

writers agree in substance in stating that the independence of parliament is the very ground work to pure and safe legislation. Men like the Hon. Edward Blake, the late Hon. Geo. Brown and others of the old liberal school considered it as vital in carrying out constitutional government in the provinces. The new brood of liberals, however, have violated this principle hundreds of times, most notably, by the appointing members of parliament to positions in the gift of the government. Every sheriff, registrar or clerk so appointed is a direct blow to responsible government. In this utilitarian age I ask, is a member of parliament likely to vote against any measure, however bad, if introduced by the government from whom he is expecting a life appointment to a lucrative position. For twenty years the office in sight has been made a standing bribe for support by the Mowat government. What greater or more complete violation of the independence of parliament could there be? The man who affirms to the contrary is certainly not less, although he may be a good deal more than a political hypocrite.

Have the true Liberals of this Province with the lives of the great exemplars of Liberalism, Baldwin, Brown and Blake before them, so soon forgotten that the most disgraceful and inexcusable act of Nepotism ever practised in Ontario, was only a few years ago, when the government of Ontario and Sir Oliver Mowat the Premier of that government, appointed Sir Oliver's son to the Shrievalty of Toronto, and thus by Sir Oliver's example leaving the door wide open for every other member of the government, and every member of parliament supporting the government, securing important positions for their relatives, however incompetent and undeserving. No wonder Sir Oliver is so immensely popular with the spoilsmen, after establishing such a precedent. How can the members of a Legislature and ministers of the Crown, upon whom all State matters depend, be expected to be, or be men capable of discharging important duties and trusts under Responsible Government, if the two most important of its supports be by them cast aside, and a desire for office and the spoils of office, made the mainspring and motive of political action.

This new brood of Liberals have been guilty of not only violating the independence of Parliament hundreds of times and practising Nepotism as long as even one relative was left unprovided for out of the public funds, but have they not within the last few years more than once endeavored to suppress Free Speech, which is certainly a very important support to Responsible Government. In short, have they not within the last ten years cast aside every support to Responsible Government until now it is apparently considered by them, but