

returned from a tour around the world. My dear sir, go thou and do likewise.

I remain, your obedient servant,

C. H. MACKINTOSH.

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SIR JOHN MACDONALD'S MEMORY VINDICATED.

"Those who quit their proper character to assume what does not belong to them,... have nothing of politics but the passion they excite."—BURKE.

To the Editor of *The Empire*.

Sir,—Mr. Dalton McCarthy, in the recent combination speech delivered by him in Toronto, did me the honor and paid his audience the questionable compliment, of asserting that "in this busy age" lengthy private letters, "much less public ones," were rather "too much for a busy man to read"! Alack and alas! Private business first, public duties next! What a volume of reality, of true inwardness, is contained in that significant declaration! However I do not propose to succumb to this extraordinary method of disposing of important national issues. I was a member of the Conservative Union, of which Mr. McCarthy was president; he deserted the outposts, and now refuses either to explain or to justify his action, except by personal allegation. Very well; but I undertake to prove from his lips that he is altogether astray. For instance, he declared in so many words:

"Mr. Mackintosh states I committed a sin when, in speaking against the North-west policy of the government, I said it was a danger to Confederation, the attempt of the French-Canadian people to perpetuate their nationality and to divide the people into two separate and distinct bodies."

When did I make such a charge? Where? On the contrary, the record shows that both in and out of Parliament, I spoke not only