

NORTHWEST ADMINISTRATION.

SPEECH BY THE HON. THOS. WHITE,

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, OTTAWA, TUESDAY EVENING, 4TH MAY.

Review of the Policy of the Conservative Party.

THE RESULTS ACHIEVED

Proved to have Redounded to
the Country's Advantage.

CONTRAST WITH POLICY OF LIBERAL PARTY

Coal Areas, Timber Limits, Grazing Leases,
etc., Considered.

The following is a full report of the speech delivered in the House of Commons on Tuesday evening, May 4th, by Hon. Mr. White on the subject of the administration of Northwest lands:—

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell).—Mr. Speaker, before I venture very briefly to refer to the speech which the hon. gentleman has just delivered I desire to call his attention to what seems to me to have been a breach of arrangement of which he has been guilty. I owe him the duty of saying that last week he was kind enough to intimate to me that he intended to bring up this general question to-night, and it was understood at that time that we would endeavor to get into supply at as early an hour as possible in order that he might

make his speech and that the reply might come within a reasonable hour at all events, and if possible a vote be had on the same evening. I know the hon. gentleman was engaged to-day in connection with a duty in which he takes a great deal of interest in connection with his own church, and this afternoon I received from him the following note; which I had torn up, never imagining it was necessary to keep anything of that kind, but the pieces of which have been picked up since, after the manner of picking up another famous document that had some influence in public matters in olden times, and put together.

Mr. Cook—Spittoon.

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell).—I shall deal with the hon. member for Simcoe before I get through with my speech—I promise him that. The note is to this effect:

"TUESDAY, 4th of May, 1886.

"MY DEAR MR. WHITE,—I shall be unable to leave my committee this afternoon, as it would be deemed a lack of courtesy to its members, and neglect of my own duty in the premises. I hope this will make no difference to you, and that we shall be able to proceed with the matter to-morrow.

"Yours truly,

"JOHN CHARLTON."

I got that note this afternoon. A number of hon. members asked me whether this question was coming up to-day—gentlemen whose names have been mentioned by the hon. gentleman in speeches out of this house, and by another hon. gentleman in speeches out of this house—and I told them, it was not. After dinner I saw the hon. gentleman again. I spoke to him about the matter. It was then agreed that this debate should come up to-morrow, and not to-day. I had left the chamber, and was engaged in other duties when, to

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