

A British Columbia Opinion.

The Vancouver, B.C., *World*, an independent journal, says :—"Hon. Oliver Mowat has been in power uninterruptedly for eighteen years. A determined effort now, as on previous occasions, will undoubtedly be made to dethrone him and his Ministry, some of whom are amongst the ablest men in the Dominion. The Opposition in the Ontario House is not strong either in brain power or administrative ability. For many years Mr. Meredith has led a forlorn hope. Himself a popular gentleman, of fair abilities, his following in capacity are hardly equal to the ordinary County Councils of the Keystone Province."

A Winnipeg Opinion.

The Winnipeg *Free Press*, also an independent journal, says :—"The real object of their (the Opposition) crusade is to get hold of the revenue and resources of Ontario on the strength of Protestant prejudices. They think there is a chance of riding into power on the Protestant Horse, and they have taken the risk of a fall for the chance of success. Should they fortunately succeed, what a glorious old time they will have dispensing among themselves the spoils of the richest, and heretofore best-governed Province in the Dominion! It would not be long after they got there before Ontario would lose her proud distinction of being the only country in the world that has no public debt, whose resources are untouched and whose Government is the most honest and economical that was ever known. If ever common sense was needed by a people it is needed by the people of Ontario in the crisis created by designing and wholly unprincipled demagogues. But, if the Liberal party will only stand true to themselves they can prevent a change of Government in Ontario, which under the circumstances stated, will be nothing short of a national calamity."

A Quebec Opinion.

The Montreal *Gazette*, the ablest Conservative journal in Canada, says :—"Quebec pays out nearly one-third of its revenue in interest; Ontario has no charge under this head. The tremendous advantage this gives to the sister Province, however, is increased by the higher expenditure of Quebec in other items in the general statement. When it is remembered that in Ontario there are one-third more people than in Quebec, and that naturally the cost there should be greater, these figures are all the more significant. It costs Quebec more for legislation, and nearly as much for civil government, as it does Ontario. The charges for the administration of justice in the two Provinces are not in proportion to the population. Quebec manages to spend much more on agriculture than Ontario, without apparently getting so much benefit from it. For education the expenditure in the two Provinces are fairly proportionate, but in all the other items, except public institutions, which Ontario has on a better scale than any community almost in America, the charges are heavy beyond reason in Quebec, and show a constant tendency to increase. Then while Ontario draws on her accumulated funds for capital expenditure at a moderate rate, Quebec has to depend upon loans to meet an outlay on this account."

The Natural Conclusion.

Among thoughtful electors Ontario is admitted to be one of the best-governed Provinces in the Confederation. The Provincial Ministers are men of national reputation. They are spoken of all over Canada as among the greatest of her sons and the best and purest of her administrators. The men whose abilities entitle them to this national pre-eminence, and who have lifted Ontario to her proud place among the Provinces, ought not and will not appeal in vain for a renewal of the confidence of their fellow-citizens, and will not be overthrown by a set of cries which endanger the peace of the community and imperil the true interests of all classes of the population.