

To The Electors OF Centre Toronto.

GENTLEMEN.—At the general election in 1878 I appeared before you as the advocate of a protective policy, and you were good enough to elect me. I had, as mechanic and manufacturer, been all my life a member of the Reform party. But the helplessness of the Mackenzie Administration during the trying days between 1874 and 1878, and their refusal, on theoretical grounds, to give to Canadian industries that measure of protection which, as every practical business man saw, had become absolutely necessary, led me, preferring country to party, to abandon old political associations, and support the statesmen who stood pledged to a protective policy.

The tariff prepared by Sir John Macdonald and his colleagues has been in force only three years, a very brief period indeed, in the history of a country. But I do not hesitate to declare, speaking from a tolerably wide experience, that it is doing its work more efficaciously than the most ardent protectionist could have anticipated. Industries which under the assaults of American capital were compelled for five years to draw heavily upon their resources, are now paying a living profit; and the prosperity of the manufacturer is necessarily shared by the skilled artisan and workman. The latter, instead of having to be content with three or four days' work per week, are now working full time for better wages. New industries have sprung up, and old ones which had become extinct under the one-sided free trade system have been revived. Indeed, more factories have been established since 1878 than for twenty years previous. The country, from one end to the other, is highly prosperous, and while I acknowledge that this is due in a measure to bountiful crops and to the universal revival in trade, I claim fearlessly that the protective policy has been an important factor in bringing about this happy state of affairs.

It is because I am profoundly convinced that the reversal of that policy, or even a doubt as to its permanence, would be disastrous in the extreme to every branch of enterprise, that I again appear in Centre Toronto and seek your suffrages. I need hardly tell you that for a man in my position and at my time of life there is no charm in the pursuit of politics. But I feel it to be my duty in the interest of Canadian industry, and I trust I may say without egotism, in the interest of our common country, to put aside all private considerations and resist the attempt now being made at this election, if not to overthrow, at all events to discredit the National Policy. For that, in my opinion, is the real issue in this contest. As a large employer of labour, and one having a stake in commercial enterprises of almost every kind, I do not hesitate to say that the return of the free trade party to power at this jun-

ture would be nothing short of a national calamity. Capital, always timid, would take alarm; many new industries which are being nourished by the tariff would undoubtedly be ruined; old industries would suffer as before, and the general business of the country would be thrown into confusion, and, not improbably, into panic.

These considerations, so grave for every employer, and for every man dependent upon his daily labour, have induced me, instead of seeking the repose to which, after a long life of toil, I might fairly claim to be entitled, to ask you to return me to Parliament once again. You know that I have no personal ambition or selfish end to gratify. But I am deeply anxious, in common I am sure with all business men, no matter what their party affiliations may have been, to preserve and perpetuate the policy to which Canada already owes so much. The loss by the demoralization that would follow on the heels of the return of the free trade party cannot be estimated; nor can any estimate be formed of the loss the country would sustain through the flight of capital, which is awaiting the verdict in this election before investing in new and important enterprises to the launching of which the maintenance of the present tariff is essentially necessary. Upon these broad grounds I ask you for your votes, in order that the hands of Sir John Macdonald may be strengthened in the work that yet remains for him, and that the prosperity which now prevails may not be menaced, in so far as Centre Toronto can help it, by the fatuous policy that brought disaster upon us in other days. The National Policy, according to the late First Minister, is a "national folly and a national crime," so that no man can be in doubt as to the course Mr. Mackenzie and his leader would pursue should they, unhappily, be returned to power.

I may add that I warmly approve of the great vigour and energy displayed by the Government in opening up and developing the North-West. Their policy in that respect, although at one time derided by their opponents, has already met with unexampled success. Immigrants are pouring into Manitoba and the fertile region beyond it at the rate of fifteen hundred per week, and it is probable that not less than 60,000 persons will go up there this year. The peopling of those vast territories will add enormously to the wealth and strength of the Dominion, and it is to the interest of the merchants, manufacturers, and mechanics of Old Canada that the trade policy which gives them control of the expanding markets of the North-West should be maintained and rendered permanent, as it only can be, by a decisive expression of public opinion at the polls.

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