

showered on Canadian statesmen who assented to it, the significant change in the tone of the Colonial Office to the people of Canada that then followed—Governor-Generals sent out to invite Canadians to go if so disposed—the withdrawal of the troops, and even of the British flag,—the ostentatious sacrifice of Canadian rights in the Washington Treaty, and the fact that while honours, and even peerages, were given to men who had been identified with the disintegration movement, the cold shoulder was given to the public men of the new Confederation. He then referred to the conference at the Westminster Palace Hotel, and the good it did, and to the efforts made by the late Mr. Howe and himself to force the insidious encroachments of disintegration upon the attention of the public. The debate on the Colonies in 1873 showed that there was no disintegration party—that the Liberals as well as the Conservatives scouted it. The first time that the issue was raised was at the hustings at the Greenwich election in 1873. A lecture was given to the Conservative Association at Woolwich by Mr. Haliburton on the necessity of a “National policy and a United Empire,” which will be remembered by our readers. A few days after, Sir David Salomons died, and in the contest which ensued, and which resulted in the election of Mr. Boord, this issue was prominently presented. The triumphant results of that election astonished both parties, and largely influenced the policy and the success of the Conservative party at the General Election.

Mr. Haliburton later in the evening paid a well-merited compliment to the memory of the late Mr. C. W. Eddy, secretary of the Royal Colonial Institute. The following extract from a letter written by him as to the lecture at Woolwich shows how cordially he sympathised with the struggle against disintegration :

“I hope very much to be able to attend your meeting at Woolwich this evening. But in case I should be prevented, I write a line to say how cordially I sympathize with your efforts to promote the cause to which, as you are aware, I have devoted my best efforts, that, namely, of arousing public opinion to some adequate conception of the importance of our Colonies and of the grandeur of that Empire which