

one is aware that licenses in the province of Manitoba are granted direct by the provincial government. The latter, in consequence, has them under its absolute control. Honest hotelkeepers must like the rest take their cue from the provincial government, otherwise they would the very next day be deprived of their license.

To my personal knowledge, a member of the provincial legislature entered a bar room at twenty minutes past midnight, accompanied by a number of voters, and peremptorily ordered the hotelkeeper to open the bar. The latter answered that he could not do so as the law forbade it. I am the law, replied the member, and I then witnessed a drinking bout which lasted till morn. That is a fact among a hundred. I was informed that the hon. Minister of Public Works at the time he was a provincial cabinet minister, had not scrupled to act similarly. No wonder then that such bad example should afterwards be followed.

And, Sir, to satisfy you once more that they had resolved to resort to all the unlawful practices which I have pointed out, I may say that on the morning of polling day, a prominent Conservative, interested in the election, stated to a friend of mine that even should Mr. Richardson be returned, Mr. Morrison would that evening be declared elected. Thus it is, Mr. Speaker, that money and whisky played an important part in that election, and some people, in spite of all, will persist in holding that reciprocity is not popular.

I read in the Manitoba Free Press an interview given by the hon. Minister of Public Works on the day after that election, wherein he stated that the Liberals who had come from the province of Quebec had appealed to racial and religious prejudices. I deny it, the only time we had occasion to deal with the school question, was when replying to Mr. Morrison's supporters, who did not hesitate to revile Mr. Richardson on account of his stand towards Catholics, and on the other hand praised very highly the so-called great spirit of fairness evidenced by the Prime Minister of Manitoba and the hon. Minister of Public Works.

I repeat it, appeals to race prejudices have not come from our side, but from our opponents who distributed during the contest a pamphlet comprising editorials which has appeared in the Winnipeg Tribune, Mr. Richardson's organ, in regard to the school question. As we know, Mr. Richardson had some trouble with Archbishop Langevin with whom he disagreed on the school question.

I taunted my opponents for having raked up these matters which were already sev-

eral years old, pointing out at the same time that we were not making it a matter of reproach to Mr. Morrison, for his being, as the Telegram has stated, a prominent Orangeman.

Again I say, we of the province of Quebec who took part in that election, we dealt solely with reciprocity, as serious men addressing intelligent people.

Apart from the shameful practices I have put on record, the issuing of blank warrants, the interference of the provincial government, the work performed by hotelkeepers, and others, there were numberless little tricks worked by the telephone and postal services in Mr. Morrison's interest. We are all aware that the Manitoba telephone system is in the hands of the local government. Now, knowing beforehand as we do to what extent the government of that province controls its employees, it is easy to surmise how the friends of Mr. Richardson must have fared in many instances.

As regards the postal service, I may say that I never received, within five days after notification by the sender a letter which had been addressed to me from Winnipeg, forty miles from my location at the time. I might have inferred that the letter had gone astray by accident, but similar accidents happened in the case of friends of mine located at other points.

The other day I witnessed the presentation in this House of the newly elected member for Macdonald (Mr. Morrison), and noticing how frantically he was being applauded by government supporters, I could not help thinking that if some honest Conservatives had been aware of those facts, they would have blushed at the thought of that victory won through fraud, cynicism, coercion and the nefarious influence of unscrupulous men. Several imagined that they were applauding the defeat of reciprocity in the person of the newcomer, while it was simply one of the greatest political crimes committed to this date that they were being made to endorse.

It only remains for me to lay a document before this House. I hope hon. gentlemen will bear with me. It may perhaps not be entirely in order to do so, though it certainly has a connection with the said election, since we were accused of stirring up racial and religious feuds.

To show once more to what lengths the cynicism of some politicians will go, as Mr. Bourassa would put it, I may recall that during the last provincial elections, with a view to putting in a better light the stand taken on the Keewatin school question by the then hon. Minister of Public Works (Mr. Monk), the hon. Postmaster General (Mr. Pelletier) and the