

Unexpectedly and unsought, the position came to him and it is believed that there is not one member of the Senate more thoroughly independent or less trammelled by party than he is. An incidental observation by Mr. Gowan in his speech on the Franchise Bill, gives some indication of his views on this point. He remarked: "Men summoned to the Senate are reasonably taken from amongst those whose views are in the main in accord with the Government of the day, and because of some fitness for the position. Will the most rabid politician contend for a moment, that any one appointed to this Hon. body in accepting the summons forfeits the right to think for himself in any measure that may come up, or surrenders his conscience to the sway of party, however much he may differ from his party on the particular case—of course not, the Senate could in such case have no attractions for an honest man."

These are not the sentiments of one bound hand and foot by party, but of a man prepared to take a dispassionate view of all questions before the country.

In bringing this paper to a close, the writer feels that he has very imperfectly accomplished the task undertaken, but trusts it will be accepted by the Senator's many friends as a simple compilation extracted from the public expression upon an appointment which gave such universal satisfaction.

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