

SPEECH

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Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen,—Some considerable time has elapsed since I had last the pleasure of addressing an audience in the city of Toronto, and some rather important events have occurred in that interval. Much water has flowed down the St. Lawrence and some curious events have taken place in political life. When I last addressed you I very well remember that the atmosphere of Toronto and the parts adjacent to it were almost blue with the denunciations that Conservative journals and Conservative speakers were hurling at a certain old friend of mine, Mr. Israel Tarte. He, according to those veracious gentlemen, was a monster of iniquity, a most disloyal man. Mr. Tarte was the evil genius of the Laurier Administration and likewise its master. As I observed during the interval there has been a wonderful change in the estimation in which Mr. Tarte is now held by those Conservative journals and Conservative speakers. Very recently I noticed that at a great Conservative love feast held in the city of Montreal Mr. Tarte occupied the foremost place in the procession. The prodigal son was welcomed back. Mr. Borden all on his neck and kissed him. (Laughter.) That no detail should be wanting the fatted calf was there also in the person of Mr. Monk, Mr. Bergeron being detained by other pressing engagements. Now we know on the very highest authority that there is much joy over a repentant sinner.

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We know also on the same authority that there have been cases where an evil spirit has been temporarily cast out of a man, and that after ten or twelve years of marching up and down, the evil spirit has taken unto himself seven other evil spirits worse than himself. (Laughter.) And they have entered into their former habitation, and the last state of that man has