

the altar of their country in defence of the constitution? Perhaps the hon. gentleman can communicate with that correspondent and find out who is this traitor in the camp of the Conservative party. Or is this the true explanation? There is a journal published in the county of Grey, the Meaford "Mirror," a supporter of the hon. member for East Grey (Mr. Sproule). Here is a choice piece of reading from this Conservative journal. Where did the editor get his inspiration, can the hon. member for East Grey tell?

Mr. SPROULE. I don't know.

Mr. MULLOCK. No doubt, however, he has drawn it from reliable sources.

Of all the abominable intrigues, treachery is the worst, and Mr. Foster was the last man we would have suspected of playing the role of Judas Iscariot.

Now, as my hon. friend from L'Islet says, the writer of this article evidently did not know the Finance Minister, but he knows him now, and what he does not know of him now he will know hereafter when the conclusion of the drama is reached. The article goes on to say:

But he has put himself on record as a politician willing to sell his birthright for a mess of pottage.

Not willing to sacrifice a mess of pottage for the constitution, but willing to sell his birthright for that article.

Sir Charles Tupper came to this country, ostensibly for the purpose of consulting the Government with reference to the fast Atlantic steamship service. He disclaimed any desire to re-enter Canadian politics.

Then it goes on to intimate that he has been lying in wait, by his presence countenancing this conspiracy.

While we are ready to admit that Sir Charles Tupper is a talented man, still, we by no means think that he possesses the brains of the Conservative party.

I believe there is a considerable portion of the Conservative party of the same opinion.

If he came to this country on a certain mission, let him complete his negotiations with the Government and depart in peace, without seeking to undermine a patriotic leader who enjoys the respect and esteem of his fellow men.

We have never taken much stock in the utterances of Sir Richard Cartwright, but must confess that he voiced the true sentiments of the great Conservative party when he declared in his place in the House that the attempt to undermine Sir Mackenzie Bowell was a vile conspiracy, unprecedented in the annals of British history.

And in support of that statement he has the testimony of the First Minister himself, who repeated it in the Senate Chamber on Thursday last. The article proceeds:

Moreover, Sir Richard pointed out, that when Mr. Foster and his colleagues were telling the people that there were no dissensions in the Cab-

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inet, that all was peace and brotherly love, they were deceiving the electorate. There is no getting over the fact that Sir Richard Cartwright is right in the conclusions he has formed. If not, Mr. Foster and Dr. Montague should rise and explain.

There is another leading Conservative journal published in the city of Kingston. I am only going to give a few of many extracts that I have. The Kingston "News" says:

Sir Mackenzie Bowell has more pluck and will power than the seven bolters put together. How they can reconcile their present attitude with their platform utterances during the recent bye-elections, certainly passes our comprehension. We cannot for a moment entertain the suggestion that they have been hypnotized by what the Opposition press is pleased to term "the Tupper dynasty." What then? They have either seen a new light on the Manitoba school question with amazing suddenness, or they are panic-stricken by the reverses in Quebec, and are ready to desert principle for power and pelf.

Not, you will observe, that they accept office and its emoluments only for the sake of the constitution. Again I quote from the independent Conservative paper, the Ottawa "Journal":

A leading Conservative with an intimate knowledge of the situation, makes the statement that the rupture between the Premier and his Cabinet was influenced by the tight hand which he kept on the finances and his repugnance to enter into nefarious contracts which would supply the Conservatives with funds to bring about their return to office. The party understand that their condition is anything but promising for another term, and that unless money can be raised by the granting of subsidies, their case is almost hopeless. It is generally and very naturally claimed that Sir Charles Tupper's fiscal policy would be the very opposite of that followed by the existing Administration, and that, in the language of the gentleman, "money would flow like water."

This paper is of the opinion that one of the objects of this conspiracy is to impose Sir Charles Tupper upon this country and through him to cause public money to "flow like water." There is a paper down in the city of Quebec known as the Quebec "Chronicle." I am sure the Postmaster-General will recognize this language. At the time this was written the Postmaster-General was one of the few who stood by the Administration. There were some of them who stood by the Treasury and the offices, and were anxious to do so. Now, I would ask the Postmaster-General how the editor of this paper came to publish such treason as this against the Administration. The hon. gentleman is not included in the charges here made, as these are directed against certain of his then ex-colleagues. Alluding to these seven patriots it says:

They resigned in a body, and left him—  
that is the Premier—

—to find out why they deserted their seats, in the newspapers. They did not even favour him