

the soil. (Cheers.) We know that in what after all might be designated historically the model republic of the world, that is, the Swiss Confederation, during many centuries, while their power of self-government was cropping up now and then, the land was held by a comparatively small number of proprietors, and up to a very late period in the history of the Confederation the land-holders were able to control the legislation of the respective cantons, and to secure the supremacy of themselves as rulers. It might occasionally happen, as in some of the Greek Republics, that some person should assume under the guise of a governor what was really a dictatorship, or an oligarchy was established, but whether the one or the other, the secret of their power lay in the fact that they commanded the soil of the country. Here it is impossible under our system of sub-division, under our system of assessment and taxation, to have any great landed estates, or to have a system of tenancy which would militate against the ascendancy of the people.

Conclusion.

I have only to say, in conclusion, that it is a matter of little importance to me personally whether I should be defeated or sustained, but it is a matter of vast importance to the country that the Liberal party to which I belong should be sustained. It is of vast importance to the industrial interests of the country that they should not be murdered, and that the workingmen should not be ruined by a protective policy (Hear, hear, and cheers,) and I appeal to the workingmen of this city, who, after all, will control the franchise in the city, to vindicate their position by supporting those who gave the workingmen the practical and social status which at the present time they hold in Canada. (Loud cheers.) I beg now to thank again the vast majority of this immense audience for listening to me so patiently (renewed cheers) and I also thank the handful of persons who have been indecently trying to disturb the meeting, because I know that their conduct to-night will tell in favour of the Liberal party as much as if the meeting were unanimous. (Hear, hear, and prolonged cheers.) I shall never cease while I live and hold a position in the political world to feel grateful to the workingmen of Toronto for the magnificent welcome which they have given me on this, my visit to their city, and I trust that the enthusiasm, the good feeling, and the good taste which they have shown will be rendered still more manifest by their again returning my friend Mr. Macdonald to Parliament, and by their placing at the head of the poll the other Liberal candidates in the city of Toronto.

At the conclusion of Mr. Mackenzie's speech—which lasted three hours—almost the entire audience rose to their feet and continued for some time to wave their hats and give a succession of such loud and hearty cheers as have seldom been heard in Toronto.

HON. MR. MOWAT was received with prolonged cheering. After the lengthy speech of Mr. Mackenzie he felt scarcely justified in delaying them any longer, but he felt sure that they had met together to get information relative to the great issues before the country, and he thought they had received everything they had expected. He was only sorry that the few Conservatives present had not availed themselves