

little more than a parliamentary phrase.

The truth of the matter is, that the violation of Liberal principles has been carried to that extent by the Mowat Government of Ontario, and the electorate have become so accustomed to it, yes, so hardened to it and corrupted by it, that it now hardly excites comment. Twenty-five, thirty, forty or fifty years ago, had a Liberal Leader in Ontario violated Liberal principles as Sir Oliver Mowat has done, he would have found himself without a following in Parliament within twenty-four hours, and within one week would have been denounced as a traitor to his party and his country from every concession line and every side line in every township, and in every village, town and city in the province, and driven from public life in ignominy and disgrace for ever. One of the worst and most painful features connected with the demoralized condition of the electorate in Ontario is to be found in the fact that the once considered sacred rights of Christianity, have so to speak, been brought into requisition and prostituted to the basest purposes of a political time-server to maintain his political ascendancy in defiance of the best and noblest instincts and traditions of the Liberal party—and this is what is termed statesmanship by the Ontario Liberals.

If the reader require any further proof of the venality and dishonesty of the Leaders of Ontario Liberalism let him cast his eyes over the public accounts of the province, and add up the thousands and hundreds of thousands expended every year in rewarding the political heelers who have become a part and parcel of the party organization, at the public expense. Can it not be fitly said that this government has been living and thriving on the very corruption and dishonesty they themselves have originated and engendered.

Is it any wonder that the Hon. Edward Blake exclaimed "God help poor Canada," knowing as he did the nature and character of the men dominating political life in the Dominion and premier province of Ontario: and is it any wonder that this able and high-minded Canadian left this carnival of sickening corruption and venality, and sought the associations of the high-minded and honorable men who dominate all political parties in Great Britain.

You ask, Dear Reader, what has this to do with the "COMING STRUGGLE." My reply is that it is one of the kind of politicians I have been describing and their perfidious acts that have brought the struggle upon us. After what I have said in denunciation of corrupt and venal methods and the effects of which have so long polluted politi-