

tion, you find the anti-British element from the province of Quebec.

The member for Sherbrooke (Mr. McCrea) may smile; but you would find that element there. I do not say that the member for Sherbrooke is anti-British, but I am telling him where he will find himself in this election. You have men in that crowd who tried to murder Lord Atholstan and to blow up his house with dynamite.

Mr. BUREAU: I rise to a point of order. The hon. gentleman has no right to say that he will find men in that crowd—pointing to the Liberal party—who tried to murder Lord Atholstan. Those people belong to the hon. gentleman's crowd.

Mr. SPEAKER: I followed carefully the remarks of the hon. member for Frontenac. He was not referring to hon. gentlemen on my left as a crowd; he was referring to those whom he considered were supporting the leader of the Opposition and he was going over a list of them.

Mr. BUREAU: We deny that they support the leader of the Opposition.

Mr. EDWARDS: We will find in that crowd—I am using the word "crowd" without offence; I do not know what other word I can use—

An hon. MEMBER: Aggregation.

Mr. EDWARDS: That is a good word. We will find in that aggregation which is passing in review before the leader of the Opposition, the hon. member for Three Rivers (Mr. Bureau).

Mr. BUREAU: And he will not be ashamed of it, either.

Mr. EDWARDS: If we judge by their actions how these men will vote, we shall find in this aggregation the soap-box orators and the dynamiters from Montreal and other parts of Quebec. We shall find in this aggregation the men who threatened to blow up the Parliament buildings and to murder the Prime Minister. We shall find also in that crowd Austrian and German reservists who failed to get out of this country in order that they might use their bayonets against our Canadian soldiers. We shall find in that aggregation the anti-British and foreign element in this country, the element who are opposed to Canada's doing her utmost in the war. You will find also the element who are opposed to Canada's keeping faith with the boys overseas. You will find in that aggregation men who in various parts of the

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country are tearing the Union Jack to shreds and stamping it under their feet. But you will find in the aggregation passing in review before the Prime Minister the red-blooded men of this country whose relatives are overseas, the men who are willing to back up the boys at the front. You will find by the thousands in this aggregation men who are willing to support this Government; the wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of soldiers, who will cast their votes at the polls with a view to seeing that the mantle of shame is not thrown over this country's honour through the return to power of hon. gentlemen opposite. A man is known by the company he keeps, and hon. gentlemen opposite in the election which is coming on will be in one aggregation or the other. For my part I do not want to be found in that crowd or aggregation which will be supporting and trying to put into power in this country the right hon. leader of the Opposition.

Mr. F. R. LALOR (Haldimand): At this late hour my speech will be very brief. I have had great pleasure in listening to the speeches that have been made on this side of the House this evening, and particularly to that of the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Sir George Foster). Since his eloquent explanation of the position of the Government with regard to this Bill hon. gentlemen opposite seem to have been struck dumb. It is true the hon. member for South Renfrew (Mr. Graham) attempted to make a reply, but you could see that he was very much annoyed and very disappointed to hear the true position of the Government placed before the electors in the eloquent words of the Minister of Trade and Commerce. I can tell hon. gentlemen opposite that that eloquent speech which we listened to to-night, though it lasted for no more than twenty minutes, will be heard on every platform in Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific during this election, and if the facts as presented by the Minister of Trade and Commerce do not sway and carry the loyal and patriotic people in every constituency in this country, with the exception of the province of Quebec, I shall be very much mistaken. I believe even now the people know the facts pretty well. I think they have the leader of the Opposition and the party that supports him pretty well sized up both in Ontario and the West and the provinces down by the sea. When the election comes on and the people hear the matter fully discussed, I think hon. gentlemen opposite will be almost as dumb in this country as