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Effect of the Attacks on Mr. Sifton.

WITH relentless persistency the Conservative press all over Canada has never ceased attacking Mr. Sifton since the famous boast of Sir Charles Tupper that he would drive Mr. Sifton out of public life. The minister of the Interior is not the kind of a man to object to criticism, nor has he ever complained even of the scurrility of the attacks upon him. On one occasion he was charged in a Tupper paper in Winnipeg with murder, or responsibility for a murder, where the culprit was an immigrant. Political malevolence could go no farther. It was something like the Mail's charge that Tartewas responsible for the fire in the East Block, because he had dismissed an employe and in consequence the hydrant was frozen and water was scarce. When the Yukon was first organized Mr. Sifton, with a single eye to the welfare of Canada, worked like a slave, and established law and order in such shape that it was the admiration of the world. But he was attacked in a way to lead a portion of the public to think he was the worst ever. News-

papers invented reports that he was to be dismissed. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was interviewed and replied that Mr. Sifton was too esteemed a colleague to be spared. Fresh stories were rapidly invented and misrepresentation ran riot among his political opponents. Mr. Sifton, a newcomer in the federal arena, gave his answer in results and soon received the admiration and respect of the Liberal party throughout the Dominion. The slanders were so numerous that Mr. Sifton probably thought that he would do his duty best by attending to his Department and let Time answer for him. He couldn't live in a comfortable house in Ottawa like other men in his position without that being made to do duty as the subject of attack and innuendo. As late as nomination day a well known barrister in Ottawa speaking at Russell made the most wanton statements respecting Mr. Sifton and his "palace" in Ottawa. The barrister in question lives in just as comfortable a house as does the minister of the interior, and so does every other member of the Cabinet who keeps house. Why is Mr.