

### Tory Opposition to This Spirit.

At this stage, when the seed is still germinating, our opponents declare their hostility to our British preference, and without considering whether there is any good in the principle of British preference, either as we have framed it or in some modified form, without waiting to see whether our example may not be followed by other parts of the empire, without allowing the principle of inter-imperial trade advantages to develop until it shall become a reality and a powerful bond of union within the empire, without giving the mother country an opportunity of discussing repeal, and without even consulting her, but prejudging all possible arguments that could be advanced against their proposed course, our opponents declare it as their fixed resolve, if possible, to compel its repeal. Fancy such a policy from the leaders of the party that once claimed a monopoly of the loyalty and British sentiment in Canada (Laughter and cheers.) How soon have they forgotten the teaching of their great leader, Sir John Macdonald, and departed from his ways. (Hear, hear.) In taking such a course they practically expel from their ranks those Conservatives of the John A. Macdonald school who loyally recognize Canada's duty towards the mother country and the empire. *Trade and the flag are inseparable*, and the political party which, in the consideration of trade, turns its back upon the flag is unworthy of the confidence of the loyal citizens of our country. (Hear, hear.)

A voice—That is hard on the Tory party!

Sir Wm. Mulock—I must tell the truth. (Laughter and applause.)

### Liberals' Forward Policy.

The Liberal party is seeking to build up Canada in political as well as commercial alliance with the rest of the empire, to that end establishing, as fast as circumstances admit, steamship lines with South Africa, Australasia and the mother country, promoting with them trade and interchange of sentiment by improved mail and cable services, rejoicing at the completion of the Pacific cable—the thir, all-red line now connecting together three great self-governing colonies—(cheers)—encouraging harmonious relations between our various classes, creeds and races, and securing a just and equitable distribution amongst the people of the blessings and burdens of legislation. (Cheers.) The fruits of such aims and method must be a *contented, prosperous and patriotic people*, an essential foundation to national greatness. (Cheers.) The Liberal party is endeavoring, with some success, we hope, to lay such a foundation, and guided by such a policy and uninfluenced by the puny criticism or feeble resistance of an unpatriotic Opposition, will continue on its course true to the belief that under wise counsels it is Canada's destiny to so increase in wealth, in population, in strength, as to rival, perhaps surpass, in greatness many a first-class power of to-day, and to be the home of tens of millions of happy, prosperous people. (Loud and prolonged cheering.)