

MR. MACKENZIE: Why did you do it, then?

SIR SAMUEL L. TILLEY: Why did we do it? Because our friends saw that Mr. Mowat's friends were in the majority, unless they were divided by the National Policy. Mr. Mowat's friends said: "We have been beaten on that in Ontario in the Dominion elections. Let us abandon that altogether, and keep to our own party lines, and we will succeed; but if not, we will be beaten."

MR. MACKENZIE: What did you do?

SIR SAMUEL L. TILLEY: The Liberal Conservatives knew the National Policy was popular, and, as they were in a minority, they naturally tried to make it the issue, because it was popular, and would give our friends the only chance of success.

MR. MACKENZIE: As far as you could, you made it the issue.

SIR SAMUEL L. TILLEY: But the Liberals would not have it; and, therefore, the Ontario elections are no evidence whatever of the unpopularity of the National Policy. Let us see. There has been another evidence given of the unpopularity of the National Policy in the Dominion of Canada. The people of England have declared against the foreign policy of the Beaconsfield Administration. That is given as an evidence of the unpopularity of the Tariff, because, as was said by the hon. member for West Durham, it is evidence of a good time coming. Why? Because the Liberal party in England had succeeded in obtaining a majority against the foreign policy of Lord Beaconsfield. But there is a good time coming. It has been said, "the Opposition are greatly elated. Why?" it was asked. Why, it is understood that there was some arrangement between the present leader of our Government and Lord Beaconsfield in reference to the settlement and development of the North-West. But members of the Opposition say that is all upset now. Now, Sir, you would suppose that any change which would deprive us of the alleged expected assistance would have been the subject of regret and not of rejoicing. A good time coming! I believe, Sir, there is a good time coming. I believe that the policy

of this Government has inaugurated a good time with reference to the encouragement of the industries of this country, giving a home market to our farmers for their produce, giving business for everybody, and filling up the vast territory in the North-West in preparation for the millions that will populate it in the future. This is the good time coming. And I do not hesitate to say, Sir, that, when we meet in Parliament next Session, we will have fully entered upon the good time coming, the success of our policy will be assured, and the prosperity of the country will be so manifest that its strongest opponents will have to admit and appreciate its value. Yes, Sir, there is a good time coming, and in faith of that good time coming, I desire to submit the resolutions I have already placed before you.

SIR ALBERT J. SMITH: I think I would not be doing my duty on this occasion if I did not make some observation on this discussion, particularly as I was a member of the late Government, and as I come, too, from the same Province as the hon. the Minister of Finance. The course that hon. gentleman has taken to-night reminds me of by-gone days. I can remember, about twelve or fifteen years ago, when the hon. gentleman, then a Liberal now a Tory—

SIR SAMUEL L. TILLEY: A Liberal still.

SIR ALBERT J. SMITH: I will not say he is a renegade. He was a Liberal, and I cannot help thinking that his true convictions are still Liberal; but he became a converted Tory. He has played the rôle to-night of prophet, as he has done for many years. He is a prophet, but he is a false prophet; his prophecies have always been and ever will be falsified; he is not a true prophet. He has always addressed this House with that dignity and decorum, which I cannot say characterises the hon. member for Cumberland (Sir Charles Tupper), who in that respect, really excelled himself the other night; the exaggerations he indulged in went beyond whatever he was accustomed to deal out; his speech was replete with vituperation, invective slander, egotism and threat; and I was surprised to hear the hon. the Minister of Finance, who says he does not indulge in vituperation, endorse that speech of the

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