

unsparing the censure to which his conduct is subjected. What might have been hidden from the masses of the Jewish people in the days of Samuel is impossible of concealment from the public to-day. Yet were the people of this great Dominion to be called upon to answer to the challenge of the dead Premier to speak of him before the Lord and before His anointed they would be obliged to answer: "Thou hast not wronged us, nor oppressed us, nor taken aught at any man's hand." Official integrity can have no higher credentials than this, nor need it desire a more infallible vindication. It is a matter for legitimate congratulation that in the public life of this Dominion we can proudly point to a career which has summed up and embodied all the best attributes of official purity and unbending uprightness; that while vast interests were in his keeping and many subtle influences at work to render him untrue to the common weal, still no duty was neglected, no obligation to the public shirked, and the hands which had wielded almost unlimited power were found free from any wrong-doing, from oppression and from taking a bribe at the hands of any man.

A life such as that of the late Premier is not intended to be written merely in a family register, to be perused only by intimate friends: it is to adorn the annals of a nation and to be an example and an instruction to future generations. All through the history of the past, we find that the Creator spoke to His creatures not by revelation only, but also by the living example of those in whom general principles of many virtues, which might be gathered from various sources, had been harmoniously blended. The concrete action of their well-regulated lives was calculated to