

will deny it. Dynamite general throughout the province of Quebec? Does the honourable gentleman know what he is saying?

Hon. Mr. Blondin: Yes, I do. How many barns were burned, and how many times was dynamite used in the district of Quebec?

Now, I am not going to quarrel with my honourable friend in regard to the speech that he made; I leave my honourable friend from De Lorimier and my honourable friend the Postmaster General to fight it out. They are both quite equal to the task. But I do here solemnly protest that it was a vile accusation to make against the Province of Quebec.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: I am not making any.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: The fact is just the other way. Does not the Postmaster General know that the finest and biggest and most successful recruiting meeting that was held in Canada during the war was held in Montreal in the month of September or October, 1914, at which both parties, the Liberal and the Conservative party, were present in the persons of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the late Hon. Mr. Casgrain, my friend Hon. Mr. Dandurand, the Hon. Mr. Justice Maréchal, Col. Gaudet, myself, and others? All the speeches were delivered in French. There were 12,000 people in Sohmer Park, and there were 15,000 who could not get in; and I never in my life assisted at a more enthusiastic meeting. I say that that was the finest and best and the first recruiting meeting held all over Canada; yet we are told here now that nothing was going on but the use of dynamite, the burning of barns, etc.—and by whom? By the only representative that the Province of Quebec had in the Government of the day. I say that my honourable friend ought to be ashamed of himself for making statements of that kind in this House, not only before the House, but before the whole country.

Some hon. SENATORS: Order, order.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: He talked also about the "isolation" of Quebec. Those are crocodile tears coming from the honourable gentleman; they are crocodile tears coming from the party to which he belongs. So far as Quebec is concerned, she is not worried one single bit, and never did worry, over what people are pleased to call her "isolation." She did not worry during the war when she was attacked from right and left by the Conservative party under an organized campaign against her. She did not worry one bit then, and

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neither is she flattered to-day by the excessive compliments and adulations to her by the same party, which has urgent need of the support of the province of Quebec to enable it to retain power. She was neither scared by the threat then nor is she to-day carried away by the adulation. The province of Quebec was never more comfortable and never more prosperous than she is to-day. She is leading the other provinces in almost every field of activity. Why should my honourable friend talk glibly to this House about the "isolation" of the Province of Quebec? The Province of Quebec is not a bit isolated. That province is perfectly happy. I am sure that very recent events ought to convince everybody that the Province of Quebec is not worrying at all about representation in the present Cabinet. She does not want it. Why should a member from Quebec, the only member of the Cabinet from that province, come here and shed crocodile tears over the "isolation" of Quebec?

Hon. G. D. ROBERTSON: Honourable gentlemen, in endeavouring to say a few words in regard to the Speech from the Throne, I desire to join in the congratulations that many other speakers have already extended to the mover and the second of the Address.

I want also to add my congratulations to the honourable member (Hon. Mr. Turriff) who spoke yesterday and announced himself as the leader of the Progressive party in this House. We are indebted to the honourable member, I think, for several things, particularly for bringing to our attention the location of the cross-benches in the Senate. They are admirably located, it seems to me, with the honourable gentleman from Repentigny (Hon. Mr. Legris) on the honourable gentleman's right, the honourable member for De Salaberry (Hon. Mr. Béique) in front of him, the honourable member for Rigaud (Hon. Mr. Boyer) on his left, and nobody behind him. I feel that the gentleman occupying the cross benches is quite secure.

I would, however, like to make seriously one or two remarks in reply to some of the expressions of the honourable member from Assiniboia (Hon. Mr. Turriff). He regretted, and perhaps properly so, that the Tariff Commission had not yet made any report. Having been one of the members of that Commission, I beg leave to make to my honourable friend at least a partial report now. May I inform him that during the inquiry in Western Canada, one of the interesting things that were