

of hard cash was spent against me. (A voice, "Gracious!") Another was that two Governments with their patronage were in the field against me, and the other was that I unfortunately became ill, and for the last four weeks of the contest I had the poor satisfaction of lying on my back on bed in my own house, whilst the fight went on. Under those conditions I did not win. This is just a little of the history of my public life, to show you that I am not altogether a wanderer upon the face of the earth politically. (Hear, hear and cheers.) Several very prominent men in the public life of Canada have been defeated in political contests before my time. (Hear, hear.) Anyway, we are about large enough now in the Dominion of Canada to take the position, that if a constituency wishes a man to run as its candidate it has a perfect right to take any Canadian it desires—(hear, hear)—and a Canadian is always at home within the bounds of our common country. (Hear, hear and cheers.)

A Challenge for Urquhart

I notice that my opponent, Mr. Urquhart, last night, after having made sundry kindly allusions to me, rather intimated that being an "apostle of political purity," as he sneeringly remarked, I had better go down to New Brunswick and think over my corrupt acts in the Province of New Brunswick during the time that I was there. Now, Mr. Urquhart can say that on the platform, or he can whisper it about the streets; all that I have to say to Mr. Urquhart in that respect is: "You are a man with a tongue in your head and a reputation to keep or lose; come on any platform in North Toronto, side by side with me, and put your finger on any corrupt act of which I have been guilty in my public life, any dishonest act in my private life of forty years—(loud cheers)—prove it right to the people, to the electors of North Toronto, that are deciding between us, and you will have a splendid advantage if you can thus floor me before the electors." Either I will go to his meeting or he may come to mine; but, for pity's sake, let him stop his men going around the streets and