

TWO DARK BLOTS OF SHAME

The Conservative Franchise Act
of 1885.

AND

The War Time Elections Act
of 1917.

How Hon. Edward Blake Saved Australia
from Such Iniquities.

Sir John Thompson Promised to adopt Provincial Franchises.

PRINCIPLES OF THE LIBERAL PARTY TO REMOVE INJUSTICES AND PREVENT FRAUD.

Every form of government seems to involve two political elements. The one calling for changes in existing institutions, for relief from the traditions of the past, for a freer citizenship in everything that the name implies—the other not unprogressive in every respect, but nevertheless disposed to resist advanced legislation, the enlargement of the privileges of the many or any recognition of citizenship which can be successfully resisted. These two political forces have been differently named in different countries, and sometimes have been differently named at different periods in the same country. The Whigs and the Tories of seventy years ago in Great Britain are the Liberals and Conservatives of to-day. But generally in all the Dominions of the Empire, as well as in the Empire itself, the two political parties are recognized by the terms Liberals and Conservatives, and these two terms measurably well represent the policy of the two parties.

In following out the history of the Liberal party in Canada, one is struck with the close analogy between the movements which it supported and by which it is divided from the Conservatives, and movements of a similar character, although on a larger scale, in the history of British politics. It may be that the interchange of opinion between Canada and the Empire had something to do with maintaining the uniformity of political cleavage on kindred