

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I question the ruling of the chair. After the hon. senator from Rothesay has raised the question, and the hon. Secretary of State and the hon. senator from Hastings had expressed their opinions, am I to be told that I have no right to express mine? Is that the decision of the chair?

The SPEAKER—I allowed the hon. gentleman to speak and to sit down before declaring that there was nothing before the chair. I might have stated it before the hon. gentleman sat down.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Then I shall appeal from the decision of the chair.

The SPEAKER—Call the first order.

The CLERK—First order of the day—

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—To put myself in order before the House, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER—I am informed that the hon. gentleman from Victoria had not closed his remarks when he sat down; that a point of order was raised by the hon. senator from Kingston. I would not have interrupted the hon. gentleman while he was on his feet, but I thought he was making a second speech and as there was nothing before the chair, I called attention to the fact.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I am sorry that the ears of the chair are deaf. The hon. senator from Kingston raised a point of order, and I sat down at once. The hon. senator from Kingston rising said 'I rise to a point of order,' and my duty was to sit down while he stated the point of order. That point of order has been raised and the chair has not yet decided it.

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN—I rose only to put the hon. gentleman right.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—The hon. gentleman from Kingston in rising said, 'I rise to a point of order,' and stated his point of order. I waited for the decision of the chair on the point of order and got none, except to be told that I had no right to speak as there was nothing before the House. That did not decide the point of order raised by the hon. senator from Kingston.

The SPEAKER—When the hon. senator from Kingston rises to a point of order,

he should address the chair. Instead of doing so he turned and addressed the hon. senator from Victoria, and I did not hear what he said.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—That is why I remarked that the ears of the chair are deaf. I am between the devil and the deep sea—between the hon. senator from Kingston and the chair—what am I to do?

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Sit down.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I will sit down when my opinions have been expressed. I have been five years in this House trying to gain its ear, and this is not the first time I have been told by the ex-leader of the the government and by the present leader of the government in the House to sit down. I have not sat down at anybody's dictation, and I will not sit down now. I stand here on my right as a man who knows his business, and as a man who is not tied down by traditions of servility; as a man who wants to speak the sentiments of young Canada in spite of the Methuselahs who would prevent him. Let it be the last time that such an expression should come from any venerable octogenarian or nonogenarian. Let it be the last time. We have stood it long enough, members like myself who have come in as young patriotic members—as patriotic as any old man in the House, wanting to defend the interests of this House and of the country. Yet we are told to sit down; but you do not get an Irishman of my stamp to sit down under such circumstances any more than the Irish did on the fields of Waterloo and the fields of South Africa. We have produced generals who have won victories for the British empire. It took Irishmen to do it, and it does not become an Irishman to sit down when he is told, even by an ex-Prime Minister. We are here to defend our opinions. We may be wrong; often I am wrong—

Hon. Mr. POWER—Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—It is human to err, and there is no one who knows that better than the hon. senator from Halifax. The question raised here to-day is of more importance than you imagine. Why? Because the Liberal party of this country by and through the means of the hon. gentle-