

never intended to reduce the tariff. Mr. Israel Tarr, one of the chiefs of that party, had stated that "he wanted to know why Canada should not have the same protection as the United States." The Liberals had stolen the Conservatives' clothes, and they had got them on still. (Loud laughter.)

When Col. Prior referred last year in the House of Commons to the unevenness of the distribution of the revenue, Sir Wilfrid had the hardihood to say and Mr. Roper was doubtless agreed that this showed that British Columbia was enterprising and wealthy. His answer showed that the Premier had no respect for any representative sent to support him by this province. (Hear, hear.)

The question was, how long was Brit-

ish Columbia going to put up with this sort of thing?

The Liberal party had preached reciprocity, they had spent large sums of money in commissions at Washington, but recently Sir Wilfrid had announced amidst the protests of manufacturers in Montreal that the markets of the States did not matter for there were better markets in Great Britain. Well, that was a better sentiment. The fact was, there was no sentiment that Sir Wilfrid had ever uttered that he had not some time or other contradicted. The country had been fooled, but, thank God! he had not, for he had never believed a word Sir Wilfrid or his followers had said.

Now, in South Africa, while England

was spending millions of money every week, and when there was ten millions of surplus here, the Premier would not spend a cent on sending troops to help in that war. He said the men could go, and that was all. And why? Because he was frightened of Quebec! (Cheers.)

Would they support such a party? This was the spot in Canada that had supported old Sir John Macdonald, the spot that could not be bought, and he believed the electors of Victoria would remain true to their principles and return the Conservative candidate. (Loud applause.)

The meeting closed with enthusiastic cheers for the King, for the chairman, Mr. Harbord, Col. Prior and Sir Charles Phipps.

