

AN OPEN LETTER,

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HONORABLE EDWARD BLAKE, Q. C., EX-M. P.

SIR,— Since the ratification by Parliament of the report which you persuaded the Committee of the House of Commons to adopt, I have refrained from replying to the numerous abusive articles, which from day to day have appeared in the Grit press, being content to wait until Parliament met, when no doubt an opportunity would have been afforded me to expose your duplicity and cunning in connection with the transactions and proceedings of the Committee. But Parliament having been dissolved, and having determined that I would not again offer myself for reelection, it may not be out of place to address you a few observations in connection with the part you played in Parliament, and upon that Committee, when the question of the Cypress Hills Timber Limit was under discussion. I also propose to direct your attention especially to a few pages in your political history which I think will convince even yourself that you are one of the most contemptible politicians who ever aspired to a seat in either of the Houses of Parliament. You certainly will have no reason to complain of me resurrecting your transactions of a few years ago, when you did not think it beneath your dignity to discuss in Parliament the contents of letters, written eight years ago by two gentlemen to each other, of a purely private and confidential character, and which you knew had either been stolen from my office or extracted from briefs in your office in contravention of an express agreement with your brother. I fully recognize your very great ability and legal cunning, as illustrated by the manner in which you hoodwinked the Minister of Justice, who, after a patient and thorough examination of the evidence, reported to the