

LIBERAL AMPHITHEATRE.

MR. EDGAR COMES OUT IN FAVOR OF CANADIAN RIGHTS.

Speeches of D. J. O'Donoghue and Others. Campaign Songs - The Boundary Question.

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