

Gentlemen, the Tory-Conservatism of the past twenty years has arrived at a dreadful pitch when a man at the head of the Government, like Sir John Macdonald, could stand up in Parliament and say, "That the Liberals paid out three dollars for our one"—*i.e.*, "You took the name of God in vain twice; I may take it once. You stole three sheep; I may steal one. You stole three hens; I may steal the cock." This is the principle argued. God forbid that such Conservatism should lay quiet in the hearts of the electors. May they have a higher moral, if not a religious calling, than to condone an act that is tantamount to three men occupying the same Church pew, and while one man is rifling the pocket of the neighbour to his left of one dollar, the neighbour to his right is rifling his pocket of three dollars.

Where there is no Christianity or civilization, might is right; but where Christianity has let in her light, honesty should be the best policy. And he who pretends to say that the Bible is the light of the world, and like the Pharisee, compares his prayers, almsgiving and good deeds with those of the publican, will, I fear, come as far short of returning to his house justified as did Sir John Macdonald and those wolves in sheeps' clothing, Sir Hugh Allan's 27 Light Brigade, who followed him on the prorogation of Parliament.

Let us enquire what Webster's Dictionary says about Toryism (page 746): "One of a party in English history opposed to Whig; originally an outlaw or robber; one who leans to the Church and State, as now constituted; a Conservative; opposed to reform (American history); one who in the time of revolution supported the Government." Now let us see what the same author says of Conservatism (page 152): "One opposed to political changes in the State or Government." Now let us look at what the dictionary says of Liberalism (page 418): "Becoming a gentleman, munificent, generous, bountiful, not parsimonious, candid, catholic, allowing freedom of opinion."

Now, my friends, you have my opinion on the acts committed against me for the past few years by the so-called Tory Government.