

and him to coin money from his toil, and needlessly increase his hardships and difficulties by selling him land at a heavy advance upon the first cost.

THE POSITION OF THE LIBERAL PARTY.

Upon the question of the settlers' and the labourers' interests in the public lands of the Dominion, the Liberal party has taken an unequivocal and statesmanlike position. It condemns in unmeasured terms the subservient truckling to political expediency, the chicanery and the fraud which permit the taking away from the people their sacred heritage in the public domain. It condemns the Tory Government :

1. Because its policy is dictated by and in the interests of speculators, and because it has forgotten that Canada is a free and democratic land.
2. Because it gives immense tracts of choice agricultural lands to speculators at half price.
3. Because its policy is calculated to create in Canada great landed estates.
4. Because it seeks to introduce that tenant system which is the curse of the British Islands.
5. Because it compels the *bona fide* tiller of the soil to pay vastly more for his acres than the Government receives, the difference going into the coffers of the land-grabbers.
6. Because it loses sight of the future, and barter the priceless inheritances of the people for the benefit of a comparatively few camp-followers and gamblers.

THE LESSONS OF A CENTURY.

In its position upon the land question the Liberal party takes the enlightened stand that the United States has taken, after an experience of nearly a century in the management of public lands. Its position is substantially the same as that of both the great parties of the United States, as well as the Workingmen's Union of that country. On June 2, 1880, the Republican Convention, in session in Chicago, adopted the following as a part of its platform :

"Section 5.—No further grant of the public domain should be made to any railway, or other corporation."

On June 22, 1880, the Democratic Convention in session in Cincinnati adopted the following as a part of its platform :

"Section 12.—Public money and public credit for public purposes solely, and public land for actual settlers."

The Convention of the Workingmen's Union of the United States has also adopted the following as a part of its policy :

"The reserving of the public lands, the heritage of the people, for actual settlers ; not another acre for railroads or corporations."

THE LIBERAL POLICY FORMULATED.

The position of the Liberal Party of Canada on this subject was pithily expressed by Mr. Blake in the debate on the Address, at the opening of the late Session : "The short motto," he said, "we have adopted year by year for the North-West has been, 'THE LAND FOR THE SETTLER ; THE PRICE FOR THE PUBLIC.'" It was further set forth in the resolutions moved in the House of Commons, April 12, 1882, by Mr. Charlton, on amendment to the motion of Sir Leonard Tilley to go into Committee of Supply, which are as follows :