

ment of the province. To oppose my government is to oppose the will of the people. To conspire to break it down, is to enter into a conspiracy against the people. The best of all parties is with me, Castor, Bleu and Rouge, and I have the endorsement of the church. My government embodies the national heart and I call it the parti national, for it embraces all good men of honest views. From the evidence I have heard, I say without hesitation the prisoner is one of those fanatics who are in revolt against the legislature and my government and would upset what they have decreed. Such men are a menace to the public peace and the safety of the province requires that they be rigidly dealt with. I call upon all men of good principles, of whatever creed or nationality, to rally round the National party, and those who do so will be recognized by grants of public money and offices. I offer special inducements to Protestants and English-speaking people generally to come under my banner.

Cross-examined: I began my career as a public man in the character of a Conservative, and after a while turned to be a Liberal. In 1886 I ceased to be a Liberal, and became leader of the parti national. That party includes many Conservatives and Castors. As I said at Quebec last June, the rouge and the bleu should give place to the tricolor. I have broken away from old party bonds and seek to complete and uphold the autonomy of the province. I mean by that, its being independent, as a French and Catholic province, of Dominion control. We deny the right of Ottawa or Westminster to interfere in our affairs; we will submit to no dictation from outsiders. Yes, I did go to Rome to get permission to introduce a bill. That is another thing from acknowledging Dominion or

Imperial authority. The first plank of the parti national is absolute submission when Rome has spoken. I did say in my speech last June that our strength lay in union with the clergy and have recognized that officially by ordering that all bills in which they claim an interest must be submitted to them and have the endorsement of the hierarchy before being laid on the table of the legislature. In my speech, in which I used the words, "we were willing to tolerate all races and creeds," I meant what they express, that the province is French and Catholic and we will tolerate all who recognize that as its proper and immutable status. If any of the minority will not do that, then they are in revolt against the legislature and insult the majority, and must bear the consequences as you are now doing.

John Deacon: Am a journalist in Toronto and heartily wish all like prisoner at the bottom of Lake Ontario. We sent Edgar down to Montreal to make an alliance with the new party, National, and he effected an arrangement which would have dropped for sure the Old Man at Ottawa into the soup, when in stepped a few extremists and spoiled our plans.

Cross-examined: Am an extreme Liberal; one of the shining lights of my party; have heard it said that, at one time it was a leading plank of Liberalism to work for separation of church and state and for equal rights to all. That was old-fashioned Liberalism; we have no use for that kind now. What we want is a smooth-working party machine, Liberal pasted on one side and parti national on the other, to beat the Tories at next election. We welcome every man, no matter what his opinions otherwise may be, provided he is sound on the goose—that is, in beating Sir John.

Hon David Mills: As a philoso-