

tain by the action of the government? No. What have we done? We have sent some volunteers from Canada. In fact, the premier says, he did not send them, he permitted them to enlist. Fancy the premier telling a British subject in this country he has to have his permission before he can volunteer to fight to uphold the flag of the empire. To talk about sentiment because we allow the shop-keepers of England to send their goods here at a lower rate of duty when we should be manufacturing the goods here, is absurd. But have we done our share in the matter of sending contingents to South Africa? No, when they are sent C.O.D. The only thing that I have known the government to do to assist the empire was to send over dog-biscuit in the shape of emergency rations. The Secretary of State said yesterday, in reply to a remark of the leader of the opposition, that the government should not be accused of not carrying out our pledges. Does the hon. leader of the government mean to say that they have carried out all their pledges? He has told us his political history, but I do not think it was necessary; we knew it pretty well, and there are men here older than I am—two or three members of this House, who know all about the hon. gentleman's political career. I have nothing to do with it. I always took him as a strong Reformer. I knew when he was whipped around. He was elected by one party and acted with another. That was his choice, and he need not have bothered us with his political history, because we have nothing to do with it. I ask again, what have the government of this country done to increase the prosperity of Canada, except by the creation of the favourable sentiment in England of which he speaks? Have they opened up any new market for us? They told us they were going to get reciprocity with the United States, and if they could not get fair reciprocity they would get unrestricted reciprocity. As far as the tariff is concerned, they were to reform it. The only thing they did was to admit corn into this country free. If they had not done so, they might have got reciprocity with the United States in hay or barley, but they disarmed themselves when they admitted corn free. They went to Washington and they took the duty off corn to create a

sentiment. On several other matters they have acted in the same way. My hon. friend on my left (Mr. Dandurand) spoke about the pledges which were made to the people in 1893. I happen to have a copy of them here. They were going to give us tariff reform. That is one of the pledges they made. They reformed the tariff a good deal by taking the duty off corn, the only thing they had to go to the United States with and demand a *quid pro quo* because it is worth a great deal to the United States to get corn free into this country. Then reciprocity was another of the pledges in that political manifesto of the great Grit party, and if they could not get reciprocity fairly they were going to have it anyway. Then the next thing was corruption condemned. Just think of it. Think of what is going on in this country and hear these gentlemen appeal to the people of Canada to condemn corruption. They have condemned it very much, and I stand before you to-day and say that it is a serious question how you are going to get a proper vote of the people. You will have to come back to the old system of open voting.

Hon. Mr. MILLER—Hear, hear.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. McCALLUM—That is what you will have to come to, because I remember the swindles which commenced long, long ago with that pure party that wanted to put down corruption. I remember long ago hearing about some cupboard in the cellar down in Montral. I remember they had a cupboard in the cellar.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—And a trap door in the floor.

Hon. Mr. McCALLUM—And they abandoned the cupboard but now they stuff the ballot boxes. It was intended to benefit Laflamme, far be it from me to say that Laflamme had anything to do with it, I only speak of the facts. One of the present Supreme Court judges was his opponent at the time.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Mr. Justice Girouard.

Hon. Mr. McCALLUM—He was defeated by corruption, and swindled out of his seat.