

will be at the forthcoming election, you will continue to carry out the policy of free commercial intercourse with the whole world, consistent with a due regard to the revenue of the country.

Hoping that you may long be spared to administer the affairs of the Dominion liberally and wisely in the future, as you have done in the past,

We are, on behalf of the Liberal workingmen, most respectfully,

ALFRED F. JURY, (Tailor) Chairman, JAMES LENNOX, (Painter) Secretary.

GEORGE VENNELL, (Shoemaker) Vice-Chairman, ALFRED OAKLEY, (Stonemason) Treasurer.

Executive Committee—Francis G. Simpson, John Kelly (tailor), George Howell (carpenter), W. J. Graham (upholsterer), John Gray (blacksmith), George Robertson (tailor), Henry G. White (carpenter).

The Premier's Speech.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE on rising was greeted with round after round of cheers. When they had ceased he said :—

Mr. Chairman.—I am exceedingly obliged to yourself, to Mr. Lennox, and to the other gentlemen for the address which you have presented to me, and also for the remarks with which you, Sir, have been kind enough to introduce me in stating the object for which this meeting was called. I assure you that I receive this token of the friendship and the political adherence of the workingmen of Toronto, with greater pleasure than any event of my life has ever given me. (Cheers.) It has been represented that I failed in my duty as a member of the Administration in not giving effect to enactments which would have for their object the benefit of the workingman. Now, Sir, I look upon this address, coming as it does from the workingman, as emanating from the true source of political power, and as being a complete vindication of the Government in the course pursued in this country. (Cheers.) For whatever may be said by those who may be a step above the workingman in the social scale in this country, I hold it is the workingman who has made the country. It is the workingman who is to give the country power for the future, and to make it great in the eyes of the world. It is the workingman to whom we must all look, not merely for the fruits of mechanical pursuits common to cities and towns, but also for the cultivation of our fields, the clearing of our forests, the construction of our public works, and in short everything that gives character, power, and prosperity to a civilized country. I therefore feel all the greater pride in receiving this token of homage, not to myself but to those principles, of which I at present am only a representative, and I assure you that my colleagues in the Government and my colleagues in public life in the Parliament of the country will abundantly appreciate the motives which have led the workingman of this city to adopt this method of displaying his political power and vindicating his political character.

Conservation and the Workingmen.

You have alluded, Mr. Chairman, to the fact that there have been workingmen's gatherings in other parts of the country as well as in