

selves. You never see any division in the ranks of your opponents, who owe all their political influence to their superior organization. Not, gentlemen, that you ought to have secret societies. Your objects being legitimate, you require neither secret signs nor oaths. Believe me, however, that there cannot be a greater delusion than to imagine that in a free country, enjoying representative institutions, all the people can be got to be of one mind, and of course of one party. Great fault has been found with the late Ministry because they were party men, and because they desired that the vacant offices should be filled by men, of their own party, that is men desirous of preserving British connection, and securing the peace of the country, instead of those who, in their opinion, are taking a course calculated to produce the contrary effects. On the principles avowed by the Head of the Government I might, if a member of the Administration, be compelled to defend the appointment of one of the Orange ruffians who committed such a flagrant outrage upon us on Wednesday last. We were accused gentlemen, of wishing to purchase Parliamentary support? With what object? To keep ourselves in office. I trust there are but few Reformers in the Province who believe that our objects were so selfish. No, gentlemen! We desired to carry out our principles, the principles of our party, the principles which would lead to such great results as peace, prosperity, and British connection. It was to carry out such objects as these that we sought parliamentary support, which, after all, is the support of the people. I will however have to enlarge on this subject by and bye, when I come to speak of the late resignations. Having impressed on you the necessity of union among yourselves, I would recommend you to lose no time in forming township committees, to act in concert, and to select a Candidate, who ought to be unanimously supported by all the friends of Reform. From the information that I have received, I feel certain that there is a majority in the County of Frontenac favourable to the principles of the late Administration, and that by prudence and forbearance to one another you will succeed in the approaching contest. Your present member is identified with a party, whose conduct must excite indignation and disgust in the mind of every friend to the peace and welfare of the country. It is your duty to combine together to secure his defeat. I would recommend you not only to have a general committee for the purpose of selecting your Candidate, but when that has been done to divide each township into a convenient number of sections, and place each under the charge of a zealous Reformer, who should ascertain the opinions of the inhabitants, and their right to vote. This is absolutely necessary, as a poll will be held in each township, and the Candidate of course can only be present in one. Your committee men should circulate information which is particularly required at present, in consequence of the misrepresentations regarding the Assessment Bill, the removal of the Seat of Government, and the late resignation of Ministers. Our principles will bear examination and discussion, and you should seize every opportunity of explaining them, not to the Orange and exclusive party with whom you can have no sympathy, but to those who agreeing with us on great principles have been led astray by misrepresentation.

I now proceed, Gentlemen, to offer those observations on the measures and policy of the Government, of which I was a member, which I would have done verbally, had our political opponents afforded me an opportunity. The most absorbing question at the present moment is, of course, the resig-