

Sifton singled out? He can't keep a horse without it being made the subject of public comment. The campaign was so fierce all along the line that of course the minister's opponents over-reached themselves. They forgot, or did not know, that in the west it is as common for a man to keep a driving horse or team as to keep a clock in the house. Western people, like all clean healthy people, love a horse, and instead of injuring Mr. Sifton it did him good to be advertised as an admirer of a good horse.

What has been the result of the deliberate policy of singling Mr. Sifton out as a special mark? He has come back from the country once again with greater laurels, greater triumphs, and increased reputation as a political leader. He is now the acknowledged leader of a section of country returning 28 members to parliament. Out of twenty seats in Manitoba and the Territories he will return with sixteen or more. He has defeated his opponents on every hand, after appealing to the electors on grounds of public policy alone. He seems to have thrived on those political attacks specially directed against him since 1897, while the Tupper's have disappeared from parliament.

The chief purpose of this article is to ask the Conservative press of Canada if it is fair to single out one minister of the government and try to damage him person-

ally! Nothing has ever been established against Mr. Sifton as a member of the Laurier Administration that was not to his credit. He who prospers exceedingly in the public estimation under such attacks may not object to their continuance, but we say it is not creditable to the Press of Canada that it should continue to exhibit a malevolent spirit towards one of the younger, one of the able, as well as one of the hardest worked members of the government. The vindictiveness, however, of some of these papers is not to be silenced by Mr. Sifton's great victory in the West. In its issue of Nov. 5 the Toronto Telegram returns to the attack on Mr. Sifton without rhyme or reason. It is to be hoped that it is music in Mr. Sifton's ear to hear those who are hardest hit squeal the loudest.

The latest returns indicate that Mr. Sifton comes back even stronger than was reported on election night. Mr. Cyr, Liberal, has defeated Mr. LaRiviere in Provencher. That places this famous constituency in the Liberal column for the first time in its history. It was there that Louis Riel was elected in 1874 and Sir George Cartier in 1872. Mr. Burrows has been returned by acclamation for Dauphin. The Liberal majorities in the Territories are even stronger than in Manitoba, ranging from 600 to 2500.

