

to insult people. That I belong to the school of lying hypocrisy and cowardice; and that in my eyes any one to whom civic and political virtues are not vain words, is an imbecile and a hypocrite. That it is useless to discuss these questions with me because I would not understand them.

I do not think that any one, who reads the original and ponders over it will say that, in this short and comprehensive summary of the principal allegations I have gone beyond what is stated in the original. Now, I have said that this is ingenious. It is. Its ingenuity consists in this—that it makes an appeal against me aided and abetted by whatever can be got out of the prejudice of race and religion, out of the sympathy of race and religion. And it is ingenious in this also—that it chooses a medium which goes into hundreds of thousands of French families where no English paper, and certainly no English Conservative paper ever is seen and to attack my French Canadian colleagues, notably the hon. member for Beauharnois (Mr. Bergeron) and the hon. member for Jacques Cartier (Mr. Monk) as being in league with me the alleged slanderer of the French people, of French Catholics and of everything that ought to be and is respected. The ingenuity is superb; the scheme is well thought out. This House can see that I, as a member of this House have no recourse against this sort of attack, and my hon. friends who are coupled with me to their disadvantage—with me the so-called hater and maligner of French people, of French Catholics and French institutions—are given a hard row to hoe when they have practically no press in the province of Quebec which can go into the same homes and expose what is said.

I have said it is brutal. So it is. Now, although 'La Presse' is the chief sinner, it is not far in advance of 'Le Canada.' Ever since I made that speech on the North Atlantic Trading Company, 'Le Canada' has gone on and undertaken to do the chucking-out business in the country as hon. gentlemen opposite did in this House. They have misrepresented me in every way. One example I have before me which I may mention. They say, in effect: What can you say of a man like Mr. Foster, who, as Minister of Finance, was guilty of exploiting of public and private lands, in the Temperance Colonization Company case and the Great West Land Company case. Well, it ought to have occurred to 'Le Canada,' which is intelligent, if it did not occur to the gentlemen who attacked me in this House, that as to the Temperance Colonization Company, it was formed, launched, and had its existence before I was a member of the House, and not under my regime; and, with reference to the Great West Land Company, that this was an entirely private matter, the company coming into existence only three or

four years ago after I left the House and before I entered it again. These statements are made by 'Le Canada' as reasons why I and my fellow members on this side should not find fault with the government, and as reasons why we should be silent.

Now, I do not want to carry this any further this afternoon. But I have come to the conclusion that it is both right and politic that the matter should be taken cognizance of. The Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Mr. Brodeur) may smile at the tactics of his paper. It may be very good fun for him. And the Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) may think, or may not think—I am inclined to believe he will not think—that this is good party tactics. But a word from the Prime Minister or the Minister of Marine and Fisheries would stop that sort of political warfare. I simply make these statements before the House, not because, personally, I care a pin about it, but because I think it is due to my party, and due to myself that something ought to be done to stop that kind of political warfare upon myself and my colleagues. And I give notice that to-morrow, or the first convenient day afterwards, I shall have a motion to move with reference to this matter.

#### NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY CONTRACTS.

Mr. J. T. SCHELL (Glengarry). Before the orders of the day are called, I would ask the government if they purpose laying upon the table in detail the tenders received for the building of the two sections of the Transcontinental Railway, and other papers in relation thereto?

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). I am not aware that there is anything that has not already been brought down. If the hon. gentleman (Mr. J. T. Schell) knows of anything that has not already been laid on the table, I would suggest that he make a motion to have it brought down.

Mr. J. T. SCHELL. The bulk tenders were brought down, but not the details.

#### REPORT PRESENTED.

Supplement to the Report of the Department of Trade and Commerce, for the year ended June 30, 1905.—Mr. Paterson.

#### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. My hon. friend, the leader of the opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden), yesterday, gave notice that he intended to move an amendment to a motion to go into supply. He has been informed that to-day we intend to take some Bills and advance them a stage if possible. If agree-