

FOR THE PUBLIC ADVANTAGE,

but that with the Tories is synonymous with Tory advantage. (Laughter.) We fight the battle under great disadvantages in many ways, but we shall fight with good heart, confident in the good cause, and in the good sense and patriotism of the people. (Great applause.)

REPLY TO INDIAN ADDRESS.

Honour in Politics—The Representative of South Brant in the Commons—Fitting Tribute to Mr. Paterson.

The following is the introductory portion of the speech of Hon. EDWARD BLAKE at Brantford:—

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, allow me in the first place to return my thanks to the members of the Six Nations and Mississaugas for the address with which they have honoured me. I can assure them I have received it with great interest and gratification, and I rejoice at the tone, the broad and generous, the calm and just tone, in which they speak of the attitude of the Liberal party with reference to the very important step, as affecting the various Indian nations, which was lately taken. I rejoice also to know that there are amongst them so many who are able to appreciate the general principles of action of the Liberal party, and to recognize that its policy in the past has been, as its policy in the future, so long as it is worthy of its name, must be that which shall, in the judgment of the party, subserve the best and truest interests of the Indians.

For myself, I may say I have ever felt a

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those who are the representatives to-day of the original possessors of the vast domain of this continent of North America. I have ever most anxiously desired that our legislation and our course with reference to them, and our relation towards them, should be such as might best conduce to their welfare, security, and prosperity, and I am glad to be assured that, being entrusted by the Parliament of Canada with the exercise of the franchise, there are, amongst those who may choose to avail themselves of