

with the black record which they have presented, and endeavoured to laugh it off as he has done to-night?

I am not going to indulge in any prophecy but I will tell the hon. member for Guysborough, that if his friends would allow him to go through Ontario, and make speeches of the kind he has made here to-night, I would have no doubt of the result in that province even with the machine thrown into the bargain.

Here is a government that, hampered by pledges and tied down by promises, is, with unblushing effrontery, shifting its position from year to year. The first session these hon. gentlemen asked for time in order that they might make changes in the tariff. The next session we found them promising to make changes, and now we find them attempting to minimize their pledges and laugh off their failures by speeches such as the one we have just heard. But the people of the country are intelligent and are going to hold these men to their word. They are going to ask the hon. member for Guysborough and his associates, if they were telling the truth, when they made the solemn pledge that, if returned to power, one of the first and greatest principles they would stand by would be that not one of their supporters in the House should obtain a position until he had ceased to be a member of parliament for two years. No wonder such deals as the Yukon and the Inter-colonial Railway could be put through this House by a government, supported, as this government is, by men who had the promises of positions. And some, as in the case of Mr. Langelier, were not willing to take the word of a minister, but insisted that the promise should be in black and white before they would cast their vote on a division.

I do not intend to be personal, but there is not an hon. member of this House who could not point his finger to desk after desk, at which sit members who are to be given public positions as soon as this parliament closes. Look at the noble army of martyrs who have already sacrificed themselves:

1. Chas. Devlin, member for Wright, Immigration Agent	\$3,000
2. Dr. Rinfret, member for Lotbinière, Inland Revenue Inspector.....	2,400
3. F. Langelier, member for Quebec Centre, Judge	5,000
4. — Fiset, member for Rimouski, Senatorship	1,000
5. F. Béchard, member for St. John, Senatorship	1,000
6. F. Choquette, member for Montmagny, Judge	4,000
7. C. Beausoleil, member for Berthier, Postmaster, Montreal	4,000
8. M. C. Cameron, member for West Huron, Lieut.-Governorship	7,000
9. James Lister, member for West Lambton, Judge.....	6,000
10. F. Forbes, member for Queen's, Judge.	2,800

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11. Geo. King, member for Sunbury, Senator	\$1,000
12. John Yeo, P. E. I., Senator.....	1,000
13. L. Lavergne, member for Arthabaska, Judge	4,000
14. — McInnes, Senator, Lieut.-Governor British Columbia	9,000
15. Sir O. Mowat, Senator, Lieut.-Governor of Ontario	10,000

These were the very men who, year in and year out, were denouncing the principle of appointing members of parliament to office. If I wished to be personal to-night, I could call out the names of a dozen men who sit opposite, and whose friends openly associate their names with the positions they are to receive. But there is one thing about these hon. gentlemen, they are not selfish. Those of them who are not perhaps ready to take positions themselves, because they cannot get the ones they want, are looking after their friends. The hon. Minister of Trade and Commerce (Sir Richard Cartwright), has half a dozen of his relatives in lucrative posts under the government. The hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Sir Louis Davies), has a brother in the Immigration Department. The hon. member for West Durham (Mr. Beith), has a brother appointed collector at Bowmanville. And here are a few more appointments of relations of members supporting the government:

James Lister, son, Lieutenant Permanent Force.
Hon. F. W. Borden, cousin, accountant Militia Department.
Robert Holmes, brother, immigrant agent.
Geo. Landarkin, son, government offices, Dawson, clerk; son, clerk Toronto post office.
R. Lemieux, father, inspector, customs.
P. Macdonald, son, physician on Hudson Bay expedition; son-in-law, escort for Li Hung, \$3,000.

Last, but not least, we have that martyr at the public crib, the hon. member for North Wellington (Mr. McMullen), who has a brother-in-law at a clerkship in the Kingston penitentiary at \$700 per year, and the genial whip of the party opposite (Mr. Gibson), who has a brother-in-law at a government clerkship at \$900 per year.

Is it not humiliating that men who had gone all over the country denouncing the appointment to government positions of members of the House, or relatives of members, should take the first opportunity to descend upon these positions like a lot of hungry vultures, and grab them for themselves and relatives; and the meanest part of it all is that they do not allow their friends and supporters to get the positions, but grab them for their own dear blood relations.

What are the farmers going to do with these gentlemen? These gentlemen went about the country telling the farmers that they were being bled white by the agricultural implement men, and that if only a change of government were brought about, the farmers would breathe easier. Well,