

the defection of his old friends, at a moment when he saw the triumph of the principles he had battled for in the other counties of the province. He owed his defeat to the religious cry which had been raised against him, and though his disgust was great, he could not help feeling that he had not deserved treatment of that sort from his constituents. Ungratefulness, in his eyes, was an offense which could ill be condoned, and his self-respect compelled him to retire from Fredericton and seek in St-John, the commercial capital of the province, another home. He removed to St-John, and opened a law office there, and began the practice of his profession. Several members of his party placed their seats at his disposal. The elected member for Madawaska was the first to tender his resignation. Queen's followed, and if report speaks truly, at least half a dozen other constituencies begged him to take the one he wished. He finally selected Queen's County, and though he was honoured with opposition, he carried the day by a very large and crushing majority, forever setting at rest the charge that his personal popularity among the people had been lost. He met the House fully prepared to meet his opponents. The latter failed to dislodge the Government from its place and, after a few ineffectual attempts, the opposition calmed down. It is thought by many of the Premier's personal and political friends that he will not rest to hold in the history of his country a merely provincial position. That he has had his eye on a seat in the House of Commons, for some time, is probably true, and it would not surprise anybody to find that, when the next general election is ordered for the Dominion, Mr. Blair will present himself for a seat at Ottawa, where his talents and abilities may find scope and employment. His home record stands high. His name is identified with many important reforms, and the statute-books owe to him much legislation of a useful and practical kind. He took a very active interest in trying to get for New-Brunswick better terms from Canada. He interested himself largely in all the legislation connected with the Crown lands and products of the forests. And in his own department, that of the law, he has been a ceaseless and untiring worker. About three years ago he was created, by the federal Government, a Queen's Counsel, an appointment which, it is needless to say, pleased well the Bar of New-Brunswick, and added to the list of lawyers entitled to wear the silk one of the worthiest names that ever adorned the roll.

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