

of Ontario, either as against the Dominion Government or against any of the neighboring Provinces. (Cheers.) We are going to be good neighbors with Manitoba on the west and with Quebec on the east, and we are going to do our whole duty as a loyal member of this great confederacy. It has been said that a Conservative Government should prevail in the Province if a Liberal Government rules at Ottawa, the suspicion being that the Provincial Government would surrender some rights of Ontario in order to keep on good terms with the Dominion Government. That is simply a Conservative argument or pretence with a view of alienating the affections of the Liberal party from the Provincial Government. For instance, Quebec was Conservative almost since Confederation, and unfortunately for us, we had a Conservative Government at Ottawa almost since the union of the Provinces. Did you hear any Conservative say in Quebec that one Government should be Liberal and the other should be Conservative in order that the two Administrations might not be alike? No; our friends on the other side of politics will take all that they can get in the way of office and, like Oliver Twist, ask for more. (Laughter and cheers.)

Our contention is that it is possible for Ontario to maintain her integrity and to maintain all her rights intact with a friendly Government at Ottawa if we are loyal to ourselves. In fact, while there was an unfriendly Government at Ottawa we had to fight for our rights. Do you know that we spent nearly \$100,000 on constitutional questions during the last twenty years. Mr. Mackenzie's Government gave us 100,000 square miles of land, known as the disputed territory, by arbitration. Immediately Sir John Macdonald came into power he declined to ratify the award of that arbitration, and we had to fight the matter in the courts until we got to the Privy Council, and there at the foot of the throne our rights were recognized after enormous expense on the part of the Province. (Cheers.) Had there been a friendly Government in power at Ottawa we would have been saved that expense. In the same way an unfriendly Government at Ottawa laid their hands on our tavern licenses, that yield us to-day a revenue of \$300,000, and sought control of those licenses. We do not want Governments at Ottawa that will encroach upon our rights. We do not believe the present Government will do that. I do not need to give you the assurance, but as the question may be raised I want to say as far as the present Government is concerned that every right which Ontario has under the constitution will be preserved. (Cheers.) We ask