

the brilliant society of England. If the industry, energy and thrift of the Canadian people have struggled gallantly against the effects of this policy and kept the country up to a level of which we may still be proud, this does not render the policy less injurious. When Lord Stanley, in the speech put into his mouth, dilated on the great development of all our resources, and notably of our mineral resources, since the days of his predecessors, it must surely have been with some consciousness of the nature of the ceremony which he was performing. If in the land of Mumbo Jumbo it were the custom that at the opening of a tribal assembly one man should deliver as his own a speech which another man had written we should moralize pleasantly on the grotesque habits of uncivilized nations.

“ We have knocked Truth and Righteousness into a cocked hat ” was the exulting cry of a Machinist Liberal after the West Lambton election. Knocking Truth and Righteousness into a cocked hat is perhaps the best definition that could have been given of the function of a Machine. The leaders probably judge somewhat differently, and know that the secession of nearly eight hundred electors from the party lines where the Machine candidate was very strong and the independent candidate very weak, is a warning that the cocked hat into which Truth and Righteousness are to be finally knocked has not yet been found. It is pretty manifest also that the Government is afraid to open East Toronto and is keeping the Collectorship of the Toronto Customs vacant on that account. The leaders themselves however have shown, in this Jesuit affair, that the peculiar shrewdness generated by their calling as politicians is sometimes accompanied by a loss of touch with common sentiment which betrays them into tactical errors. The indignation caused by the endowment with public money of the most hateful and deadly of anti-social conspiracies, natural as it seems, evidently took them by surprise.

Since the West Lambton election the leadership of a Third Party seems to have been formally accepted by the Rev. Dr.