

TWO LEADERS—TWO POLICIES

information in reference to these matters of public concern, not in the heat of an election contest, when political prejudice tends to bias our judgment, but at a time when we can bring to bear a more unprejudiced mind upon the matters presented to us.

2. We believe that Liberalism stands for principles essential to the highest welfare of the people of the Province; that the more fully these principles are explained and expounded, the more certain they are to win the confidence and support of the people.

FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD.

3. We believe that the practical application of these principles, as embodied in the policies which I have referred to this afternoon, are so manifestly for the public good, that it only requires a fair and clear presentation of these policies to insure that the electors will rally to their support.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

This Province is confronted with a unique and commanding opportunity. Her geographical position, the extent, variety and richness of her natural resources, the strength of her commercial and financial institutions, and her people all insure for her, if we but worthily play our part, a commanding position in the commercial and industrial life of our growing Dominion. But this is not Ontario's greatest opportunity. The strength and stability of our religious and educational institutions, the moral earnestness and zeal for social reform possessed by so many of our people, make it possible for us to lead the Provinces of Canada in the value and extent of our contribution to civilized life.

PREPARED TO LEAD.

Ladies and gentlemen, I end where I began. The first article of our programme is abolish the bar. It was your cause in the past. It was your cause when I fought with you in the ranks. It was our cause when we fought together. It is no less your cause to-day. Having called me into this position of leadership, I am prepared to lead. (Applause). I care not for the opposition of the bar. I care not for the opposition of the moneyed interests back of the bar. I care not for all the wealth and power they command. I care not for the opposition of our opponents if they ally themselves with the bar. But you, good men and women too, who love what is right, who love our country with devotion, I will lead if you will follow, and together we will forever wipe out the open bar in the Province of Ontario.