

Let us consider next the riding of Brant. I concede to the honourable gentlemen opposite that they have Brant; but on what promises did they secure it? The City of Brantford has a large agricultural implement industry. It is true that trade was bad and men were walking the streets. The candidate of the Liberal party there spoke to this effect: "Why are you walking the streets to-day? Why are you idle? Because the Meighen Government are not giving you sufficient protection on agricultural implements." That statement was made in the presence of the present occupant of the premiership of Canada, who endorsed it. That is why they won Brantford. Now, are the honourable gentlemen going to raise the duties on agricultural implements. Time will tell whether they are or not. One thing is certain, I venture to say: the duties will not be reduced.

Then the Liberals won North Bruce. Well, that was one of the accidents of the campaign. The Liberal-Conservative candidate there and the representative of the Progressive party were both in accord as to their former politics; consequently the Conservative vote was split and a furniture manufacture slipped in there, representing the present Government. Will the duty on furniture be reduced? Time alone will tell.

Now we come to North Oxford. There was a strenuous fight there, because Oxford used to be the pride of the Liberal party, and they elected one of their representatives by, I think, a paltry hundred of a majority, or something of that kind.

Next we come to Peterborough. Unfortunately differences having arisen in the preceding by-election there, the Conservative party was split and the Liberals succeeded in electing their candidate. On what? A strong protective tariff.

There are the seven ridings in Ontario in which the great Liberal party was able to elect representatives without appealing, as they did appeal, to every passion and prejudice in order to obtain the German and the French vote.

In the riding that I represented what happened? A man who had fought in the forefront of the struggle in Europe for Canada and the British Empire, a man whose services had been recognized with the Distinguished Service Order, was badly defeated. What was his crime? The crime of having been a distinguished member of the Canadian forces. Never before in that riding was the French cry raised as

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much as in the last campaign. I know what it is to meet that cry, for in that riding, which I represented so many years, it was always raised against me. I have seen even a member of this Chamber go up there to discuss the question of race and religion. That is the cry that went throughout the province of Ontario, and honourable gentlemen opposite may boast that they were successful in fifteen ridings by reason of the German and French vote. Well, that appeal is recoiling on themselves to-day in the province of Ontario. What happened in the rest of the province? Progressives and Conservatives were elected. It recoiled on honourable gentlemen opposite right in the city of Hamilton. And how did it recoil? By the election of two Conservatives there. That religious and racial cry raised in those constituencies where there is a big French vote is reacting on those politicians to-day. In the municipal elections of the city of Hamilton, where there had been peace, harmony, and goodwill among the citizens before that insidious campaign reached fever heat, and where there had been Roman Catholic controllers, councillors or aldermen, there was not one elected. And so long as these gentlemen want to talk about solid Quebec there will be great portions of the province of Ontario that will assert themselves against a solid Quebec.

Right in this city of Ottawa what was the result? The Conservative candidates swept the English-speaking districts, but when they crossed the bridge, as it is called, into the section where the French vote predominated, that was the end of their majority. These honourable gentlemen are perpetually crying out, "Peace, Union and amity," and yet in the next breath, in order to carry elections as they did, not only in Ontario but throughout the whole Northwest, wherever there is a foreign vote they make appeals to passion and prejudice. Let the honourable gentlemen remember this, that in the province of Ontario there are a large number of Roman Catholics who do not thank them at all for such appeals, because they react on themselves in that province.

I commend to honourable gentlemen an appeal that was made lately by a high dignitary of the Catholic Church in the province of Ontario. Let me tell honourable members who may not know the school laws of the province of Ontario the situation with regard to what are known as the public schools. These public schools in my own town and in many other towns