

gentleman I referred to has been rewarded by being appointed Minister of Agriculture. Is the Lieutenant-Governorship of the province of Quebec a training school for Ministers of Agriculture? We know that one Lieutenant-Governor there, a short time ago, established a piggery. Is this to be considered a training school for Ministers of Agriculture in the Dominion Government? Those who will tolerate and condone the state of things now existing in New Brunswick have little idea of British institutions and British fair-play. They are degrading both the office and the officer, and I, as a Canadian Briton, appeal to the Government to stop as soon as possible this crying shame against British institutions which they are allowing to be perpetrated there. It does not appear strange to some of us, who know Sir Leonard Tilley, that he should hang on to office for dear life. Just think of it. The highest office in the province of New Brunswick being peddled round for the purpose of obtaining political support. It is a shame and a scandal and should be stopped.

Mr. HEARN. It is with considerable hesitation that I rise to say a few words upon some of the matters which have been referred to within the last few moments. I feel that I can speak only with much unpleasantness to those who have to hear me, and with considerable inconvenience to myself. Yet, Sir, the occasion is one that satisfies me I would be very remiss in my duty, very remiss in what is due, from my humble point of view, to truth, were I to remain silent in the face of what has fallen from the gentleman who has just taken his seat, and of what has been said by my hon. friend, the member for Quebec East. Both gentlemen, if I understood them correctly, and I did my humble best to do so, have found it convenient, and seem to have deemed it manly and fitting, to attack an absent member of the Government—one who, though he cannot reply to them here, would readily do so in another place. Both gentlemen have deemed it becoming to attack the hon. Minister of Agriculture—with what? With cowardice! Sir, those who know that gentleman best have spoken upon the subject. Sir, the conduct of the hon. Minister of Agriculture, as has been well said by his colleague, the hon. Postmaster-General, has been submitted to the fairest tribunal upon earth. It has been submitted to that tribunal which of all others in the world knew most of the case and was the most competent to judge of it. The people of the province of Quebec heard all that could be said in denunciation of the conduct of the late Lieutenant-Governor of that province. The people of the province, from end to end, were told through the press, were told on the public hustings, were told at every street corner, were told at every church door, Sunday and week-day, that the conduct of the Lieutenant-Governor was infamous. The reasons for pronouncing it

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infamous were given to the people, the people heard all that could be said against him, all that malice and party spirit could urge, and the people, having duly deliberated, having taking time to consider, and having heard the eloquence and the ability with which the charges were put forth, came to the conclusion, that, notwithstanding the eloquence and ability with which the charges were put before them, those charges were baseless, that they were not deserving of endorsement, and that had it not been for the wise and the courageous action of the Lieutenant-Governor of the province of Quebec, that province would have soon reached the abyss of ruin towards which she had been fast speeding, and from which it would have taken long years to retrieve her. Sir, if there be one thing that the hon. the Minister of Agriculture is, in his own province, considered entitled to, it is the character of a courageous, an able and an honest man. And, Sir, to show that that is the belief of the people of the province of Quebec, they, with a majority almost unparalleled, have given their verdict, and in vain will it be for the small number of his opponents in that province to persist in repeating, as I regret to find they are disposed to do, the charges they have made. Excuses may be found, and good excuses, for hon. members from other provinces who are deceived by a false press and by mistaken views which may be honestly entertained, and no doubt honestly spoken by many, but reflection and a fair holding of the scales would force those who desire to see truth prevail over falsehood, to admit that the province of Quebec had good reason to thank God that she had a Lieutenant-Governor with the courage, the integrity and the ability of her late Lieutenant-Governor Angers.

Mr. DEVLIN. I would not have thought it my duty to offer any observations to the House on the subject now under discussion, were it not for some remarks which have fallen from the hon. member for Grey (Mr. Landerkin) as well as from the hon. member for Quebec West (Mr. Hearn). We have heard a good deal as to the part the constitution has to play in regard to filling the high office of the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick. This is all nonsense, as the House and the members of the House well know. The constitution has nothing at all to do with it. The constitution does not require that the present Lieutenant-Governor should fill the office during two full terms and half of another term, but there is another point brought out in discussion by the hon. member for Grey (Mr. Landerkin) in regard to which, perhaps, some remarks may be offered. He said that "he was afraid it was a case of 'no Irish need apply.'" It is with feelings of gratification that I look upon the advent to the Ministry of the present Solicitor-General. I must say that,