seven other ridings in which our chances are just as good as our opponents. Close up your ranks, complete your organization, arrange for getting out all your voters on polling day, select your best men for work as scrutineers and outside workers. Appoint no men merely as compliment. We want none but good workers who will carry out their instructions implicitly, and fight until the last vote is polled. Upon the result in your constituency the fate of the party for the Province may depend. Do not wake up on the morning after polling day to reproach yourselves with want of efforts, which, if made, would have turned defeat into victory. The whole issue may rest upon your individual exertions. One supreme effort on behalf of the old cause and the old flag and the battle will be won. Spare no exertion. Remember that one vote may elect your candidate, and his vote may defeat the Mowat Government.

“Show this letter in confidence to trusted friends—it may stimulate them to do their duty. The hopes of the Liberal-Conservatives of Ontario are on your constituency. Do not disappoint them.

“Yours faithfully,

“(Sgd.) DALTON MCCARTHY.

“Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Liberal-Conservative Union of Ontario.”