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r had in my public y to discharge than to discharge to-day. loss of the hon. gen- rom the party which stand that, and a am afraid, after the d out to me, that I you, Mr. Speaker, ergeant-at-Arms to or fear of that con- h the hon. gen- to inflict upon me. ion. friend the jun- Mr. Russell) says— on, gentleman says to take care of my- t. I will not say ew words, I have most painful duty me I trust I shall arge again during alms to me.

ERTSON (East To- ith not a little in- e curiosity, to the mber for Victoria, making of such a xpected, for his desertion of the been allied, as he eight years past, on. His flitting this House to the gentlemen oppo- believe that the ked on as a great member for Vic- d down the gamut s explanation em- m regarding his he has also seen of discussion the s actions by the especially by the n." He referred xpressed by that t enough to say, skill enough to But there is no he artist makes gets his pencil gentleman. The are, as a public er as a private Minister of the newspaper com- . gentleman has a excuse for his think that his dealt unfairly however, to jus-

tify any comments which may have appear- ed in the columns of the journal which I have the honour to own. The fact is, that the actions of the hon. gentleman are suffi- cient justification, not only for what the Toronto "Evening Telegram" has said, but for what it might say. The hon. gentleman need not blame the Conservative party for any wrong he may have suffered at my hands. I accept the fullest responsibility for anything that may have been said, either inside or outside of this House.

The hon. gentleman, in one of the letters he read, has referred to the rights of the Irish race. I have no doubt that the hon. member for Victoria, N.B., (Mr. Costigan)

regards himself as a patriot and an orna- ment to the Irish race. I admire the Irish people; and, because I admire them, I am striving to forget that any section of the Irish people in Canada ever accepted the leader- ship of the hon. gentleman. I admit that he has many of the good qualities of the Irish race; but he seems to lack that noble virtue of faithfulness in adversity; and when, in the fulness of time—and I hope the time is long, long distant—he is gathered to his fathers, his monument should bear this epi- taph: "Here lies an Irishman who was faithful to the Conservative party so long as the Conservative party was on a dividend- paying basis."