

In its issue of Monday, four days before the election, the St. John Sun, Con., came out with a headline stretched clear across the front page, "Portland stands solidly in support of Laurier" and it proceeded to inform its readers that the railway policy of the government would put the ports of Halifax and St. John out of business. Mr. Fielding, Mr. Emmerson and all the Liberal speakers and press were saying that this policy would have exactly the opposite result, that it would take away from Portland a great part of the export and import trade it now enjoys. Mr. R. L. Borden aloused the Portland argument in all his speeches. Is it any wonder that the intelligent elector is sometimes puzzled?

to do so. If we are to follow the constitutional lines laid down in England this sort of thing must be condemned in Canada. In the case of the Auditor General, his calm and short statement could not do much harm, but in the case of irresponsible and inflammatory appeals and reckless untrue statements such as Lord Dundonald was enabled by a partisan press to disseminate, there is grave danger to established government and law and order.

The Auditor General gave to the press a short address to the People of Canada. When Lord Dundonald issued his appeal to the People of Canada the prime minister read to parliament the decision of the British government and the best constitutional authorities there, in the case of Lord Wolseley, how differing from his minister when he was commander in chief of the army, desired to appeal over the head of the government to The People. It was held to be an improper, intolerable, and dangerous thing, and was therefore condemned. If it is an improper thing for an officer of the government to appeal to the people it is manifestly still more improper for an officer of Parliament



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