

of unstained reputation, founded upon honourable principles carried into his every day life. He was a solid man, highly esteemed in the community, and in all respects just such a man as a rural constituency like East Peterborough needed to look after its interests. He could endorse every word in praise of Mr. Anderson which Mr. Blezard had uttered. His long experience in municipal life fitted him for being a useful member of the Legislature; and he was sure that having spent so many years in excellent and satisfactory municipal life, he could give excellent service as the representative of East Peterborough. His large and varied experience in municipal matters could have no other effect than making him a most useful member of the House. If the electors took advantage of the opportunity of electing Mr. Anderson, which he felt sure they would do, (hear, hear,) they would ensure a continuation of the excellent representation they had had at the hands of Mr. Blezard for nearly a quarter of a century. (Applause.) Mr. Blezard's experience had been a good deal like what Mr. Anderson's would be. Like Mr. Anderson, he entered public life with a valuable municipal experience. He had been a plain farmer, yet the event had proved that he had made one of the most useful members that had ever sat in the House. (Applause.) He had given

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and had earned the rest which for many years he had been anxious to take. In this connection, Mr. Stratton stated that the statements made by the Conservative press could not be believed. The Mail, Toronto Telegram, and the Review, said that Mr. Blezard was "turned down." Which should know best—Mr. Blezard, himself, or these Con-

servative newspapers, which feeling the weakness of the Conservative cause, in East Peterborough especially, must resort to means like this to try to create dissension in the Liberal party. It was an unfortunate condition that newspapers should, to accomplish so trifling a party advantage, resort to wilful and malicious misrepresentation of public men. But this charge, which had been repeated and made use of at Havelock by Mr. Whitney and Mr. Ford, contained as much truth, and no more, than the charges made against the Ontario Government on that occasion by those gentlemen.

These, however, were not the matters that they were there that evening to discuss. They were of minor importance to the questions which are and will be really at issue in the coming contest — questions that deserved the careful and dispassionate consideration of the electors, for, upon the

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The future Government, the future progress and interests of this great province would depend. This was not entirely, or in any important sense, a personal contest between Mr. Anderson and Dr. Ford, who were both estimable citizens. But it was the decision of a far more important question—and that was whether Premier Ross and his Government were to be given an opportunity to continue and carry out the policy of development which they had set themselves to work out in the interests of the country—to give an administration and apply a policy that would still further advance this province, and emphasize more strongly the position she now occupies as the most advanced, best governed and best administered province or state in the world. (Applause.) And he believ-