

charges the hon. member for Northumberland (Mr. Mitchell) with having used. On the occasion to which I refer he charged the hon. Premier with having commenced his career by the light of an incendiary fire of the Parliament Buildings, Montreal, and with having finished it on the scaffold at Regina.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order, order.

Mr. GIROUARD. (Translation.) I rise to a question of order. The question is not whether the language used by the hon. member for Hochelaga (Mr. Desjardins) outside of this House was parliamentary or not. That has nothing to do with the question.

Mr. WELSH. Mr. Speaker, as everybody else is jumping up I would like to rise. I bow to your ruling. You have condemned the word "indecent" several times to-night. Now, if I was to apply the word "indecent" to any matter brought to this House, I hope you would not condemn me. I think Mr. Dunn's action in this matter was very indecent; I believe Mr. Baird's action in taking the seat is very indecent. I do not know whether I am out of order or not, but I am going to say the Government's action is indecent.

Mr. DAVIS (B.C.) I would like to have this question brought before the House. I would like if somebody would get up and say what we are talking about. Let us take a vote on this thing, and let us have done with it.

Sir DONALD SMITH. I cannot help saying that I think it is a matter for very great regret that the hon. member for Northumberland (Mr. Mitchell), should so far forget himself—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Sir DONALD SMITH—should so far forget himself and what is due to hon. members of this House, as to attribute to others less honorable motives than those which are presumed to actuate himself; and I think if anything were wanting to justify the vote given by gentlemen on this side of the House, and by some on the other side of the House, and by myself among them, it will be found in the exhibition of unseemly—I will not say indecent—passion which has been displayed by that hon. member on this occasion, and by some others in this House. I think that that exhibition proves beyond anything else that those who voted, as we voted on this side of the House, were right in desiring that the matter should be so placed that it could be judged of judicially, and without such an exhibition of feeling as we have witnessed.

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Spoke, spoke.

Mr. MITCHELL. I have the right to make an explanation—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Spoke, spoke.

Mr. MITCHELL. I will let no hon. member of this House get up and place words in my mouth that I have not uttered. I said distinctly, in my references to this matter, that the House had received explanations from hon. gentlemen—from almost every one who spoke—disavowing any influence beyond their honest convictions, and I said that I accepted these statements. These are the words I used—I accepted these statements.

Some hon. MEMBERS. No, no; hear, hear. He did.

Mr. MITCHELL. But I said I placed at the door of the right hon. gentleman who leads the House,—

Mr. CAMERON. You had no right to do so.

Mr. MITCHELL—the hon. gentleman who leads this House and rules this country, the vote that was given to-night.

Some hon. MEMBERS. No, no.

Mr. MITCHELL. Therefore, I can tell the hon. member for Montreal West (Sir Donald Smith) that he is imputing to me expressions and statements which I never made or applied to any hon. gentleman who voted behind the right hon. gentleman. But I imputed to the right hon. gentleman the consequences which I named—I will not name the words again—but I said if I was out of the House I would designate it by that name, and, therefore, I am not liable to the censure of the hon. member for Montreal West.

Sir DONALD SMITH. May I ask the hon. member for Northumberland did he not say, or say in effect, that hon. members who voted as I did myself, had done so at the dictation of the Government?

Mr. MITCHELL. I did not say that, Sir.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. MITCHELL. Whatever I may have thought I did not say it. What I did say was what I repeated a few minutes before, that while I accepted the explanations of hon. gentlemen and was bound to believe what they stated, I placed at the door of the right hon. gentleman the consequences of this act, and I said that it would go down, with the name I gave it, to posterity.

Mr. LISTER. The hon. member for Montreal West (Sir Donald Smith) is the last man in this House to turn round—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order, order.

Mr. LISTER. We all remember, a few years ago, when that hon. gentleman sat on that side of the House, supporting Mr. Mackenzie, and we remember also that the First Minister told him on one occasion that he could "lick him quicker than hell could scorch a feather."

Sir DONALD SMITH. The member for Montreal West—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order, order; spoke.

Sir DONALD SMITH. If I may be allowed I would say that the member for Montreal West, my humble self, is not ashamed of any vote he gives in this House, and he believes he votes conscientiously according to what he thinks is right. He would repeat that on this occasion he believes that in voting to take this matter out of such an arena as we have seen this to be this evening, as he has done with others, he has done what is right. Further, if I may be allowed one word—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Spoke, spoke.

Sir DONALD SMITH. By the grace of the House I would—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order, order.

Mr. SPEAKER. The hon. gentleman is called to order, and as he has spoken several times already I am obliged to call him to order.

House divided on amendment of Mr. Thompson.

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Messieurs

Audet,  
Bain (Soulanges),  
Baker,  
Bergin,  
Bowell,  
Brown,  
Bryson,  
Burns,  
Cameron,  
Cargill,

Guillet,  
Haggart,  
Hall,  
Hesson,  
Hicky,  
Hudspeth,  
Ives,  
Jamieson,  
Kenny,  
Labelle,

Perley (Ottawa),  
Porter,  
Reid,  
Riopel,  
Robertson (Hastings),  
Robillard,  
Roome,  
Ross,  
Royal,  
Rykert,