

lic for having so courageously grappled with a question which undoubtedly was surrounded by many difficulties. (Applause.)

UNWARRANTED BOASTING.

Mr. Whitney boasts of his efforts to make the provisions of the election law more stringent, and accuses me of adopting some of the amendments which he had embodied in a bill introduced by him in the session of 1900. In the speech of the Lieutenant Governor an intimation had been given that the election law would be amended, and in no sense is it true, as stated by Mr. Whitney, that the Government Bill was a copy of his Bill. Both Bills dealt with penalties, but as Mr. Whitney knows quite well, the most important clauses of the Government Bill were not covered by his Bill at all. His effort at best was a poor attempt to forestall a Government Bill which he knew was about to be brought before the House. (Applause.)

ADMINISTRATION.

If we have been progressive and up to date in our legislation, we have been no less fortunate in the administrative career of the Government for the past thirty years.

What scandals or misdeeds have ever been charged against us? What mistakes have been made?

Let it be borne in mind that justice has been administered throughout this Province all this time, and ever the suggestion of wrong doing or maladministration of the most trifling character has never been made. The Public Works of the Province have been carried out all these years and large amounts of public money expended, and I have no recollection of a suggestion, much less a charge, of maladministration ever having been made. (Applause.)

Our Public Institutions have been managed efficiently and economically and, considering the amount of detail connected with this department of administration, there has been a wonderful absence of irregularities or jarring of any description.

The Crown Lands Department has been administered without jobbery or corruption. It is true that discussions have frequently arisen as to this or that question of policy pursued by that Department, but there has been no question regarding the honesty or integrity of the Government in carrying out that policy, a policy which over and over again has been approved of by the people. (Applause.)

EDUCATION.

Mr. Whitney has always talked loudly and volubly on Educational matters, but if anyone were asked to state precisely what Mr. Whitney wanted to accomplish, or what changes he desires to make, he would have much difficulty in giving an intelligible answer.

Everyone who has children attending school or everyone who is, or has been, a school trustee is apt to have his own views on education. Do