

mitted themselves to the humiliating treatment which our predecessors had to experience under the iron rule of the hon. member for Lambton. Sir, that spirit of antipathy to our race is so manifest in the *Globe*—that great power behind the Throne—that this Government can hardly decide upon a single French appointment without it should be criticised and objected to on that single ground—without it should exclaim: “Another Frenchman appointed!” I believe that even the number of charwomen, who happen to be of French origin, is instanced as a strong evidence of that terrible, that threatening French domination. Of course, those attacks of the *Globe* appear during the recess, when they are supposed not to attract the attention of the members of this House, but as I presume that the hon. member for Quebec East—the gallant leader of the gallant little French band opposite—is a constant reader of the *Globe*, it would be interesting to hear what he thinks of the course thus followed by the leading organ of his party. This crusade against French appointments is as unjust as unwarranted, when it is well-known that this Government is only treating us with that spirit of fairness which they strive to display towards every class, every creed, every nationality in this country; when it is well-known to those, at any rate, who are aware of the facts, that the French people, far from receiving the lion’s share, as it is sometimes falsely contended, do not even obtain in the whole distribution of patronage the share to which they are strictly entitled by their numbers; when it is well-known that in the French speaking Province of Quebec, our people, with that spirit of generosity so characteristic of them, and which should be imitated in other Provinces—give to their fellow-citizens of other origins a larger share of patronage than the latter could justly claim. Sir, it is sometimes a matter of wonder to many Liberals that their party is not more popular, is not better appreciated by the French speaking element of this country, that they are losing election after election in the Province of Quebec—whenever the people have an opportunity to record their votes against them; but in the face of such insults, in face of the hostile attitude of the *Globe*—it only surprises me that

French Canadians in this House—few as they are—or outside of this House, should be found so forgetful of their sense of dignity, so forgetful of their duty towards their race, that they could devote their talent, their energy, to the advancement of a party which strives to inflame, to our injury, the worst prejudices of the people, which strives to array Province against Province—Ontario against Quebec—one class of the community against the other—Englishmen against Frenchmen—and which strives to disunite instead of binding by the strongest possible ties, as it should be the strong aim, the strong desire of every true lover of our country, the heterogeneous, but most valuable element which constitute our Canadian population. As I stated, Mr. Speaker, the Liberal members of the House have exhibited a peculiar delight—and it may be a legitimate one—for they have very few causes of comfort at the present juncture—in extolling the last elections of Ontario as a proof of a wonderful reaction against the National Policy. This proof, however, cannot be held as very conclusive when we know that, in all the partial federal elections held since 1878, and they have been many—they have not been able to redeem a single constituency—nay, they have lost three seats: East Hastings, Argenteuil and Charlevoix. In endeavouring to make that point, they only forget that they give another striking evidence of their inconsistency. Have they forgotten, have the hon. members of the House forgotten, that when the hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries mentioned last year, during the debate on the Tariff, the result of the local election of Prince Edward Island as a further indication of the popularity of the National Policy—which had been greatly discussed during the campaign—the hon. member for Lambton rose indignantly from his seat and rebuked, in the severest terms, that hon. gentleman for having introduced provincial matters, which, in his opinion, were entirely irrelevant to the debate. As my hon. friends opposite seem to have lost sight of that incident, I will read from the *Hansard* what occurred on that interesting occasion.

“Mr. Pope, (Queen’s, P.E.I.), said he did not wish to make a speech, but he had a little