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spoke of what he called that hon. gentle-
man's redundancy and prolixity. He
said that human nature, in such cases
could only endure. He declared that
my hon. friend had nothing but words
to offer, idle words, and that some day
he would be brought to account for all
these idle words which he had spoken.
Mr. Speaker, there are some words which
are worse than idle words, namely, false
words. My hon. friends opposite may
criticise idle words, or those which they
call idle, but they had better do a little
introspection and find out what penalties
in the present and in the future are laid
against men who speak false words, men
who gain advantage by pledges they
do not keep, by promises they repudiate.
The right hon. gentleman said that ad-
jectives were a large part of the voca-
bulary of the leader of the Opposition.
that he had more adjectives than ideas.
That is the fault of most of us—that we
have fewer ideas than words; but Hea-
ven help us if we have no ideas at all.
My right hon. friend must not criti-
cize too harshly the only stock in trade
he has. He gives us to understand that
he regards the five hours' speech last
night as the vaporings of a disappointed
man. Well, Sir, he is welcome to that opin-
ion. But I would rather be in the position
of one who talks and is disappointed
—even granting that for the sake of ar-
gument—than to talk a little less long-
but to occupy the place of a man who,
though not disappointed, had disap-
pointed every elector who had trusted to
his promises. He declared that my
hon. friend took these whole five hours
to seek out the weak spots in the ar-
mour of the Government. Oh, no; it re-
quires no diligent search to find these
weak spots in the armour of hon.
gentlemen opposite. Their whole ar-
mour is a tissue of weaknesses; it is open
at every joint, so that even the most
inexperienced criticism can easily find
openings and dull darts can very easily
pierce them. He said that the leader
of the Opposition went into Huron, that
he had been found to be a man of idle
words and weak deeds as shown by the
results in that county. If the leader
of the Government is satisfied with the

result in Huron, gentlemen on this side
of the House certainly have no reason
to complain. In a bye-election, with
two Governments, the most partisan,
the most shamelessly partisan that Can-
ada has ever seen in Dominion and
in provincial politics—with one excep-
tion in regard to provincial politics,
which I may deal with later on—with
the patronage of these two Govern-
ments used openly, shamelessly, per-
sistently, notwithstanding the high
pretensions, aye, even under cover of
the vaunted innocence and purity of
the leader of the Government, and the
no less vaunted purity of the hon.
gentleman (Mr. Tarte), who sits be-
hind him—with all this, the result was
that the majority which the Government
enjoyed in that constituency was
brought down from 317 in the general
election to 117 in the bye-election. If
the leader of the Government is satis-
fied with that as an indication of public
opinion in the Dominion, I think we on
this side may be satisfied as well. The
hon. gentleman assumes too much. No
man, however sudden his rise, however
high he may be, is exempt from
criticism in this country. Then my
right hon. friend, belauded though he
has been, bedizened—democrat though
he is—until scarcely an inch of his de-
mocratic clothing can be discerned for
the high and aristocratic ornaments he
bears, must not think that all this
singles him out in Canada as above
criticism and beyond the exercise of
the judgment and intelligence of this
country. Particularly when he makes
as many blunders as he has, he must
expect to be criticised, and he might
as well look pleasant about it instead
of getting angry. He took the leader
of the Opposition to task because, as
he said—he did not prove it nor did he
hope to prove it, he simply declared it—
my hon. friend (Sir Charles Tupper)
took credit for having created Canada.
Now, while that is entirely without
proof on the part of the right hon.
gentleman, one thing can be proved,
that at a certain time in a certain city
many miles from this, my right hon.
friend declared that he went to bed one