

that which, though the highest of all callings, is the lowest of all trades. But this liability would have been reduced to the minimum in the case of a working-man elected to a legislature which holds its sittings in the city where he earns his bread. The contest in West Toronto was conducted on the part of the Labour Candidate and his friends with little skill, but without appeals to class enmity and in a manner free from reproach. Probably the large measure of support received from other classes has not been without its good effect as a pledge of social unity.

—Both the Boundary Award and the Streams Bill have been made Machine questions, and we cannot doubt that on the first of them the Dominion Government, in the attitude which it assumes towards Ontario, is representing the feelings of the French. But each of them has its merits. As to the Boundary Award, the truth seems to be, that there is a legal boundary on the west but not on the north. There is at least evidence of a western boundary such as might be submitted to a legal tribunal, the sentence of which would probably be in favour of the claim of Ontario, making the limit a line drawn along the Eastern bank of the Mississippi, and Northwards from its source to the limit of the Hudson Bay Territory. With regard to the northern boundary, evidence appears to be wanting. If therefore, what the arbitrators were directed to find was a legal line, they, in drawing one on the North without legal evidence, merely to complete the settlement of the question, exceeded their commission; and the Dominion Government is within its right in refusing to ratify the award. The assertion that ratification has never been withheld when negotiators have overstepped the limit of their powers shows a total ignorance of diplomatic history. On the other hand, the position of the Dominion Government is that of an interested party, and will always be the same so long as that Government rests upon the support of Quebec. How is the question to be settled? The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council is a legal tribunal, and will not, any more than an ordinary court of law, undertake to decide a point upon which no legal