

possible, and the mere attempt to hide the fact that the *Globe* is the leading organ of the party, and that he with others is not responsible for its utterances, will hardly succeed. I had no desire to occupy so much time upon this point, nor should I have done so if the hon. gentleman had not interrupted me.

Hon. Mr. POWER.—There is plenty of time

Hon. Mr. BOWELL—The hon. gentleman says there is plenty of time. With your permission, then, I will occupy it. Perhaps if the hon. leader of the Opposition continues his interruptions when I do not say that which strictly merits his approval, I shall occupy more time than I had intended. I listened to the speech of the hon. gentleman yesterday for three-quarters of an hour, and I do not think I felt any more pleased at his utterances than he is just now at mine, but I had sufficient courtesy not to interrupt him or interfere with the course of his remarks, reserving to myself, as a member of this House, the right to reply if not in the same spirit, at least in as forcible a manner as I could command. The hon. gentleman rather ungraciously referred to the defeat of my hon. friend from Welland, and gave that as evidence of the fact that the fiscal policy of the country was not what it should be. If he had been as fair as I think he should have been, he would have told this House the means by which that hon. gentleman was defeated. He might have informed the House that the gentleman who defeated him had been disqualified by the courts of his country for seven long years, not only for the bribery of his friends, but for his own personal bribery; and that he carried his case to the Supreme Court—the highest court in the Dominion of Canada—where the decision of the lower courts was confirmed. Those “human devices” which the hon. gentleman knows so well are used by his party in elections were the principal means by which the hon. gentleman from Welland was defeated. I know also from the position that I held at the time, that of Minister of Customs, that large petitions flooded the department asking for the reimposition of the duties upon fruit and the products of that particular section of Canada, and when they were reimposed in accordance with their wishes—believing as the Government did at the time that it was

the desire of the south-western peninsula of Ontario, the fruit-growing section of the country, the duties should be reimposed in order that their markets might not be destroyed by the influx of earlier fruits and by the surplus of the United States—they, like many of the party to which they belong, as soon as an election arose, showed their appreciation by voting against the gentleman who had been successful in having their request complied with. He might also have told the people that after they had lost the means by which they carried many constituencies in the general election, the people, in the by-elections not only reaffirmed the confidence which they had in the Government of the day and in its policy, but they returned, after a number of Liberal members had been unseated, a sufficient number to the Commons of Canada to give the Government as they have to-day, a majority of 70 instead of 29 or 30 at the termination of the general elections. Does the hon. gentleman desire figures in order to show that the statements I make are correct? If he does he will find the Conservative majorities have been increased in the by-elections, as the following statement shows:—

	1891.	1892.
North Lanark.....	301	431
Glangarry.....	321	374
Laval, Que.....	534	Accl.
Halton.....	104	144
East Middlesex.....	154	483
South Victoria.....	25	251
Prince Edward.....	39	212
East Elgin.....	46	598
Quebec West.....	53	389
Two Mountains.....	287	555
Richmond, N.S.....	102	310
Montcalm.....	170	330
Brome.....	1	Accl.

The above are a few of the constituencies which the Conservatives held, and the following seats were won from the Liberals, and the figures show the revulsion of feeling on the part of the electorate:

	Grit maj.	Con. maj.
	1891.	1892.
Lennox.....	57	31
East Bruce.....	114	13
North Victoria.....	502	240
Soulanges.....	39	118
Vaudreuil.....	98	35
South Perth.....	177	18
Montmorency.....	50	Accl.
East Hastings.....	54	423
South Ontario.....	33	157
East Simcoe.....	207	15
West Huron.....	379	25
Monck.....	260	327
West Northumberland.....	37	55