

no matter what the consequence may be, no matter if I am expelled the next day from office, I will stand by those rights—(cheers)—and I will have, at all events, the consolation of knowing that the sober second thought of the country will say I was a good and faithful servant to do so—(renewed applause)—even though by doing so I had brought down upon myself the condemnation of Oliver Mowat, Esquire. (Loud laughter.)

The Necessity of Hard Work.

Gentlemen, I have to ask you to move your boots pretty lively between now and the 20th of June. (Laughter and applause.) I have no fear of the result if you will work. Do not sleep; do not be too confident. I have said again and again that the two most uncertain things in the world are an election and a horse-race. (Laughter.) Don't let the Opposition horse beat the good old N.P. nag by a nose. (Applause.) You must show your tail to the hindmost horse. (Hear, hear.) Indeed you must win the race. (Continued cheering.) You must remember though that you are fighting the purists, and with them there is such a thing as money being used. (Hear, hear.) "Oh, purists never use money!" you say; but you surely cannot forget that one of the best supporters of the Grit party, H. H. Cook—a very good fellow—confessed to having spent in his own election as much as \$28,000.

A VOICE—I bet you.

ANOTHER VOICE—And there was Walker.

SIR JOHN MACDONALD.—Yes; the gentleman who wrote "Come along, John; let's put down bribery and corruption; I've lots of money."

ANOTHER VOICE.—And Paddy Hughes!

SIR JOHN MACDONALD.—Mr. Hughes is a countryman of mine—(laughter)—so we'll say nothing about him. He's a pretty good fellow, to be sure; but he tried to get a plum, and the plum had a stone in it, and he was sorry for it. (Loud laughter.) But, gentlemen, let me in all seriousness warn my friends not to rest on their oars, or to fancy that the goodness of their cause, or the fact that the majority of the people are in favour of the National Policy, will prevent the occurrence of a mistake. Why, a factious minority will beat the largest majority in the world if the majority is inactive. (Hear, hear.) I tell you this, that the hesitation I have in my mind about telling you that I am sure we will have an overwhelming