

Association; he knows of the attitude of Mr. Craig and of Dalton McCarthy and others in the past and in the present towards the language of my people. He knows that it is a permanent establishment of the Conservative party in Ontario to get power by means of appeals of that kind to the people.

Hon. Mr. BLAIN: It is rather more than an Ontario man can stand to hear this agitation going on in Parliament every day. I want to say—

Some Hon. SENATORS: Order, order.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: If my honourable friend is going to make a speech I will sit down.

Hon. Mr. BLAIN: I will give an instance of it if my honourable friend wants it.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Order.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: Never more impudently, never more flagrantly and more wrocksly has that been done than during the last few years. It is going on every day all through the press of this province; and yet my honourable friend is surprised; he does not know about this; he has never heard of such a thing. He never reads the Orange Sentinel; he never reads the Toronto News, which for months and years has published this national programme. What is the first item? "One language for Canada." I suppose my honourable friend never reads the papers which I have mentioned, or the Toronto Telegram, the Kingston Standard, or the Hamilton papers, and many others. I could keep him in reading for months by supplying him with extracts from these papers along the lines which I have mentioned.

Hon. Mr. BLAIN: It cannot have any other purpose than agitation.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: I do not know what my honourable friend means by agitation. If he means what I have described, if he means raising and promoting passion and prejudice, then I agree with him. We are accustomed to it. We have never seen anything else in Ontario. We had it before Confederation; we have it to-day worse than ever. We hear it on the street. I was a member of the House of Commons for twelve years, and time and time again it has been said to me—not by men living in the back streets, but by prominent citizens, merchants on Sparks street—"Vote for you? Not much; I would not vote for a Frenchman." Do you suppose that a highly-strung, proud

race like mine is going to stand these things forever? Do you think they are not going to show their resentment? A Frenchman may suffer, he may do things that he will regret, and you may do things that you will regret; but he will probably suffer more than you. Is it not time to stop that kind of thing and deal with the French Canadians as equals and not as pariahs?

Hon. Mr. SPROULE: May I ask my honourable friend a question? Did I understand the honourable gentleman to say that not an election has taken place within the last forty years—

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: Thirty years.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE: I have taken part in every local and federal election for the last thirty-eight years, and during that time I have never from any platform heard this question discussed.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: During the next ten days I will give my honourable friend the pamphlets.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE: I understood him to say that it was discussion.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Order.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: Does my honourable friend want to make another speech? If so, I object.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE: I do not want to make a speech.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: Now, with regard to this Bill itself, is it any wonder that it has met with opposition? Is it any wonder that the province of Quebec is not disposed to accept it, in view of the language in which it was introduced in the other House and the language in which my honourable friend (Hon. Sir James Loughheed) introduced it here and the language resorted to by the Press towards Quebec? I regret to have to say what I am about to say, because there is no man who has a higher esteem and respect for the honourable leader of the Government in this House than I have. Ever since I have been a member of this House, I have, I think, always shown him the greatest respect and deference. I confess, honourable gentlemen, that I have not yet recovered from the surprise with which I listened to his words in introducing this Bill. May I be permitted to quote his words? I am doing this, not in anger, not for the purpose of being offensive or disagreeable, not for the purpose even of making a reproach, but simply for the purpose of

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