

In your peregrinations through the Maritime Provinces, you loudly advocated the removal of the duty on flour, yet when the member for Northumberland put you to the test in Parliament, by moving for the abolition of that duty, you quietly stepped out of the House and shirked the vote. This, however, is an old trick of yours. The records of Parliament show that upon several occasions when brought face to face with the principles you had advocated when in opposition, notably that of submitting all contracts to Parliament for its approval, you rushed from the House when the votes were being taken in order to avoid the recording of your vote.

There are so many other questions of a public nature, with which your name has been associated in anything but a flattering manner, that I feel it would be wise for me to postpone the discussion to a later date. In the meantime, if it would be any satisfaction to you, I would let you peruse the volume of my scrap books which I have especially devoted to you, and from which I prepared the brief which I intended to use when you accepted my challenge, but which I was deprived of the pleasure of using by your cowardly refusal to hear me.

The record which you have made for yourself is one of which you certainly must feel proud. The public may think I am somewhat prejudiced in my summary of your public acts, and therefore I will call to the front a witness, whose judgment and opinion of you will be properly appreciated. The Hon. Wm. McDougall, than whom there is no better judge of the characters of our public men, spoke of you at Millbrook, as follows:

"If ever there was any one man at the bar, who had shown in his career a desire to avail himself of his position in order to forward and advance his own interests, that man was Edward Blake. If ever there was a man who had shewn as a member of the Government and as a lawyer, disregard to the proprieties and duties of his position, that man was Edward Blake. He (McDougall) saw him carrying his bag day after day to the Courts in Toronto, when he was drawing his salary as Minister of Justice, and appearing in private causes before the Judges he had made and whom he could by a reconstruction of the Courts, removed to an inferior position. Was not that an indelicate thing? The matter was noticed in the papers, and he immediately bundled up his bags and papers and posted himself off. He was a member of the Local Government for a time. He was chief of the Government and he exercised his influence in advancing the interests of his own Chancery clique in Toronto. Mr. Edward Blake, after he was at the head of the Government, was found practicing in the Crown Land Department, receiving large fees to promote causes in that office."

Do you want anything stronger than this? If you do I will let you have it in a future letter. You may rest assured that I shall never quietly submit to be humiliated by you and others without letting the people have the whole facts in connection with this timber limit transaction. I care not who may be the sufferer. You have done your very best to disgrace me and my family in the estimation of the public and you need not feel annoyed or surprised if I give you a 'Roland for an