

Spectator! We do not believe that Mr. Tarte was as bad as the Ontario Conservatives made him out to be in 1900 when they used him to carry Ontario, but they cannot now take him to their bosoms without confessing that they were hypocrites and slanderers then, or else the close allies of the bad disloyal men now. There is no escape from the dilemma and that is one reason why Ontario is not likely to give a Conservative majority now. Will it give a majority on the other side? Sir Wilfrid Laurier's meeting in Massey Hall, Toronto, on Friday the 14th was attended by many thousands more than was Mr. Borden's. Does that signify anything? Not much perhaps, but taken in connection with the Liberal hope of carrying one if not two of the Toronto seats it may have some significance. The fight in the north between Mr. Geo. E. Foster and Mayor Crumhart is a very pretty one. Saturday Night, an independent paper is out strongly against Mr. Foster. Taking the whole province it is not likely that either party will elect fewer than 40 members in which event six would be the majority of the winning side.

In Quebec Liberal candidates are at the time of writing in "the field for every constituency" except one. By the date of publication the list will probably be complete. On the other side there is greater difficulty in finding candidates. It is quite natural that it should be anticipated that Quebec will give a large Liberal majority. There are two reasons for this. First, it is the home of the leader of a party who stands unchallenged as its distinguished head. Second, the Conservatives are without a leader in that province. Mr. Monk, who was appointed leader a good while ago resigned in a letter which he gave to the press, giving as his reason that there was an organized attempt to undermine him and his authority. This was taken as a reference to Mr. Tarte's well known attempts to capture the leadership of the Conservatives. The acute differences between the two men is a matter of public notoriety. There is no figure recognized as a central and final authority in that province on the Con-

servative side. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has no rival there, and for these two reasons even aside from questions of public policy, a large Liberal majority is conceded, except by the Ottawa Citizen newspaper which predicts the return of 27 Conservatives, thus conceding a small majority. If the Conservative organ in Ottawa sees a likelihood of 27 supporters of Mr. Borden being returned then there is little ground for the cry of a solid Quebec which its friends in Western Ontario are circulating.

In the Maritime provinces the battle is now raging fiercely. They are warm politicians down there. It is said that Mr. Borden the Conservative leader will have a hard fight for his seat in Halifax where he was first elected in 1896, and re-elected last election by a majority of 325. His running mate is J. C. Mullin. Halifax returns two members. The Liberal team consists of the former member Wm. Roche, and Michael Carney, a wealthy member of the party whose experience and record and character are admittedly good. In the whole province, which is entitled to 18 members, the Liberals expect to elect at least 12. Last time out of 20 seats they took 15. The sanguine claim that the government will do even better on Nov. 3. At all events a good government majority is expected by Mr. Fielding, the Liberal leader there. He has an excellent candidate in the field in Lunenburg against Mr. Kaulbach, in the person of Mr. A. K. Maclean, M.P.P. who carried Lunenburg in the local election of 1901 by over 700. Nevertheless he was defeated by Mr. Kaulbach at the last general election for the House of Commons by over 300.

New Brunswick usually gives the government of the day a majority. Last time it gave four, returning nine Liberals to five Conservatives. This time the representation is 13, a loss of one seat. The government leader there, Hon. Mr. Emmerson, will be opposed in Westmorland by Mr. H. A. Powell whom he defeated when he held no office in 1900 by 486. With the great office of minister of railways and running in the county where the railway vote is the dominating factor, as a rule, Mr. Emmerson's chances would seem to be