

and a single pampered law firm. If her school legislation is vetoed, it will be, as she must know, not because such legislation is beyond her lawful power, any more than the Jesuit Act was beyond the lawful power of Quebec, but because the Government at the next election, its hold on Ontario having been loosened, will rely on the Quebec vote. She has been made a political washpot through the subserviency of her representation. "Be no longer Tories or Grits," says the *Tribune* to the public of the Province, "be Manitobans." It is the sound and the only hopeful counsel. The folly of trying to stand well with the Government by electing heelers to the Dominion Parliament must by this time be apparent enough. These men have systematically betrayed the interests with which they were entrusted. They connived at and morally supported the retention of Railway Monopoly; they vote for the iniquitous Tariff. It is difficult to find men of worth who will leave their business for Ottawa. It is also difficult to prevent needy and shortsighted electors from being captured at election time by the paltry bribes of the Government or by false promises, such as that which seated a supporter of Government for Winnipeg. But one strenuous effort will suffice. The present system once knocked down will never be set up again.

—The condition of the British Legislature and of British politics generally is, as Lord Russell said that of the army in the Crimea was, horrible and heart-rending. Parliamentary government cannot be carried on unless the minority will let the majority govern. But the present Opposition will not let the majority govern. Hurried on not only by the violence of faction but by the violence of the disaffection with which faction has allied itself, and led by a man who is burning to avenge his own defeat and make his way back to power at any expense to the nation and the national institutions, it blocks all legislation and has reduced the House of Commons to helplessness and confusion, while the dignity of what was once the first