

stood custom himself. It has been from time immemorial the rule for the leader of the Government in this House to congratulate the mover and the seconder of the Address on the manner in which they discharged their duty. I presume that it arose from forgetfulness.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—I did forget it. My attention was fixed on what had just been said by my hon. friend opposite, and I proceeded with my remarks in reply to my hon. friend without first referring, as I should have done, to the mover and seconder of the Address, and congratulating them on the able and eloquent manner in which they dealt with the subject.

HON. MR. TRUDEL (in French) complimented the mover and seconder of the Address on the able manner in which they had discharged the duty assigned to them. He could not help being struck with the courage which the hon. member from Lauzon (Mr. Bolduc) had displayed in congratulating the Government, not only on their general policy, but on the manner in which they had administered the affairs of the North-West Territories. The hon. gentleman seemed to be perfectly satisfied with all that they had done, because they had exercised clemency towards some of the imprisoned Indians and half-breeds who had been implicated in the outbreak. The hon. member, in the course of his remarks, had stigmatized the spontaneous movement of his compatriots in the Province of Quebec as revolutionary, and had gone so far as to assert that the press of his province had published violent articles inciting the people to disorder. If articles of an incendiary character had appeared in some of the French papers of the province, it must have been in Ministerial organs. It was a remarkable fact that the most violent of all had appeared in journals which were the recognized organs of members of the Government. For four or five days they had pursued this policy, and then, with shameless inconsistency, had taken the opposite course, and were so utterly devoid of honesty as to accuse the newspapers which advocated the national movement of the very offence of which they themselves had been guilty. At the time, he (Mr.

Trudel) had for three weeks published, in the columns of his newspaper, a challenge to any one opposed to the national movement, to point out one solitary article of a revolutionary character which had been published by the newspapers which had espoused the cause of the half-breeds. Perhaps the hon. member from Lauzon did not read his newspaper, but he could assure the hon. member that it circulated largely in the province of Quebec. He (Mr. Trudel) repeated his challenge now. Under the circumstances, it was most unfair to make such a violent and unwarranted attack upon the great mass of the people of Quebec and the press which expressed their views in connection with the North-West troubles.

HON. MR. BOLDUC (in French)—I hope the House will permit me to correct some of the statements which have been made by my hon. friend from DeSala-berry. I was very much flattered by his kindly comments on the manner in which I had spoken in moving the Address, but he has mis-interpreted a portion of my speech, and put words in my mouth which I never used. What I did say was that I offered my most sincere congratulations to the Government for having granted an amnesty to the half-breeds who had been imprisoned for having taken part in the North-West troubles, but I never said that the National party in the Province of Quebec were revolutionary. The sole accusation that I made was against a portion of the press of the Dominion—I did not allude to the press of Quebec alone. My remark was that it was to be regretted that a certain portion of the press of the country had made threats and published almost revolutionary articles, thus endangering the peace of the Dominion, arousing sectarian animosities, and almost exposing the country to the horrors of civil war. The hon. gentleman says he presumes that I have never read his paper. I admit that I have only read a few copies of it during the sessions, and it is difficult to understand how my hon. friend, who admits that I do not read his paper, can say that the press to which I alluded in my speech as having published revolutionary articles, was in the Province of Quebec. I ask the hon. gentleman what grounds