

aside the example of every prudent business corporation which would have led it to extend and improve that act.

But while abolishing pensions to retired civil servants the party in power did not fail to establish, out of secret funds at its command, a pension system for bribers and ballot switchers, who, upon discovery, were forced to leave Canada and seek an asylum in the United States.

The existence of a bribers' pension fund has been demonstrated by affidavits of men who have enjoyed it. Witness the affidavits of Prichett some seven years ago, corroborated a few months ago by his sworn testimony in the London conspiracy case, and the recent confession of the deputy returning officer, James Farr.

THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY.

If I am right in asserting that untainted elections are essential to the success of democracy, am I not right in believing that the Conservative party has to-day an opportunity of performing a service to the country greater than any which it has rendered in the past. That service will include a determined and vigorous effort to reform and enforce our electoral laws; **but it will chiefly consist in the future conduct and management of election campaigns.** Fight the ballot thief and the briber. Strike not only at them, but expose and send to the penitentiary, if possible, the respectable gentlemen who supply the funds and superintend the work from a safe distance. **Fight also any influences within your own party which favor corrupt methods.** Let there be no party fund, the details of which may not be known and the expenditure of which cannot be made public. Let your elections be conducted according to honorable, decent and clean methods. A campaign of education to this end should be begun and persisted in. But above all these there should be an unflinching determination to pursue, by every punishment known to the law, the respectable conspirators themselves and not alone their infamous instruments employed and paid to subvert the will of the people by bribery, ballot switching and every other fraudulent and corrupt practice.

AN ESSENTIAL ARTICLE OF CONSERVATIVE POLICY.

At the opening of the past session, the Government pledged itself in the speech from the throne to introduce a bill