

is working, as I shall show you, to give aid, in town and country, all through the Province, to those who toil in city and in field. In many ways they have aided the farmer to prosper, by commissions, by institutions, by loans. And have they not aided the cities? Why they have spent nearly twenty-five millions of money largely in the cities and towns, and add to that the railway expenditure, which but for them would not have been—it will double the money. Does all this not help the National Policy? Does it not give our factories twice the custom? That is the true way to help any national policy—make your people better off, and able to buy more—and Mr. Mowat is doing it. As to injuring it, look at the facts. He has been in power all through its existence. He has neither retarded, nor endeavoured to retard its operation.

#### WHAT MIGHT BE EXPECTED IF THE OPPOSITION GAINED ONTARIO.

At first, the Ontario Opposition were heartily with their Province in declaring the Boundary Award should be carried out; but when Sir John declared it should not, they too declared it should not. How they can, after such a piece of contemptible subservience, come forward for re-election, I am at a loss to understand. On the 3rd March, 1880, they voted that "the Award of the Arbitrators should be sustained." On the 9th March, 1882, they voted that the Award of the Arbitrators is "wholly nugatory and inoperative." What was the reason? Why, the Conservative Convention had been held in September, Sir John had made a speech, and the glowing Provincial colours of a Conservative foliage changed with that one September frost to the darkest anti-provincial hue.

The preceding paragraph shows us the Ontario Opposition actually, I am sorry to say, base their course on directions from Ottawa, and even change their position and renounce their former most distinctly expressed opinions at Ottawa command. Let us remember now that our principal property in Ontario, from which we draw a very large portion of our income, is what is called the Crown Lands, meaning, in fact, the sales of land and of timber. With care, we may for many years, indeed in perpetuity, draw a very large revenue from these. But suppose our Opposition friends obtain power, how long would the source of that revenue remain in existence? What would they do with our land and timber? We may form some idea, if we consider what that Government has done, whose style they are most likely to copy. They entered into possession of