

alleys whispering things with reference to myself, that they dare not say in the open. (Hear, hear.) We are two men who can fight this out in the open before the electors of this North Riding of Toronto, and I for my part am quite willing to say to Mr. Urquhart: "Come, let us put aside private canvass, and you and I will make our public canvass together before the business men, before the students, before the electors of this district of North Toronto; make it on the public platform together, where we can both be side by side, and where the electors can judge between us." I think that is a fair proposition to make. (Hear, hear and cheers.) Will Mr. Urquhart accept it?

The Good Time at Massey Hall

Now, Mr. Chairman, they had over at Massey Hall last night, as the Boston girl would say, an "elegant" time. (Laughter.) I don't think any happier lot of people seemingly ever got together in any one place before, if you have regard to the demonstrations, to the speeches, and to the reports in the *Globe* of this morning. But there is this thing to be said, they had an equally good time in 1896; they had an equally good time in 1891; and in 1891 and in 1896 the result in the City of Toronto was about the same—they had a good time, but the Conservatives got the votes. (Cheers.) Now, the people of Toronto are a kindly people; they like to give a man a good reception, take him in—in a hospitable kind of way. (Laughter.) They like to hear a man use mellifluous language, be it even somewhat rhetorical, and they have a certain admiration for a picturesque figure. (Laughter.) They enjoy all that, and give a hearty reception to one who gives them all that, but when it comes right down to business the Toronto people are level-headed—(hear, hear)—they size up the position and they make up their minds upon it sensibly and pretty thoroughly. (Hear, hear.) That is the reason why Sir Wilfrid always has had, and always will have, a good reception in the City of Toronto, and that is why, after it is over, the business men in the City of Toronto will go about their own work in their own way without paying very much