

engaged in campaigns under the leadership of the great old leader of the Conservative party, Sir John A. Macdonald, and under the leadership of that other great man whose loss we deplore, Sir John Thompson. I know that my fellow-countrymen from Ontario are fair-minded men, and I have always been treated by them as a brother and a friend. I know that these gentlemen cannot be led to believe that the French-Canadian Catholics or the French-Canadian clergy are not true and loyal to the Crown of England and to the flag of Canada. I can speak for them, because I have had every possible opportunity of studying their past history and the history of their present movements, and I am unable to find an instance in which it can be

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stated that the clergy of Canada have been disloyal. I ask again, where did the threat come from? It was painful to me to hear the hon. gentleman make the remark he did.

Now, Mr. Speaker, let me apologize for having kept the House so long. But before I sit down, I must mention a piece of badinage which was communicated to me to-day. It was said that the hon. member for North Simcoe (Mr. McCarthy) was complaining sadly of the hon. leader of the Opposition. In sadness and grief, he said: The leader of the Opposition has taken everything away from me; he has taken my motion away, and now he is taking from me my position as the leader of the strong Protestant element of Ontario.