

# The Calumniators of Mr. Mackenzie.

## HOW THEY VILIFIED HIM.

**They accused him of Dishonesty. Now they laud him for Purity. But Gerrymandered his Constituency.**

"THANK GOD, MR. MACKENZIE'S REPUTATION DOES NOT DEPEND ON THE  
COMMENDATIONS OF SIR JOHN MACDONALD."

Hon. Edward Blake in his speech at Wingham, after some preliminary remarks, said:—

We public men, who from time to time have occupied the leading positions in the Liberal party, while we are indebted to our friends and supporters for generous expression of sympathy and confidence such as have been accorded me to-day, have not, I think, as a rule, while still entrusted with the discharge of the foremost duty, received from our political opponents that measure of fair play and just consideration which we had the right to expect. I dare say there are here in this meeting, seeing that the riding is very equally divided—I hope there are here, a good many Conservatives; I always like to see them at my meetings. My anxiety, in truth, is rather greater to get within reach of those on the other side than to reach my own friends. If a man believes he is speaking the truth, if he thinks he has a message to give, he ought to wish to reach the ears of those opposed to him, and through their ears to reach their minds and hearts. (Loud cheers.) To them I speak, and say that the public life of our country has been injured by the system of

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which has been adopted towards the Liberal leaders. A friend of mine at the opening of the London Young Liberal Club last night, said there was a time at which the Liberal leaders always received a tribute of respect from the Tory leaders, and that was when they were no longer in the forefront of the fight; but just so long as they were conducting the party they had been and