

want to see this country governed by the French, simply because the law was meted out equitably to one of their own people."

Certain allowance might be made for this language, for Mr. McCarthy's speech was to some extent a criticism on the inflammatory programme adopted by the Champ de Mars meeting in Montreal. But the member for North Simcoe says that his Haldimand speech (really delivered in 1886) was "in accordance with the desire of his then leader, Sir John Macdonald." Is Mr. McCarthy's memory as treacherous on this point as on that which caused him to declare that the speech was delivered in Haldimand in 1887? It must be, for Mr. McCarthy had not seen Sir John Macdonald for at least two or three months before appearing in Haldimand. Does Mr. McCarthy expect sensible people to believe that the great leader of the Conservative party had advised him, after Parliament prorogued in 1886, to seize the first opportunity to

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The truth is SIR JOHN MACDONALD LEFT OTTAWA SEVEN WEEKS BEFORE MR. MCCARTHY SPOKE IN HALDIMAND; no writ had been issued at the time; his leader had been in the mountains and valleys of British Columbia, was returning and arrived in Port Arthur from the west, the very day Mr. McCarthy delivered the speech at Hagersville, which, he claims, was inspired, directed and approved by Sir John Macdonald? This evidence, circumstantial though it be, would in other cases be considered sufficiently allied to positive truth, to justify a jury bringing in a verdict of "guilty" without any prolonged deliberation. But there are other points quite as suggestive. If Sir John Macdonald "wished and desired" that Mr. McCarthy should assume an attitude of antagonism towards the French, why did the Conservative leader say at Toronto on the 21st December, 1886, "I predict that at the next general election the present Government will be supported by a majority of the electors of Quebec."?

If Sir John Macdonald's aim was to stir the prejudices of Ontario, and to appeal to passions as well as fears: if he had asked Mr. McCarthy to adopt a different course, would he—astute