

the Norwood Convention, before a nomination was made, that he would not be a candidate again; and he showed that he was in earnest by nominating Mr. Anderson to be his successor, which he was sure to be. (Applause.) He had no fear if he had wanted to run that the Liberals would not have given him the nomination, but that was what he wanted to avoid, for the reasons he had given. As before remarked, he had been the Liberal representative for a long time, and he felt that he had done, at least he had tried to do, his share in promoting the interests of East Peterborough and the Province. Ever since Mr. Stratton had entered Parliament they had worked harmoniously together. They had helped each other, and he was glad to state there publicly that he had never asked Mr. Stratton, either as a private member or a Cabinet Minister, to promote the interests of East Peterborough, that he had not readily and willingly done so to the extent of his ability. Mr. Blezard said that in the past twenty-five years he never had applied to the Government for anything that had not been fairly dealt with. This was true before Mr. Stratton became a member of the Government, and he knew, and they all knew, that it was all the more true since he became a Cabinet Minister. They all knew Mr. Stratton; he had been raised amongst them and was a resident of the county and one of the

Most Prominent and Hard Working and able members of the Government, and he (Mr. Blezard) was sure they would not send to Parliament a representative to oppose a Government which had done so much for Ontario, and which had for one of its members, in the person of Mr. Stratton, a resident of the county. (Applause.)

Mr. Blezard went on to point out that Mr. Stratton had the heaviest department of the Government—not only the largest spending department, but the one with more work for its minister than any other department in the Government. And his work was well done. The public institutions under Mr. Stratton's charge were managed with great ability and success, and economically. They were doing better work than ever before. They were managed in a way to defy criticism, either on the floor of the House or outside it. He (Mr. Blezard) had visited the institutions and could testify of his own knowledge to the excellent way in which they were run. There was not a member of the Cabinet doing as much work as Mr. Stratton, and the electors of East Peterborough should send Mr. Anderson as a supporter of a Government that had a resident of the County as one of its members. Although many Conservatives in this riding and some others were showing a great deal of sympathy with him (Mr. Blezard) because they said he had been "turned down," he did not need to thank them for this bogus sympathy. He was not turned down, and they all knew him too well to believe that any man could turn him down without his making it hot for anyone trying such a game. (Laughter.) He had not been "turned down" by Mr. Stratton or anyone else. He had retired, or would retire at the close of the next Parliament, of his own free will and accord, and he had nominated Mr. Anderson, whom they were going to elect. (Applause.) Mr. Anderson was just the kind of man East Peterborough wanted to represent it, just such a man as they wanted more of in the Legislature. He was an honest man, a man of strong common