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At Simcoe, after alluding to the shameful gerrymandering of the Norfolk ridings, Mr. Blake proceeded:—I turn now to the subject which it was my especial desire to touch to-day.

THE GENERAL ATTITUDE OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF THE DOMINION TOWARDS PROVINCIAL RIGHTS, AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONFEDERATION AS A WHOLE.

I say that the attitude of the Tory party ever since Confederation towards the Provinces and towards the Confederation, has been inimical to the federal principle upon which our Constitution is based, and upon which only it can be properly worked. (Applause). *Sir John Macdonald was before Confederation an avowed legislative unionist; he was opposed to the federal system, and was determined that the union should be legislative if he could manage it. He was a legislative unionist on principle, but finding his principle unpopular, he became nominally, for interest and for office, a federalist; and he has since that time systematically carried out his principles as a legislative unionist just so far as interest and office would permit. He has striven, as far as he thought safe, to impart to our Consti-*