

Your Cullers'-Bill was appropriately termed "an intrigue and a conspiracy" (a form of procedure which you seem to have a peculiar affection for); after marching and counter-marching it for the greater part of a session, you were forced to abandon it by your colleagues.

Your Timber-Bill!—What shall I say of it? By some peculiar sleight of hand, you slipped it through the Legislative Council; but the Sentinels of the People in the Lower House saw through the verbiage of some of its provisions, and your covert attempt to create a new fœdal tenure in Canada, was unmasked, not, however, without periling the existence of the Ministry, and earning for yourself that character for double-dealing which is now one of your peculiar attributes. Here, again, you proved a failure.

As a member of a political party, what has been your course? The party with whom you have been allied have found out that you are more than what your biographer terms "suspected," that you have played "fast and loose" with them, and that it is only because you have been allowed more than the lion's share of the loaves and fishes, that you have not already passed over to the other side. You have an admitted *penchant* for double-dealing; but your political sponsor cannot long continue to cover you with the ægis of his great talents and influence. The double-dealer must be expelled the camp; he is only a source of weakness to his party. The great Reform party of Ontario could only recognize you as a deserter from the other side, and is too strong itself, and too far-seeing, to admit such an one to its confidence.

The chances of politics have made you a Senator of the New Dominion; but the history of the past teaches that Senators as well as Judges have been undeserving of their positions.

Your character, as I understand it, is a strange jumble of qualities the most diverse. Bold to rashness, yet timid to weakness—arrogant to tyranny, yet servile and cringing—lavish of the public money, yet quite the reverse in personal matters,—the only feeling which such a character, when known, can elicit, is that of contempt.