

TO THE ELECTORS  
OF THE  
SOUTH RIDING OF BRUCE.

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GENTLEMEN :

The line of attack which some organs and one servant of the Government have taken in assailing my course on the School Bill justifies me in submitting to you some materials for judging between me and my accusers.

I shall call no names, bandy no words, impute no motives, nor shall I condescend to the denial of calumnies damaging only to their author.

But I lay before you the substance of my remarks on the Bill, and to these I have appended an analysis of the changes made and a statement of some further amendments proposed, with copies of the original Bill, and the Act as it passed.

From these materials you can decide how far I am open to the charges made against me, and how far it would have been right to accept the original Bill on the dictum of the Chief Superintendent. You can apprehend the ascertained defects of that Bill, and the extent to which the views of the Opposition met the approval of the Legislature, and you can determine whether the further changes proposed would not have been improvements.

I have only to add that we found it useless to attempt the correction of the inaccuracies and obscurities of dictum with which the Bill abounds, and which render it as discreditable in form as it was imperfect in substance.

I have the honor to be,  
Gentlemen,

Your faithful servant,

EDWARD BLAKE.

OTTAWA, Feb. 22, 1871.