

you have to do is to ascertain the views which are held by the majority in that particular section, and you will learn that these are the views which are being taken up by the members of the Opposition who are agitating this question. The organ of the party which is leading them on (as my hon. friend opposite hopes) to victory—when we shall be cast into the cold shades of Opposition, and he shall be triumphantly seated on this side of the House directing the affairs of the country in the course in which he thinks they ought to go—is telling the people of this Dominion what a bad lot the Conservative Government are, how terribly wicked they have been in even suggesting to the people of Manitoba that they should do justice to the minority. Talk of unity—the organ of the Liberal party from which it draws inspiration, is an admirable specimen of unity, I must say.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The organ you mention is not the mouthpiece of this party.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I know the hon. gentleman has already repudiated the *Globe*, and I am quite sure that any one who is consistent in his opinions and who desires to see this country governed always repudiate that organ, properly will but it is always a pleasure to me to hear that repudiation come from hon. gentlemen of the party to which it ostensibly belongs, seeing that they will look to it for inspiration when the proper time comes. I am aware that it has been claimed that a certain hon. gentleman who formerly belonged to the Conservative party, and who has been active in his opposition to the appeal, still is a member of our party. All I can say is that we cannot prevent any one calling himself a Liberal or a Conservative, but it is very strange if the proper course to pursue to maintain one's position with a political party is to adopt the opinions (I was going to say fads, but that might be unparliamentary and consequently I will not use the word)—to adopt all the views held by the opponents of that party—if that entitles a man to be called a member of a party, I can only say that I have yet to learn what political allegiance means. I hope sincerely with the mover and the seconder of the address that the people of Manitoba may see their way clear to settle this question among themselves, and to relieve

the Parliament of Canada from the serious obligation which will devolve upon them otherwise. It is a very serious matter for the Government of the Dominion to undertake to deal with a question which affects solely any one section of the country. If the people of Manitoba are patriots they will keep this question out of the arena of Dominion politics, but if they desire to continue flinging fire brands among the electorate of this country (who I am sure are desirous of living in peace and harmony) if they reject all overtures and act upon the suggestions of those who are leading the Opposition throughout the country, I can only say that when the time comes, if it should come, for action by this government, the people of Canada will find that the present administration are quite prepared to assume the responsibility which may fall upon them, no matter what the results may be.

I do not think that I shall be justified in referring at any great length to the trade question. I am under the impression that most of the hon. gentlemen present have heard this matter discussed so often that it is scarcely worth while repeating the arguments which sustain the government's position. We have heard a great deal about the manufacturers and about the evil effects of the National Policy, that it is ruining the country, that it has not provided a home market, that it is driving people out of the country, and that the aid given to the various industries of the country has been an injury rather than a benefit. The hon. gentleman forgets once more that his own party is committed to the very principle which he condemns—that of bonuses to industries. The premier of Ontario, of whom the hon. gentleman is such a great admirer, and whom he supports and votes for every year, only two sessions ago placed in the estimates \$25,000 as a bonus to the iron industries of Ontario.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—A piece of folly.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—It is a folly which has been perpetrated and practised by that hon. gentleman and his party; but I regret to say that they were not sincere—if that is not an unparliamentary expression. They voted this large bonus for the encouragement of the iron industry in Ontario, and particularly in the Algoma district, which they were fearful of