

the young nationality growing up in that province. See the result: you have turned the strong Protestant element of that province against the poor, struggling Catholic minority. You have not succeeded even in establishing the public schools that you pretended by this Bill you were going to establish. You have established Protestant schools; you maintain them; and you wish to do the same in the North-west. Mr. Speaker, last night the hon. Controller of Customs—and I just quote this as evidence of the spirit of the Bill and the spirit of the hon. member who has introduced it—referred to our Church as the “Romish Church”; he spoke next of its efforts to obtain state recognition in the North-west; he next said that the Archbishop had been foiled in his attempt to secure ascendancy in the province of Manitoba; and, finally, he went on to speak of the loyalty of the Orangemen, leaving the inference to be drawn that the Catholics were not loyal. The hon. gentleman uttered three insults in that speech: first, against the Church, by speaking of it in an offensive way as the “Romish Church.” In the second place, against the Archbishop of Manitoba in saying what was untrue, that the Archbishop tried to secure ascendancy. The Archbishop did nothing of the kind. He simply asked for the restoration of those rights which, up to 1890, the Catholics of Manitoba enjoyed. Finally, against the loyalty of the Orangemen, and of the lack of loyalty on the part of others, I will say that he speaks the truth if he refers to their loyalty to persecution from the beginning to the end of the history of the Order. These are some of the results due to the mean spirit of hostility manifested towards the Catholics of this country by the hon. member for North Simcoe (Mr. McCarthy), by the Controller of Customs, a gentleman paid by the Catholics—

Mr. SPEAKER. Order. I think the hon. gentleman should not indulge in remarks of that kind.

Mr. DEVLIN. Perhaps I should not indulge in the truth, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. SPEAKER. I think the hon. member had better take the advice of the Chair, and not indulge in the language he is using—

Mr. DEVLIN. Against the Controller?

Mr. SPEAKER—with regard to hon. members of the House.

Mr. DEVLIN. I was merely quoting the Controller's language from an organ of the Government.

Mr. SPEAKER. The hon. gentleman, in saying that these hon. gentlemen were actuated by a mean spirit, is indulging in language which he, as an old member of this House, will, I think, admit is not in accordance with parliamentary usage.

Mr. DEVLIN.

Mr. DEVLIN. Very well, Mr. Speaker, when the question is up again, I will refer to the lovely spirit, the generous, broad spirit, actuating these gentlemen—the magnificent spirit which has for its object the destruction of a language and the deprivation of a people of its rights.

Mr. TARTE. (Translation.) Mr. Speaker, although we are not used, at the first reading of a Bill, to consider its worth and bearing. I cannot let this opportunity pass without registering my protest against this measure.

Hon. MEMBERS. Oh! oh!

Mr. TARTE. By the noise made, it will appear as if there were on the other side of the House, hon. members who wish to abolish the French language immediately.

Mr. TARTE. (Translation.) I have only two words to say, Mr. Speaker, and I am determined to say them in French. I was just stating, when I was interrupted, that, although it is not according to the practice followed in this House to consider at this stage the worth and bearing of a Bill, I nevertheless deem it my duty to avail myself of this opportunity to record my protest against this proposed legislation. The hon. member for North Simcoe (Mr. McCarthy), whom I consider one of the most intelligent and enlightened members of this House, might have used, and might use in the future, his abilities and the power of his mind in a much more useful way for the general interests of the country. We will consider, later on, the merit of the arguments with which he brought before this House the child which seems so dear to him. At present, I am inclined to let his measure be introduced by simply stating: “on division,” for I think the country is enormously interested in that the stand taken by him should be well and clearly defined. If we are to continue to sit together, French and English members, in this House, it is well that we should know once for all on what ground we will stand in relation of one to another. If we are called upon to form a nation in this country, it is better for us to just now lay the grounds on which that nation will stand later on. Consequently, Mr. Speaker, I will resume my seat after recording my most solemn and energetic protest against the measure brought in by the hon. member for North Simcoe (Mr. McCarthy).

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time (on a division).

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY— THE ESTIMATES.

Mr. FOSTER presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor General.

Mr. SPEAKER read the Message, as follows:—

ABERDEEN.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons, Estimates of sums required for the ser-