

He says that he is not a partisan. Why, how could he say anything else? He could not go into the Ministerial Union and say, "I am affiliated with the Liberal Party; I want you as a committee to authenticate and approve this document, which is an attack of a violent nature against the Conservative Government." That would never do. There would be honest Liberals in that Ministerial Union; there would be honest Liberals in his own congregation who would not approve of that, and there would be Conservatives in that Ministerial Union, and in his congregation, that would not approve of it; so Mr. Cooke could only do the one thing, join hands with the defeated candidate in the Liberal Convention in New Westminster, the man with a grievance, and lead his brethren in the church to believe that he was not taking any part in a partisan attack on a Conservative Government.

Now, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I have been much longer than I intended. You have been more than good in listening to my reply to this attack. There are many other sections in the pamphlet to which I could make reference but the time is not sufficient tonight, and it would be unfair to keep you at any greater length. You have heard the language of the Rev. Mr. Cooke in the Dominion Hall, and you have heard his language in Kelowna, and it has not improved in any of the other portions of the Province in which he has spoken, because I have taken care to see the reports in the different papers, and you see the suggestion he makes, and he calls on high heaven to assist him in hurling this Government from power. And what is to follow? Our good Liberal friends are to come in. Can you imagine any heavenly saint coming down here and entering into a partnership with Ralph Smith and John Oliver? (Laughter and applause.)

No, gentlemen, we may have many failings and shortcomings as a Government, "and do those things which we should not do, and leave undone those things which we should do," but I still have great faith in the majority of the body politic of this country, (Hear, hear) and I am forced to the conclusion that it will take more than attacks from Cooke and Cotsworth to convince the people that this Government should be supplanted in favor of the Liberal leaders, and thus uphold the unholy alliance which has been formed between the Ministerial Union and the Liberal Party of this Province. (Loud applause and cheering.)