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# THE ONTARIO BOUNDARIES.

## A Conspiracy to Despoil the Province of Half its Territory.

**Sir John Macdonald's Crooked Record on the Subject—Quebec Tories Arrayed Against Ontario—Repudiation of a Solemn Award—A Question of Good Faith and Public Honor.**

There are higher considerations involved in the Ontario Boundary question than the territory in dispute between the Province and the Dominion, and declared to be part of the Province by the unanimous award of the arbitrators to whom the dispute was referred for settlement. The honor and good faith of the Dominion are higher considerations, and both are at stake; the permanency and future well-being of the Union are of greater consequence, and both are in jeopardy.

Sir John Macdonald and his Tory adherents have done their part. So far as any act of theirs could do so, they have committed the Dominion to a policy of dishonor. They have by resolution of Parliament repudiated a solemn award; it is now the people's turn to repudiate them. They have broken faith with one of the Provinces of the Union by violating a compact made and ratified as between one nation and another; it is now the people's turn to declare by an emphatic voice and vote that it has no faith in them. The time has come to wipe out the stain of a shameless act by punishing the authors of it.

The facts of the Boundary question, as they are set forth in the following narrative, show how utterly unworthy of public confidence Sir John Macdonald and his Tory supporters in the late Parliament are. They have done what they could to humiliate the country, and to trample its honor in the dust. The people can redress that great wrong, and the leaders of the Liberal party have confidence that they will.

### AN OLD CLAIM TO TERRITORY.

It is well known that Old Canada always disputed the pretensions of the Hudson's Bay Company to right of ownership in the North-West Territories. The people of the United Provinces always maintained that they were the successors of France in the North-West, and in the country north of the water-shed to Hudson's Bay. Upon this and other grounds the North-West Company contested the claims of the Hudson's Bay Company, and continued to do so until the dispute was settled by their partnership.

### THE QUESTION RAISED AGAIN.

As the territories lay far beyond the limits of settlement in Upper Canada, the question was not again raised until the time arrived for considering the renewal of the lease granted to the Company in 1838.

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