

"lished in *Le Canada*, which he pretended was false, and which I would not retract. I pointed out to him that that fact had been affirmed by a newspaper published in the vicinity of the place where he resided, and that I was waiting until the discussion between them was concluded to know what ground I should take. The Honorable Member for *Drummond* and *Arthabaska* then told me that he had not seen the assertion which I mentioned to him. The conversation continued for some time; the Honorable Member acknowledging that he had attacked me in my private life, and asserting that he did not regret it. I then became somewhat excited, and told him that the article published in his paper was the work of a spy. He then appeared rather nervous. I then told him that I did not know whether or not he was the author, but that my words were intended to apply to the person who had written the article. I gave him to understand, very plainly, how mean a thing it was to act the spy towards an adversary, or to cause him to be watched with the view of making public his most private acts. I made use of the word 'spy' several times. The Honorable Member then said: 'As you seem inclined to make use of language of that kind I will withdraw.' I replied immediately, 'I repeat that you are a spy and a deliberate liar.' The Honorable Member then, turning towards me, struck me in the face with a book which he held in his hand. I returned the blow, and gave him several blows with my fists; the Honorable Member also struck me several times with his hands—he even tried to kick me. In the meantime several persons came forward and interposed between us. I believe that one of these persons was a Member of Parliament. I again took possession of the seat on which I had been working; thereupon, the Honorable Member told me to leave the library. I told him that I would not go out, as I had a right to remain, and would remain there. He then told me he would have me arrested. Thereupon, I expressly stated: 'At all events, Mr. *Dorion*, I assert that you struck me first.' I did not catch his reply; but I have since been told that, after a moment's hesitation, he said 'No.' There were several persons present when I used the words last mentioned. I have nothing more to add on this subject, but, with the permission of the House, I would venture to complain of the treatment I received after I was taken into custody. Last night, whilst I was at the Bar, a group of persons collected at a few paces from where I was standing, and a person—one of the group, a Member of the House—turned towards me and threatened me, brandishing his arms and making use of exclamations unknown to the human species. I deemed myself deeply insulted by this proceeding, and have craved permission to make it known to the House."

And then he was directed to withdraw.

Mr. *Dorion*, Member for the Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, rose in his place, and said:

"I wish to add to my declaration of yesterday, or in answer to the statement just made by the Prisoner, that I never struck him first; that I had no book in my hand at the time; that I never heard him say that I had struck him first, and that if he made such a statement I did not hear it, nor did I give it any answer. I never acknowledged that I had attacked him in his private life; and I positively state that I was in the act of leaving him when he assaulted me."

*Resolved*, That *Elzéar Gérin Lajoie* is guilty of a breach of the privileges of this House.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, and the Question being proposed, That the said *Elzéar Gérin Lajoie* be called to the Bar and there reprimanded by Mr. Speaker, for the said breach of privilege, and be committed to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms for twenty-four hours.

The Honorable Mr. *Macdonald* (*Cornwall*) moved, in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Holton*, That the words, "Custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms for twenty-four hours," be left out, and the words, "Gaol of the County of *Carleton* for the remainder of the Session," inserted instead thereof.

Mr. *Haultain* moved, in amendment to the said proposed amendment, seconded by Mr. *Dunkin*, That the words, "Gaol of the County of *Carleton* for the remainder of the Session," be left out, and the words, "Custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms during the pleasure of this House," inserted instead thereof.