

the Conservative party, especially since Confederation, has appealed to his judgment as being the best and safest for Canadians to follow.

In his own county he has all his life taken an active interest in political and municipal affairs. He served for some years as Councillor and Reeve of Simcoe and has been a member of the Norfolk County Council.

He was a strong supporter of Confederation and took an active part in Norfolk in the elections of 1867 and 1872, advocating the construction of the Intercolonial and Canadian Pacific Railways, not only because they formed part of the compact of Confederation, but because he believed that a great rail and water system of communication was necessary to lay the proper foundation upon which to build up a nation.

In 1874 Colonel Tisdale was first nominated as a candidate for the House of Commons, opposing Mr. John Charlton, by whom he was defeated at the general elections, held under the Mackenzie regime in that year. The great issue in that contest was the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which Colonel Tisdale strongly supported. The wisdom of his stand upon that question all parties now admit.

In 1878 Colonel Tisdale was an ardent exponent of the then new policy of protection, the development of which on proper lines has done so much for Canada.

At the general election in 1887 he was nominated in opposition to the then member, Mr. Joseph (now