

# TO THE POINT.

## What a Workingman thinks of the N.P.

The following is a verbatim report, taken from the *Oshawa Vindicator*, of a speech made by Mr. M. FOLEY, a moulder in the Oshawa Stove Foundry, at a recent political meeting:

GENTLEMEN,—You have called on me, but perhaps what I have to say will have little interest for you, though it had, I can assure you, a good deal of interest for me at the time.

The time to which I refer was the time Sir John Macdonald appealed to the electors of Kingston in 1874. A great hue and cry was got up against him that he was a non-resident of Kingston, and was not doing much for the city. I was working in the locomotive works at the time. It was comparatively a small concern, but was gaining and was getting ready to do the work of the country. Amongst other things we were told that if we put out Sir John the works would be given contracts for the Intercolonial, and would run full time, and the men be kept busy. Well, sir, they put out Sir John, and the promised change was looked for. It came soon enough. The Mackenzie Government gave the contract for twenty-two locomotives, to a United States firm; the Kingston works were closed down, and we were turned out on the streets.

*But then we had the great comfort of having Mackenzie and Blake in power.*

I went looking for work, and finally got a job at Barrie for a short time, but the hard times and American goods sent me adrift again. *But you see, sir, there was the comfort of thinking we had the Mackenzie party ruling the country. I came down to Toronto, and the first sight that met me was eight car loads of sewer pipe from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.*