

Mr. MILLER. Since the Toronto 'Globe' has been quoting a good deal, I would like to ask the hon. gentlemen if he has noticed in to-day's 'Globe' the statement that a great deal of whisky and money were being used to elect the gentleman who has been returned?

Mr. LALOR. Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have seen some such statement as that. It was generally reported, too, that this government had sent up piles of money to carry that constituency, I think they were most anxious to do so. Now the hon. member for Centre York is a very prominent man of the Liberal party, a very prominent supporter of this government, he has great influence in the party. In fact it is said that the member for Centre York is rather ambitious, that he is looking forward to advancement. It is said that the right hon. the premier holds one of those plums in his hand which the hon. member for Centre York is anxious to get, and that may be partly the reason why he is so enthusiastic in support of this Bill. I suspect, however, that he is not very enthusiastic, because he has a pretty good idea that when he goes back to his constituents for re-election his majority will be much smaller than it was at the last election, and it was small enough then. I notice by the Toronto 'Star,' the faithful party organ of the Postmaster General, that a relative of the hon. gentleman has just been appointed to a prominent position as grain inspector in the city of Toronto at a salary of \$3,000 a year. So I think we can at least say that the hon. gentleman has considerable influence with this government.

Now we are told that there is no feeling throughout the country at all, we are told that no hostile sentiment exists to any extent, and that the feeling in Toronto does not amount to anything. In fact the Minister of Justice told us the other night that nobody left the Liberal party on this question that they had the slightest respect for. And the senior member for Ottawa (Mr. Belcourt) the other night called these gentlemen who were opposing the government upon this Bill, renegade Liberals. When some one asked him if he styled the Toronto 'Globe' as one of the renegades, he said he did. Therefore the Toronto 'Globe' is in the ranks of the renegades. I wonder who it was that gave the hon. member for Ottawa authority to read the Toronto 'Globe' out of the party? Is he especially set aside to read Liberal malcontents out of the party? He seems to assume that position, whether he is entitled to it or not. Mr. Speaker, let me mention some of the gentlemen who are opposed to the government upon this measure, some very prominent Liberals in Toronto. There is Mr. Stapleton Caldecott, who was spoken of as a Liberal candidate in the last election; there is Dr. Goldwin Smith; there is Mayor Urquhart, who was a candidate in North Toronto in the last

general election; there is Mr. Robinette, who was the candidate in Centre Toronto at the last general election; there is Mr. Willison, the gentleman who wrote the life of the right hon. the Prime Minister; there is Mr. D. E. Thompson; there is another very prominent Liberal, Bishop Carman. These are all prominent Liberals opposed to the government on this question, and they are only a few of the whole number. Why, all the independent papers in this country are opposing the government. The ministers of the Gospel are opposing the government. And that reminds me of the state of affairs that existed in the province of Ontario before the last election, when we found that the ministers, the independent Liberals and the independent papers were all opposed to the Ross government, with the result that when the election came on the government was swept out of existence by the largest majority that was ever known. I do not pretend to be a prophet, but I venture the prophecy that when the next general election comes on for the Dominion the same result will take place.

Mr. O. E. TALBOT. That is an old story.

Mr. LALOR. We should never get tired of telling a good story, even if it is old. Now, Mr. Speaker, I will not pay any more attention to the member for Centre York, because I do not think his speech requires any more attention from me. I want to say that I might have given a silent vote on this question, but I thought it due to the great constituency I represent in this House, the constituency of Haldimand and Monck, whose electors were kind enough to send me here to represent them, to express my views on this Bill in order that they may know just where I stand and the opinions I hold with regard to it. I consider that this Bill is one of the most important that has ever been before the Canadian parliament, and probably one of the most important that will occupy our attention for many years to come. We are giving a constitution to two great provinces in the west that will, before many years, have a population of millions of people. These two provinces will in the not distant future play a great part in the affairs of this country. The time is not far distant when the great west, including Manitoba and British Columbia, will hold the controlling power in this parliament. Therefore, in giving them a constitution, it behooves us to consider it with the greatest care; we should try and give them a constitution that will be acceptable to the people of that country, not only for the present, but for all time to come. We should give them a constitution that will be not only acceptable to Canada but to the British empire as well. For, Sir, wherever you find a Canadian, whether at home or in a foreign country, you will find a man who is proud of the fact that he is a Canadian, more than that you will