

to be lost sight of entirely. The object of this apparently harmless motion is nothing else: it is but a pretext to make the condition of affairs worse. Its object is to draw us away from our allegiance to a certain platform, to certain principles, and to throw us into the arms of another party with which we have nothing in common. Should the motion of the hon. member from Montmagny (Mr. Landry) be carried, the consequence would be a change of Government, a change of principle, and an entire change of programme. Well, if you compare the programme of the party in power with that of the party in opposition in the past, if you can foretell the future by the experience of the past, I ask what should any man do who has at heart the interests of his country? We know there is a lack of sincerity on the part of the hon. members of the Opposition, which is not very astonishing, for we have found the same thing in every grave question that has arisen in our political atmosphere. We know that before the 16th November the *Globe* was all for execution, and we know what a wonderful turnabout was made after that fatal day. The *Globe* had not epithets enough to heap upon the heads of Cabinet Ministers for the execution of Riel. Riel, who, according to the fiery language of that paper, before the 16th November, was a high-handed and blood-thirsty rebel, had become nearly a lamb after the 16th November. It is a pity the same amount of sympathy exhibited after that date by hon. gentlemen opposite and their organs was not shown before that date. If it had, perhaps a different condition of affairs would exist. Now, however, as my words in that respect must be supported by some evidence, I will, with your permission, read a few extracts taken from the *Globe* before the 16th November and after the 16th November:

On July 6th the *Globe* said:

"Nothing can justify rebellion that does not become revolution."

On August 5th:

"There was certainly no legal justification—that there could not be. We have always contended that there was no moral justification, because the grievances must be very great indeed, nay, intolerable, that can morally justify the taking up of arms for their redress."

On the same day:

"No shadow of a doubt remained that he was guilty as charged in the indictment. The testimony that followed only deepened the certainty of his guilt."

On July 25th:

"It is now alleged on behalf of Riel that he never advised the half-breeds to resort to violence, that when he found the constitutional modes