

touches the honor and impugns the intelligence and integrity of those British members who represent the Counties of Megantic, Brome, Drummond and Arthabaska, and Argenteuil.

They repeatedly voted non-confidence in the presently constituted DeBoucherville Ministry. They have always been ranked as Conservatives ; not that spawn that robbed and sullied the name of Conservatism and plundered the country with impunity, but Conservatives in the true acceptation of the word ; defenders of the rights and liberties of the electors and guardians of the public purse.

Those four counties have been approached in vain by Ministerial emissaries with the benevolent object of fomenting political and religious strife. They are inhabited by electors as independent, as educated and as intelligent as any to be found in the Montreal divisions. How then does it arise that the electors of the above-named counties have invited their former members to accept re-election ? There must be a grievous delusion somewhere—a delusion in which the majority of the French Canadian electors share. On which side then does truth lie ?

The first non-confidence vote of last session was when Mr. Joly moved in amendment to the Address, that instant legal proceedings should be taken to annul the "Tanneries Land-swap." The DeBoucherville Ministry resisted the motion on the grounds that, as a preliminary step to legal proceedings, a special Committee should be appointed to inquire into all the facts, and on their report the Government would act. A Committee was appointed. It sat throughout the session ; 140 witnesses were examined ; the evidence fills four hundred pages foolscap. Not