

Richard Cartwright too, the mixer and muddler of figures—(hear, hear, and laughter)—who kept the financial conscience of Mr. Mackenzie, and expects to keep the financial conscience of Edward Blake, said—what! That all protection was legalized robbery. (Laughter.) So capitalists are afraid to invest money in this country. Mr. Blake says in his address, “Why did these gentlemen dissolve and go to the country? Why did they ask the people to give a verdict when they might have remained in power eighteen months longer?” Our answer was this: That we wanted to let the people declare after three years’ experience whether they were resolved to adhere to that policy or whether they were willing to reverse it. (Cries of “Never.”) It shows, at all events, that we, the office-seekers, we, the bloated aristocrats, were disinterested for once. (Loud laughter and cheers.) Yes, I take out of your pockets a salary of \$8,000 a year as Prime Minister—(cries of “You deserve it”)—and I might have remained in office quietly for eighteen months longer. There was no compulsion to go to the country, but I have given up \$12,000 of salary in order that I may come before you, the people of Canada, to know whether you want the N. P. to be maintained or not. (Loud cheers.) I have no doubt from the enthusiastic voices I hear around me that

The People will Stand by the National Policy.

(Cheers.) These voices are merely repetitions, affirming the same sound as will be heard at every poll in the whole Dominion. I am confident the result of the elections will be that the country will declare that the policy which the people calmly, coolly, and deliberately adopted in 1878 shall be the policy of Canada for the next five years. That is the reason we have appealed to the country, because, as I have said already, we know money is waiting for investment, and all that is wanted by capitalists in Canada, England and the United States, aye, in France and Germany, is to learn whether this country is of the fixed, constant opinion that the National Policy shall be continued as in 1878. (Cheers.) If, as I am sure it will be, the national voice confirms the decision given by the people in 1878, I can retire on my laurels. (Cries of “No.”) I have fought the good fight, and I can then make way for younger and stronger men. (Renewed cries of “No.”) I have carried out the policy which I believed, and I believe now, was for the interest of the country. (Loud cheers.) I have carried out that policy, and the country has

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