

honorable gentlemen opposite are responsible for it, and we have a right to judge of their motives in doing so.

I do not know what my honorable friend's attitude in respect to the local option movement in Ontario is. I do not know that he cares to tell this House what it is. I have heard that he had not very much sympathy for the local option movement in his own town; perhaps I am wrong. If I am wrong, then I want him to correct me.

Mr. MACKAY (North Grey). Baiting, baiting.

Mr. LUCAS. My honorable friend won't be baited. He prefers to remain under the barn. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) Does my honorable friend think that is good politics? Does he not want the public to know where he stands? I think we should know where my honorable friend stands on this question, and I think he should not be afraid to say, because his attitude will have a great deal to do in helping us to decide how much weight may be attached to his declaration against the three-fifths clause and whether it is dictated by a desire to help the great cause of temperance in the Province of Ontario or simply by a desire to embarrass the Government upon a delicate and difficult question and make a little cheap political capital for himself.

With a difficult and gloomy outlook, the leader of the Opposition apparently is saying to himself: "Shall I clutch at the three-fifths clause as the only straw in sight in the hope that somehow it may land me into power?" (Applause.)

If that is the honorable gentleman's position, then I think we should know it, and we will understand the honorable gentleman's motives better if he tells us where he is upon local option. He was not always opposed to a three-fifths majority. You will remember the old referendum vote when there were 199,749 votes polled for prohibition in this Province and 103,000 against, or 66 per cent. in favor of the temperance legislation then before the country and the House. But that was not enough for the honorable gentleman then. Has he changed his views?

Mr. MACKAY. I was not in the House.

Mr. LUCAS. No, the honorable gentleman was not in the House—nor was I in the House. But he was a Government candidate at the time, asking the support of the people on the record of the Government and their promises for the future.

And the honorable gentleman was in the House a few months later, in 1903, when the Speech from the Throne came down, and promising temperance legislation, temperance legislation that never came down—and he can't escape responsibility. (Applause.)