

by the hon. leader of the Opposition that we ought to discuss the question before the Chair.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. I am unable to find that the hon. gentleman who has been addressing the House is absolutely out of order, because, as I understand it, he is trying to show that the hon. gentleman who preceded him has already expressed ideas different from those he has expressed on the floor of the House to-day. At the same time, I must admit that it may not have a very close bearing upon the question immediately before the House, the iron duty, and I would invite the hon. member (Mr. McIsaac) to confine himself as much as possible to the item under discussion.

Mr. McISAAC. I will promise that the remarks I shall make after the reading of this document will be very brief :

Mr. Bell might well be proud of the honour done him last June by the Conservatives of this county, but, instead, he has seen fit to hurl back, with apparent contempt, the trust imposed in him last June, without notice, too, or consultation with a single Conservative, by resigning his seat in the legislature.

Messrs. MacDougald and Tupper pledged themselves to abide by the action of our convention, and support our nominees, whoever they might be. I, myself, with Mr. W. B. Moore, as a committee from the meeting of our friends in New Glasgow, waited upon Mr. Bell two nights before the meeting of the convention, and Mr. Bell pledged himself, like MacDougald and Tupper, to accept and abide by the action of the convention. The morning of the convention, within two days, Mr. Bell receded from this position and repudiated his promise.

Several good Conservatives conscientiously supported Mr. Bell until the night of the 7th instant, when Mr. Bell, with six of his Conservative supporters, met Sir C. Tupper and discussed the situation. Mr. Bell then and there, of his own motion, decided to give up his intention of contesting the county in opposition to our party nominees, pledged himself again to his supporters present and to Sir C. Tupper to give up the fight, to accept the nomination from Guysborough, and authorize the publication of this, his determination, in the Halifax "Morning Herald" and otherwise.

The next morning, within twelve hours, Mr. Bell again receded, without consulting a single Liberal-Conservative, and has since confessed that he made this last somersault at the instance of certain prominent Grits of New Glasgow.

This last act has so unmasked Mr. Bell that his Conservative sympathizers determined not to follow him into the Grit camp, and are now all, or nearly all, with us in supporting MacDougald and Tupper.

Mr. Bell's deceptions and impostures do not end here. He poses as the nominee of the labouring man, when it can be proven that such is not the fact. In that respect he is the nominee of R. Drummond, the man whom he denounced last summer, and a few Grits, and nothing more.

I call upon all to ponder these facts, to recall the speeches of Mr. Bell against Mr. Drummond seven short months ago, and not to allow themselves to be deceived. The voice may be like the voice of a Conservative, but the hands are the hands of a Grit engaged with Mr. J. D. McLeod

Mr. PATERSON.

in an endeavour to destroy our constitution and dismember our Dominion.

Do not fail to inform your friends and neighbours, and vote for MacDougald and Tupper.

Yours, &c.,

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John Cameron, Sec. Lib.-Con. Party,
East Pictou, N.S.

New Glasgow, February 11th, 1887.

This is the document which was sent broadcast through the county by the chairman and secretary of the Liberal-Conservative party on that occasion. Only that I do not wish to detain the committee, I might also give extracts from speeches made on that occasion by both the senior and junior member for Pictou. But it is well known that for a long time, and especially from 1887 to 1891 the hon. senior member for Pictou (Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper) never ceased in his invective against the Liberal party and his vituperation was never so malignant as when he was pouring it forth against the hon. gentleman who is his colleague in this House. So it ill-becomes the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bell) to lecture hon. members on this side, and particularly the Finance Minister on the ground, forsooth, that we are not sincere or consistent in our trade policy. It does not come with such ill-grace from the senior member for Pictou (Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper) because so far as the National Policy is concerned he has been straight upon that question; but the hon. junior member, surely, surely, he will never again engage in lecturing hon. members on this side upon the subject of consistency and steadfastness in the maintenance of a policy. The hon. member (Mr. Bell) has referred to the local election in Pictou and has spoken of a circular which was distributed in the interest of the Liberals in that county during the last provincial election. But he forgot to read the circular that was distributed in his own town, left from door to door throughout the county. It is printed in red, and here it is :

SPECIAL DESPATCH.

Coal and Iron to be Sacrificed by the Tariff to be brought down by the Ottawa Government on Thursday.

While this is the Case, Tea, Coffee and Sugar are to be Taxed,

And the Free Breakfast Table will Become a Thing of the Past.

Montreal, April 18.—Despite all attempts on the part of the Government to conceal their tariff policy, there does not seem to be any doubt but that their friends in Montreal know pretty accurately what is to be. The withdrawal from warehouse during the last two days by leading members of the Liberal party show that current rumours as to the new tariff are well founded.

Coal is to be made free, or, at least, to be reduced to a point that will satisfy those who have for years been clamouring for free coal.

Iron is certainly going to be hit hard. Indications are that it will be made free.