THE FIGHT FOR PROVINCIAL

self Fairly and Honestly Before the Electors.

A Masterly Exposition of the Policy and Platform of the Liberal Party.

Senator McInnes Makes a Telling Arraignment of the Tory Government

Incapacity and Neglect of Present Administration Clearly Exposed.

Conservatives Who Came to Scoff, saw Light, and Remained

Last evening was sloppy and unpleasant, one of the most disagreeable that Victoria has been visited with so far this winter, but it did not dampen the ardor of many hundreds of Liberals, who crowded the Victoria theatre to hear the views of the opposition candidate, Mr. William Templeman, on the issues in question in the present election. Those Liberals were amply rewarded, and those Conservatives who came to scoff remained to cheer when they saw the flood of light that had been let pour in on the questions which their party so stenuously endeavor to befog. Senator McInnes convinced the audience of the deplorable attempt at deceiving the electorate that is being practised by the Tories, and he was not contradicted in a single instance. Mr. Scaife voiced the sentiments of the young men of this city and gave some severe but fair and square blows to the other side. Mr. Templeman's statement of his position commended itself to the audience, while Mr. Bodwell's magnificent exposition of the Manitoba school question, and the floundering of the Conservative party over it, was produc- Bourinot must be so under the control of

preside at such a splendid meeting ou long as Col. Prior occupies the position make a speech he could not help referister. If he throws up the former, he ring to one point which Mr. Prior's can be taken into the cabinet without friends had been pressing as a reason portfolio and without pay, but it is utter why there should be no contest at this folly for anyone to believe that he can bye-election, and it seemed to him a occupy the two positions. (Applause.) very foolish one, namely, because he had Premier Bowell a few days ago had telebeen offered some appointment in the graphed that he was anxiously waiting government. (Laughter.) The idea was an opportunity to serve the people of foolish, and Mr. Richards instanced an this province by giving them that repreoccasion in his own experience when he sentation in the cabinet that they asked sought re-election in 1863, and was for. This was a most extraordinary beaten by three influences; Sir John A. Macdonald, Darcy McGee and plenty of ing the high and important position money. (Laughter.) Mr. Richards dal

not complain then.

Hon. Senator McInnes was the first speaker called upon, and he was received with that feeling which the public always accords to a tried champion in parliament of public rights. He prefaced his remarks by wishing it to be distinctly understood that he did not wish anything he stated this evening to be construed as being of a personal nature as referring to Col. Prior or any other Conservative. There was no quarother Conservative. There are the state of t he claimed it to be his duty to criticise and, behold, next day it was handed the public actions of that gentleman or over to an Ontario man, the younges: any other of the people's representa- member of the cabinet, Dr. Montague. rifle range worthy of the name at which might perhaps enquire why the Senator was taking such an active part in this bye-election; but, without being egotistical, he might say that he was the first representative from British Columbia who, notwithstanding what the Colonist stated, pressed for and advocated the right of British Columbia to representation in the cabinet of the Dominion. (Applause.) It was nearly eleven years ago since he had bgegun this struggle, and he never allowed any favorable or proper opportunity to pass without pressing British Columbia's claims. It was only last session, just before prorogation, that he had enquired why British Columbia should not be given the then vacant portfolio of agriculture. He pointed out then, as he had many times before, how badly this province had been dealt with, and had stated it as his opinion that it was for no other reason than that she had always sent too subservient supporters of the Conservative government. (Applause.) The Hon. Senator compared the other provinces with this face anything he had to say against in the treatment they had received. showing how shamefully the Pacific province had been overlooked. It was a fact that since confederation of the different provinces with the Dominion they had had cabinet representation, and that of the seven provinces of the Doinion six of them have had such voice other provinces, and from her vast terrimaladministration, of wholesale

Mr. Wm. Templeman Places Him- | asked for: what he wanted was a cabinet ministership for the province in the fullest sense of the term. (Applause.) What have we got? Nowithstanding the terrible criticism that was launched against the Senator in the editorial of the Colonist last Sunday, and the terrible scathing that was then given, he would say again that, in the face of a statute, it is an utter impossibility for the present government, by an order-in-council, to defeat the dictum of parliament by placing Col. Prior or anyone else in the position of controller of inland revenue and a cabinet minister at the same time. (Continuous applause.) The present government can do a great many things (laughter) and have done a great many things that were beyond their power, (laughter) but this is one of the things which the Mackenzie Bowell government, notwithstanding the terrible straits in which they were placed, cannot do (cheers) and that is to violate an act of parliament. (Renewed applause.) The Senator clearly onlined the legislation and circumstances attending it, which surrounded the creation of these controllerships in 1887, and showed that without doubt, until that act of 1887 became inoperative by repeal it was impossible for Col. Prior to hold the dual position of controller and cabinet minister, with an equal voice and power at the council board with the other twelve members. In that terrible editorial referred to was a telegram purporting to be a reply to a telegram sent to Dr. Bourinot asking him if Col. Prior was a cabinet minister. That reply merely states that he never gave an opinion on the question, but reading between the lines. it was as plain as daylight that if Dr. Bourinot could have given an affirmative answer, and had done so, it would have been flashed from one end of the country to the other. (Applause.)

A Voice -What is Mr. Wood? The Senator.-Mr. Wood is in identically the same position, (great applause) and all these telegrams, the Senator was sorry to say, he firmly believed have been doctored in some way, or have been wilfully framed and sent out here for a vile and brutal purpose. (Great applause.) He would ask again could any one in that audience suppose that if Dr Bourinot could have telegraphed a reply saying: "Yes, you can occupy a control lership and have a seat in the cabinet,' that it would not have been made the most of by the Colonist?

A voice.-And you bet they're the lads that would do it:

The Senator last Sunday had sent the following question by wire to Dr. Bour-"Can controllers occupy the dual positions of controllers and cabinet min isters? Please answer." Up to the present no answer had been received, (Never will"); perhaps so; but the natural inference was that if an affirmative answer could have been given it tive of cheering that has, for spontane the government that he dare not reply to ousness and heartiness, seldom been that telegram (cheers); although in the equalled at a public meeting in Victoria. Past the Senator had always found him one of the most obliging and accommo-Hon, A. N. Richards expressed the dating of officials at Ottawa. Therepleasure he felt on being called upon to fore the Senator would reassert that as such a night. Although not going to of controller he cannot be a cabinet minstatement to come from a man occupypremier of Canada. Why, since the 14th

of July last the portfolio of agriculture had been vacant till only two days ago; and it was only when Clarke Wallace resigned the subordinate position of controller that British Columbia came to the mind of the premier. (Laughter.) It had been stated that the portfolio rightfully belonged to the province of making money by it, because they are Quebec; it was nothing of the sort. Quebec already, without this portfolio, has munition to fight these bye-elections. her full share of the representation. In fact, a few evenings ago Col. Prior at his meeting boasted that this seat could anxious to give British Columbia cabinet taken down to Clover Point, to the detvacant? (Applause.) There is only the consequence being that our militia one deduction to be drawn from the are unable, from want of proper practhat the people of Victoria can be an enemy if the time should unforumbought with a small r sop. (Hear, hear and applause.) Every cabinet minister ed into active service. He are the small results and applause.) with a portfolio gets a salary of \$7000, that of all this body of men 75 per cent. the premier \$8000 (They are going in of them scarcely knew how to load a and they are going to give Victoria a range. He also felt safe in saying that cheaper "cabinet" at \$5000. he could take the 35,000 militia in Can (Great laughter.) January. (Great cheers.) The Senator was exceedingly sorry that Col. Prior militia be given every facility to perfect had not accepted the invitation to be present (applause and laughter) as the Senator always wished to say to a man's. (Applause.) The chances are he him.

applause.) The great overshadowing question, though, and the one on which this elecin the government of the country since tor would give a few facts why the peo-Manitoba school question, but the Senajoining confederation. British Columbia ple should request Col. Prior to stay at the mercy of that petty tyrant. Sir is greater in extent than any of the home (hear, hear); a few instances of tory and importance as a heavy con- ling, in fact, stealing (hear, hear), in the estimates were before the house of tributor to the Dominion exchequer, she which the government he supports have commons last session to have that wrong has every right to that representation. been interested. They have managed righted? The Senator challenged any

would say more if the person he was

has been proved before the public ac-counts committee of the house of comprivate mill, costing \$425,000, and the returns received from it amount to \$48. Charley Rykert made a few honest doltimber lease, and Charley and the Colonel were particular friends. There the Esquimalt dock, the Onderdonk affair, the hard pan matter and a number of other little matters that were put through by the government of which Col. Prior is a faithful follower. Then there was Mr. Cochrane, of East Northumberland, who so notoriously and shamelessly peddled about government positions, charging all the way from \$50 to \$200 for them, and when it was put to the vote to impeach him, Col. Prior was among the foremost who were most anxious to whitewash Mr. Cochrane. A voice-What about Col. Prior; is he

or is he not a cabinet minister? The Senator-I have explained that already. As long as he holds the position of controller he cannot be a cabinet minister. (Applause.)

Sir Charles Tupper, the high commissioner—the great stretcher (laughter)—went into the last election with the promise of the building of the Salisbury railway as one of his pledges. This great undertaking was to shorten the Intercolonial railway 271/2 miles, and was to cost the trifling sum of three million When the bill authorizing this lelightful piece of jobbery was brought before the house it was challenged, but

in one way and another. This much Never will these wrongs be righted until When Wallace resigned (he did what he the two parties. Another is the char should). the god of fortune will, in a few month, place Mr. Laurier One of the instances was the at the hear of the government little canal up to Hon. Mr. Haggart's | (great cheering). The people of Victoria are interested in the building of the British Pacific railway. Did the Colonel (Laughter.) No more faithful support | or his colleague ask the Dominion gover of the government that passed that ernment for a charter for that road, 'job" than Col. Prior could be found. with which they could go to the money murket and ask for money to build it? lars, amounting to \$100,000, out of a (No.) No; they did not, and that is another reason why you should request Mr. Prior to stay at home. (Applause).

'The next time I have the honor of addressing an audience in this theatre. concluded the Senator, "I hope I shall have the pleasure of the presence of Col. Prior." (Great cheering.)

witty and pithy speech, in which he, at the opening, likened the present occa sion to a Christmas dinner. He desired at the outset to bear personal tribute to Colonel Prior. Everyone of the Liberals of Victoria believe that Colonel Prior is sincere about this cabinet ministership or controllership, whichever he cares to call it. Personally, no doubt, the Colonel believes it is all right, but many believed-and Mr. Scaffe was among them-that when the Colonel gets o Ottawa, when he does get there (laughter) and only then will he find that he is mistaken. Speaking for himself, Mr. Scaife took it as a sign of the times that he, a comparatively young man in the community, had been called upon to address such an important meeting, but there is now a growing spirit in Victoria to encourage the younger spirit as much as possible (applause) and he was glad to see it, for the young men should bear equally with the old the responsibilities of the day. Politics should



WM. TEMPLEMAN.

passed by a large majority, and among the yeas will be found the name of Col. bition, if he had any, and should not be measures, were supported by Col. Prior and the Senator's reference to these notorious statutes were loudly applauded. Col, Prior and his genial colleage had rocks outside, and the only excuse the non the last five years was because they

B. G. A. Mr. Lorimer Nameome to me afterwards, and will undertake to act in confidence, I will give him or any two or three others the name. I never say anything I am unable to substantiate. (Applause.) They are (Cheers.) The San Pedro lies there a monument to the negligence and incapacity of our members. Then, again, althe head of as fine a body of men as there are in Canada, they have not a around there, or anyone out boating; ed into active service. He would say body. It is absolutely necessary that our

Through the instrumentality and kind plause) when here, the post office employes had been reinstated (renewed cheering). It was not through the eftalking about were present. (Renewed forts of our representatives, who were ignored by the little autocrat, Sir Adolphe Caron. The Senator brought this question up at the last session and should not be given a stated and suffi-Adolphe Caron (groans). Did Colonel Prior or Mr. Earle open their lips when within the last ten years, to filch over man to show when they spoke in behalf position of a controller that the Senator six million dollars of the people's money of those oppressed employes (cheers).

themselves. (Cheers.)

years. (Applause.) The franchise and fore he was sorry to see so much promgerrymander acts, two more outrageous inence given to the cabinet minister There was the national policy to be considered. When a man has been marbeen very fond of impressing the public | ried sixteen or seventeen years, he has with the fact that they had done their a pretty fair idea whether matrimony very little. (Renewed laughter.) There we are in a position to judge. Mr. was still the San Pedro gracing the Scaife personally felt that it does not sui the people of this country. B. C. B. G. A. had for not firing a can- plause.) This brought to mind the occasion when Sir Hibbert Tupper, the claimed the wrecked steamer was in the champion strong man of the Conserva-(Great laughter.) That might tive party, was in Victoria and occupied pleman in the Times." perhaps be looked upon as a stretch of a position on that same platform. Mr. icy of the Conservative party, but the ing his opponents, the Liberal party. Liberals." (Cheers.) tion of Mr. Laurier's name. (Renewed remembered that Sir Charles then replied, striking a very dramatic attitude, that his policy would be found written (Hear, hear.) Some people (Laughter.) Now, if the government are to practice. Once in a while they are on the wall. (Laughter.) Mr. Scaife representation, why not give Col. Prior riment of pedestrians and people driving a rather unfortunate one, because those thought at the time that the simile was present who remembered their Bible history would call to mind what that other ang. failure to do so, and that is the fact tice, to place themselves in that state ter and applause.) There was some difwriting on the wall was. (Great laughthat the Ottawa government believes in which they will be capable of facing ficulty—of course it is a long time ago-(laughter) about interpreting that writing (laughter), and the interpreter, a gentleman named Daniel ("a Liberal, you bet") translated it, when it was for Chinamen's rates, now,") but they rifle. (Laughter.) They should have balance and found wanting." (Great trained instructors and a proper rifle cheering.) Sir Charles Tupper had also been unfortunate in his reference to the Connolly-McGreevy pair of martyrs-to course they are ada to-day, and pick the two or three the Conservative cause—and he then only fooling the people of British Co | thousand men from them who are train- produced the only documentary evidence lumbia and Victoria especially, and the ed shots, place them against the rest on that he brought forward that evening, Senator hoped they would resent it in equal ground, that the two or three and Mr. Scaife's recital of it, in parody, an unmistakable manner on the 6th of thousand would exterminate the larger created repeated roars of laughter. It was urgently pressed by the physician that the invalids could eat only three meals a day (laughter) and that they found the time long between drinks offices of Lord and Lady Aberdeen (ap- (great laughter); therefore, in the interests of the National Policy, they should be forthwith liberated (applause), and liberated they were. ("You bet they were.") (Great cheering.) Every society, concluded Mr. Scaife, had its bard, and the Liberal association nad theirs. That gentleman had just run tion will be largely fought out, is the asked the government why the clerks off a few lines and Mr. Scaife had been commissioned to read them. Their readcient salary, instead of leaving them at ing created convulsions of applause. The immortal verses ran as follows:

We've just had a wire to say so. In fact it's the fashion, completely the rage; So not to get left at this critical stage.

We think in the pastime we'll also engage We've just had a wire to say so.

Their scheme of coercion he could not sup-He knew it was failure, so not to get caught, He acted as every true patriot ought; We've just had a wire to say so. They were all in the frying pan, dreading the fire,
We've just had a wire to say so;
And in their extremity call'd upon PriorWe've just had a wire to say so.
They felt they were shaky out here in

B. C., So our junior member they made a P. C. As a sop to the voters—that's you and me We've just had a wire to say so. They made him a minister, gave him Mr. Scaife made a characteristically We've just had a wire to say so

should),
We've just had a wire to say so,
They filled up his place with a minion call
ed Wood;
We've just had a wire to say so,

At the council board, hoping to parry de-feat— We've just had a wire to say so. Prompt action was needed e're yet t'was toe late; The proffered appointment was but second rate, But our gallant militiaman swallowed the We've just had a wire to say so.

We've just had a wire to say sowe've just had a wire to say so—
Prov'd ample to bring him right plump on
his knees;
We've just had a wire to say so.
Most dignified action! most elegant pose!
But what his position is nobody knows;
It's follow my leader and everything goes,
We've just had a wire to say so. We've just had a wire to say so.

Five thousand per annum in times such as

we've just had a wire to say so;
In the past these accomplishments helped him along—
We've just had a wire to say so;
But though by his party he's thought to be slick.

The Colonel's a dancer and sings a good

We fancy somehow that this time he won't stick, We're not to be fooled by this cabinet trick— We've just had a wire to say so. Some few dozen telegrams now have been

sent,
We've just had a wire to say so,
Another example of money misspent,
We've just had a wire to say so;
But whether the Colonel his billet will keep Remains to be seen, we are not all asleep, And likely as not as he's sown, so he'll reap. We've just had a wire to say so.

Coerce Manitoba! Yes, that is the cry, We've just had a wire to say so; We strongly advise them to pause e're they

We've just had a wire to say so. Meanwhile they're arrived at the end of their wits, And if at the poll we don't give them fits, every politician not to foment quarrels that may have far-reaching and disas-We'll prove ourselves merely the semblance of "Grits"—
We've just had a wire to say so. Mr. Templeman was given a reception

that for its heartiness and genuine en-

thusiasm has seldom been surpassed by

any ovation given to a candidate for public honors in Victoria. He was much gratified to see the meeting graced by the presence of ladies. (Applause.) It is a departure from the old rule, and he hoped it would be continued at future meetings, because he was convinced that if we have the ladies with us, and there is a great number of them in sympathy with the Liberal cause, (cheers) the success of the party was certain. (Applause.) Mr. Templeman was not commissioned to apologize for Mr. Jamieson, the lessee of the theatre, on account of the building not being open till a quarter to eight o'clock, and not even then till the matter had been called attention to. It must have been an inadoccupy the highest place in a man's amvertance, because Mr. Jamieson could would have been flashed across the wires in a very short time. (Cheers.) Dr. Bourinot must be so under the control of the government that he dare not reply to the government that he dare not reply to to maintain the senate for twenty. Another apology was due to his Liberai friends for the Conservative party, for the gentlemen who are at the head of question. There are greater and more the Conservative party, who have important questions to be considered, thought it wise to place in the hands of those attending this meeting a document of this kind, and Mr. Templeman held up a "dodger" entitled "A Nice Record," best for Victoria. (Laughter.) Well, suits him. We have been wedded to the friends have a number of the telegrams in which, he said, our Conservative judging by results, that best had been National Policy for about that time and on this cabinet minister question appearing in the Times. Those telegrams credited to the Times were headed "Fiction," while those in an opposite column, which had appeared in the Colonist, were headed "Facts." But after each Times dispatch was printed: "Temimagination, but the Senator had it from Scaife attended that meeting expecting said: "I did not write those tele man, looking straight at the audience, one of the highest officers of the B. C. to hear a masterly exposition of the poland appeared in the Times newspaper." impression he with many hundreds of (Renewed cheers.) "I say it is unfair The Senator—If the gentleman will others carried away was that Sir Chas. to create a false impression like this. H. Tupper's chief strength lay in abus- It is unfair to me; it is unfair to the (Laughter.) and when, possibly by in- column by Templeman in the Times il-"It says the advertance, he happened to mention the lustrates the methods of the bunco name of the Liberal leader (applause) steerer. If I understand the meaning of there was such a wonderful outburst of that term aright, it is an individual who saving powder, and you must have am- applause that it seemed as if the house in a large city waits for the unwary went wild with joy at the mere men- country man and steers him into some place to be robbed. (Applause.) I am cheering.) A voice from that great audescribed, I take it, as a bunco steerer. dience asked Sir Charles Tupper some- I do not wish to say anything harsh of thing about his policy, and it would be anyone, but I think the man who penned that, I don't care whether his name is Perry or anything else, had no right to do so. (Tremendous cheering.) The point was so well taken that it carried the meeting by storm and it was

> eral candidate had acted like a boomer-"During my career of eleven years in this city," said Mr. Templeman, "I can go to either the Liberal or Conservative party for a certificate of character, and need not fear for the sort of one I shall get. (Great cheering.) I regret very much that this campaign should be one of slander of any kind. (Hear. hear.) I shall not retort in kind, but I want, and I will have, fair, honorable treatment, and that is all I ask. (Cheers.)

evident the attempt to injure the Lib-

on the stage and was given a royal reception.

Continuing, Mr Templeman remarked

that this was a party fight for party principles. He cared not whether Col. Prior was a full-fledged cabinet minister. or only a half-fledged cabinet minister, he should be opposed by the people of this city on account of the general policy of the government he represents. (Applause.) That policy has not been in the interests of the people of this province and it is not approved of by the majority of the people of this city today. (Applause.) This election gives If you would resist pneumonia, bronchitis. people an opportunity to say whether or not they approve of that policy. The opposition party maintain that a tariff for revenue only is the true The sending of telegrams once in a while—
We've just had a wire to say so—
May help a lame dog to get over the style;
We've just had a wire to say so.

The Conservatives on the other hand maintain that a protective tariff, protection in the interacts of the content of the con policy for this country. (Hear, hear.) The Conservatives on the other hand tion in the interests of the eastern manufacturers, with a view of building up

those manufacturers, is the true policy.

That is the great, broad issue between

acter of the administration of the Conservative government, whether they are to go on, as they have for the past five years, in their extravagance and their boodling (hear, hear), and in their wholesale mismanagement. (Cheers.) The national debt has been enormously increased under present administration, over one hund red millions. That is an issue, surelovershadowing the minor issue of thi dispute about a cabinet ministership (Cheers.) The Liberal party are going in for economical government (hear hear) they feel and they promise that the affairs of the country should be mor economically administered. ("That's what we want.") Then there were those productions of the Conservative party the franchise and gerrymander acts twin iniquities (cheers) that should h repealed (applause), and the franchis placed on a fairer and more economic basis. (Applause.) The Liberals pr pose wiping off the statute books s disgraces to public legislation. (Cheers There are many minor questions, but these were the great issues until the Manitoba school question-an unfortur ate question-come to the front. Liberals, on that question, take stand of the defence of provincial rights

(Great applause.) They say Manitoli must not be coerced; no province must be coerced. (Applause.) The government say they are bound by the jude ment of the privy council to pass reme dial legislation and to force on Manitoba an objectionable school law. Liberals say that if this is done the gov ernment will be doing the minority of Manitoba an injury, and they will be creating a greater grievance than the one they propose to remedy. The Lib eral party want the government pause and think before they force this remedial bill on Manitoba; take time and investigate all the facts. (Applause, Mr. Templeman honestly confessed that he had much hesitation in discussing this question, from the fear that he would not be able to do it justice, and he therefore did not propose to go into the legal aspect of the case. That would be more ably handled by Mr. Bodwell, who was Followin eminently qualified to deal with the conspeech de stitutional and legal side of the quesat Thurse tion, if anyone was. In this Canada of ours we are composed of two very large classes, the Protestants predominating Therefore, he thought it was the duty of

trous results and threaten to smash confederation to pieces. (Cheers.) Mr. Templeman believed, from what he knew of the people of Manitoba, that nine-tenths of them are opposed to coercive legislation, and he felt that if it passed the house and the Dominion government attempted to enforce it, there was no knowing where the matter would end. (Hear, hear.) He thought it would eventually prove worse for the minority of Manitoba if that course is taken. (Applause.) On the other hand he recognized the difficulty in which the government were placed. They were in a dilemma from which they did not know how to escape. (Hear, hear.) It would be wise statesmanship, thought, on the part of the majority in Manitoba to make some compromise this question, with a view of meeting the wishes of the minority. (Cheers.) There is no doubt of its being an issue in this campaign, because Mr. Prior has accepted a position in the government resigned by Mr. Wallace because the latter could not bring himself to consent to the governme Mr. Templeman felt strengthened in his position as a Liberal in taking the stand he did on the school question on the ground of provincial rights. (Cheers.) For many years the central government at Ottawa have been endeavoring to curtail provincial rights. Many would the question of the remember Jesuits Estates Act a few years ago, which then raised nearly as much agitation as the present dispute. The Liberal party then took its stand on provincial rights-on the broad ground of the right of the provinces to legislate on all questions relegated to them by the provisions of the B. N. A. act. There is not the same pretext, Mr. Templeman would admit, for the government interfering with British Columbia schools, but they might sooner or later find an excuse for interfering with the schools here (applause) and now is our time to state inmistakably that such a step will not be tolerated. (Cheers.) This, speaking generally, was Mr. Templeman's reason for taking his present stand on the school question, and in doing so he felt he was carrying out the policy of the Liberal party. Mr. Laurier had long ago come to the conclusion that the

question was one for investigation, and that eminent Presbyterian divine, Dr. Grant, after a personal investigation in Manitoba of the whole question, had come to the same conclusion. (Cheers.) Mr. Templeman dealt briefly with the manner in which this province, the great mileh cow of the Dominion, has been treated by the Conservative government and gave some facts and figures of the amount contributed and that received back, from which it was shown that the balance was heavily against British Columbia. Mr. Templeman closed by saying that if public opinion, as he hears it daily

expressed, is any index of the vote that will be polled, Col. Prior will be defeated by a very large majority. (Great cheers.) Mr. Templeman therefore asked his friends to rally round and place him at the head of the poll. (Renewed and continued cheering.) Mr. Bodwell's speech was a masterly exposition of the school question, and from its clear and deep reasoning, its

Mr. Bodwell at this juncture appeared powerful delivery and pure diction, speech that will ever be remembered by the hundreds who crowded the building as one of the brightest and most eloquent pieces of oratory ever heard here. Owing to pressure on our space it has been found necessary to hold it over till to-morrow, as it could not be given justice in a condensed form.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman and rousing cheers for Templeman, not a dissenting voice being heard in the building.

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