

## FREEDOM FROM GERRYMANDER.

Now, one word to my own brethern of the Province of Ontario. Till now, for many a long year you have been fettered and bedeviled. No honest representation has been possible for the people of Ontario for two and twenty years. The fetters are struck from your hands now. You are free. You are able to send an honest representation to Parliament. There, in my poor judgment, Ontario ought to lead the van. In my poor judgment your numbers, yours wealth, everything that has occurred, go to show that you ought not to be wanting to yourselves or wanting to your country at this crisis. In my judgment, it would be greatly to your advantage as a Province, greatly to the gain of good government in Canada, as well as to the advantage of the Liberal party, if you saw fit to support the Liberal Administration. I repeat, sir, five and twenty years ago the majority of the electors made a very grievous mistake. You, and all Canada with you, suffered grievously since then. Now, at long last, there is a way to redeem the error that was done. Do you choose to go back to the party who in twenty years brought Canada to an absolute standstill, under whose administration the growth of population in Canada was less than half of one per cent. per annum—in whose time at least a million of the very flower of our people sought homes in the United States?

## CONFIDENT OF VICTORY.

Even if the Province of Ontario does not choose to support this Administration, there is not much doubt to those who scan the political horizon that this Administration will be sustained. (Applause.) But Ontario may, undoubtedly, very greatly diminish the weight which the Province of Ontario ought to have in the councils of the Dominion. It is even possible you might see some things done which would not have been done if Ontario had chosen to do its duty. Now, I speak thus because I know the danger which arises from your giving way to certain prejudices to which I will not allude now. I know how these were played upon before in the case of Mr. Tarte and others. I hope for better things now.