

know and have felt the benefit of the National Policy, are resolved they shall be retained for the country, for yourselves, and for your children. (Cheers.) The Opposition, who have been for the last three years fighting about the National Policy, are now keeping singularly quiet about it. They are saying as little as possible about it. They pretend to be semi-converts. (Laughter.) You know what semi-converts are. We read in Scripture about the Church of Laodicea, and we are told they were spewed out of the mouth because they were neither hot nor cold. (Laughter.) We have nailed our colours to the mast, and we stand by the

National Policy.

"No poverty," new potatoes. (Laughter.) If we fall it will be your fault. Upon you and your children, upon the people, will fall the consequences of a revision of that policy which has been so successful. If Mr. Blake and his party came into power to-morrow, I do not suppose they would set to work to alter the tariff at once, but we know their position, and what they must as honest men carry out. They say they believe protection is a falsehood and a fallacy, and free trade a true principle, and they will educate the people up to it, and then by degrees men who have now invested their money in manufactures will get out of the scrape as soon as they can, and as to getting new capitalists to establish industries, that hope will be gone for ever; and therefore I say, that as men of common sense, let alone patriotism, you will stand by the Government that through good report and evil report stood by the National Policy and the national industries. (Loud cheers.) I say they are trying to lead you away. Just as sometimes a herring is drawn across a dog's nose to lead it away from the scent, so they are trying to raise a number of questions in order to draw you away from the question at issue. They talk about

The Boundary Award.

They say Ontario is robbed, because the award of three gentlemen appointed by Messrs. Mackenzie and Mowat has not so far been accepted. Now, in the first place the country in dispute either belongs to Ontario or to Manitoba. Manitoba is now being settled by Ontario men, and it is not of much consequence whether that country is owned by yourself or your sons. (Hear, hear.) But, gentlemen, I tell you as a lawyer, as a Constitutional lawyer—and it is with some pride