

of those scandals, though at the election of 1878 they returned to their party, some of them for the sake of the so-called National Policy, and some of them under the hope that, after having been for five years out of office, their party leaders would have been improved. There was disappointment in both results. The National Policy has not accomplished for the country what they had been led to expect, and they have found deterioration in other respects where they had hoped for improvement. Since, they have been indignant at the attempt of the Dominion Government and Dominion Parliament to deprive our Province of half its territory, and at the avowed policy of compelling the Ontario Government to abandon the territory, law or no law. They have disapproved of the attacks made on Provincial rights by the disallowance, year after year, of the Streams Act, in the interests of an influential partisan; and by other measures of the Dominion Government or Dominion Parliament in the same direction. They were aghast at the callous neglect, delay and mismanagement which drove the Halfbreeds and Indians of the North-west into rebellion; causing the loss of hundreds of lives, and frightful suffering by women and children, and by missionaries and ministers of the Gospel of peace and goodwill; causing also the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars of public money in the suppression of the outbreak; and causing the postponement for years of the development and settlement of the territory. They have been

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from time to time of individuals, the bribery of constituencies, and the bribery of a Province, at the expense of public property and the public interests. They have been alarmed at the use for these bad purposes of blind shares; of contractors' gifts; of timber limits, cattle ranches and coal lands, belonging to the public; of railway grants not in the public interest; and of a system of better terms to one Province or another, to the disadvantage always of the Province of Ontario. They were shocked to learn that in two years 115 Orders in Council had been granted by the Dominion Government for timber limits without public competition, and for trifling considerations as compared with the magnificent sums which the Ontario Government had from 1872 until the present time obtained for timber limits in this Province by pursuing a different policy. They disapprove of the extravagant expenditure of the Dominion Government and the Dominion Parliament, and the enormous increase which has taken place in the public debt of the Dominion. They disapprove of the expensive,