Some suggestion capable of being easily understood, whereby the condition of the working classes would be benefitted if such ideas are honestly entertained, would be of more practical interest, and might really contain something useful for adoption.

For myself, I can only say that my political opponents have no patent right to the cry of protection—and I repeat, as I have on former occasions asserted, that I will invariably support the manufacturing interests of the Dominion ; and, of course, more especially those of this constituency.

Whatever may be proposed which will lead to the practical advantage of my constituents I will be glad to adopt or to advocate, but I can give no other earnest of my wish to discharge the duty incumbent upon one of your representatives than I have already done, during the period I have sat in Parliament.

To vote against Mr. Wood and myself is to vote against the policy of the Government, without apparently any distinct end in view. In the present state of our political world no other Government seems possible, and throughout the Dominion there does not seem to be any wish to embarrass Mr. Mackenzie by delivering such a blow to his Government as would certainly seem to be the object if the election of members for this city should be decided adversely to him, unless indeed it should be attributable to the incapacity of the Government candidates, or that we are to lie under the stigma of having secured our last election by corrupt means.

It would be absurd and unpatriotic to deny the propriety of constitutional opposition by means of the votes of the electors ; but that the City of Hamilton, during a period of comparative political repose—at a time when the Parliament of Canada seems, by an overwhelming majority, to be supporting the Government in the development of the resources of the country—should reverse its not long past emphatic verdict, and should place itself in an attitude of hostility by returning two