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campaign. The spectacle of Liberals denouncing Liberals for under-taking public service, when they themselves have received I don't know how many thousands of dollars from the public treasury, and have been paid out of the public treasury for ~~the~~ time spent in partisan campaigning, is enough to make a Tory laugh and a Liberal weep. The fact is, of course, that, like most of your friends, you sized me up wrong, as you did ~~many~~ thousands of my countrymen. At the beginning, my work was regarded as a negligible quantity, and when, at length, its potentiality was observed, as far as I can gather, no real attempt was made to answer it, but there was abundance of denunciation. "The Toronto Star Weekly," for instance, had an editorial declaring that I was creating racial division in Ontario as Bourrassa was creating it in Quebec. The editor who wrote it admitted that he had not read either my pamphlet or my speeches; ~~and~~ he refused to print a line of the case I was presenting to the public, and, though he had given a page to Bourrassa's own exposition of his views, refused to send a reporter to any meeting of mine where the truth could be ascertained.

What I am trying to point out to you and possibly to other Liberals is that, if Liberals coming from Britain have no better foundation for their Liberalism than was shown towards me under the circumstances to which I have alluded, they would be driven wholesale into the Conservative party in Canada. That the abuse that was heaped upon me from one end of the country to the other did not succeed in driving me into The Conservative party is, I humbly venture to think, due more to my Liberalism than to that which tried to discredit me, personally and publicly, ~~even when I was fighting Mr. Rogers.~~

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During the election, I did not utter a word, either on public policy or in reference to individuals, which did not become a Liberal. I advised those who listened to me to be slow about tying themselves up to any political party in Canada. As the advice was given after nearly ten years' residence in Canada, during which I never became identified with either party, and as I have since practised the advice I gave, (I have repeatedly declared my independence of the Conservative party) you will not be surprised that I should wonder whether the treatment accorded me in the House of Commons and outside, which, by all the signs, might have been planned for my political assassination, does justice to those who, in the country, constitute the Liberal Party in Canada.

I know, of course, it will be said that I am too sensitive to the mere incidents of political warfare. I am not thin-skinned, but I ~~am not~~ not to accept what seems to be the traditional low standard of public discussion that ~~is~~ keeping decent men out of public life, and that does not facilitate the strengthening of Liber-

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