

per cent that we must confess that no matter what our professions may be, our practices demonstrate that you have less to fear from us than you would have from the other party. I always squirm when I hear the word hypocrisy used, but being logical I never challenge anyone who uses it to mortal combat. Don't you think therefore, in view of the record, that you can safely trust us and turn in with our organization to beat the other fellow?"

Manager. "Ins and Outs again? The same old game?"

McMaster. "Forbear, forbear. Frankly our boys are hungry and it is their turn now."

Manager. "Well, you have made out a fine case and if nothing can be done to appease the western Rads we'll see what we can do. Adieu and good luck to you."

Mr. MOLLOY: May I ask a question?

Mr. RICHARDSON: You have already had your little say. I do not propose to be interrupted.

Mr. MOLLOY: You are afraid.

Mr. RICHARDSON: I shall sit down. Ask all the questions you like.

Mr. MOLLOY: Why did you support the Laurier party and myself in 1911?

Mr. RICHARDSON: Because the Laurier party was in favour of reciprocity, and there is nothing I am more proud of than having supported the Laurier administration on that occasion. I did not believe at the time that it deserved to be returned to power on its record, but as a believer in free trade I was delighted to accept reciprocity or anything which in my judgment would make for the benefit of the country.

Mr. MOLLOY: Why did you run as Liberal candidate in 1912, supporting the Laurier Government?

Mr. SPEAKER: Order.

Mr. RICHARDSON: It is all right, Mr. Speaker. I am perfectly willing to answer his question.

Mr. SPEAKER: I was going to ask the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Molloy) to submit his questions to the Chair.

Mr. RICHARDSON: The plain unvarnished answer is that I did not run as a Laurier candidate in the year he speaks of, nor ever after his betrayal of the country on the tariff. I ran as an Independent candidate. If you are fooled once it may be the other person's fault, but if you are fooled a second time, it is your own fault. You can bet your last farthing I am not going to be fooled again.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. The hon. gentleman will please address the Chair.

Mr. RICHARDSON: Well, you might tell him from me, Mr. Speaker, for me, that he

can bet all he has got that they will never fool me on any of these camouflaged resolutions. Let me say that I do not think the Liberal party, or the men who support the Liberal party, are a bad lot at all. What I am trying to establish is that there is no Free Trade party in this country at all. The hon. member for Cape Breton was perfectly right, the protectionists are among hon. members on both sides of the House, no matter what their political professions may be, and that brings me to a point I made a note of. My good friend from Peterborough (Mr. Burnham) said this afternoon that just as oil and water will not mix, you cannot mix free traders and protectionists and so he concluded the Union Government and party could not succeed. My hon. friend means well, but he has utterly failed to grasp the political situation in this country. There is really no difference between the people who support both parties in this country. It is just like the Methodists and the Presbyterians; nothing really divides them; they believe in the same essentials. We have a Union Government here, and I feel just as much at home on this side as I have ever felt anywhere else. The difference between the Liberal and the Tory parties is that hon. gentleman over there talk free trade and low tariff, but practise protection, while the old Tory talks protection and practises protection, and if I had to award the palm I would almost give it to the Tory party, because the other people adds hypocrisy to their other sins. In saying this let me not be misunderstood. I am not seeking to reflect upon the supporters of one party more than another. The leader of the Opposition knows I am speaking the gospel truth. How this gold brick business can be continued up to the present time is one of the marvels of the age; I thought it was worked to a finish thirty years ago. Just think of going around with gold bricks in the year 1919, on the 18th of June, with the thermometer registering almost a hundred degrees in the shade. Why the thing is a joke, and I want to say to the leader of the Opposition and hon. gentlemen opposite that the sooner they abandon their dishonest position on the tariff the better for their party and for all concerned. Most of them perhaps think that they believe in free trade, but they do nothing of the kind, because they always practise protection. It is perfectly easy to move resolutions; that is a handy thing to do, but the question is, what do you vote for and where do you stand. So far as the Opposition is concerned on