

Mr. SPEAKER. Yes. I wish to say to the hon. member (Mr. Davin) that such is my ruling. Language that one gentleman would not use to another in any other place without being offensive, should not be used by one hon. member towards another in this House. That is the simple rule which I would like to see followed.

Mr. DAVIN. Shades of Disraeli. I wish we had Mr. Disraeli here; I wish we had Mr. Gladstone here as a witness. I am very glad to know, Sir, that the Parliament of Canada has risen to such a high dignity that we have a Speaker who lays down laws that would condemn Disraeli and Gladstone—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. SPEAKER. When a ruling has been given by the Speaker, there is only one course open to any hon. member who objects to that ruling, and that is, to appeal to the House against the decision. I shall not permit any more discussion upon the ruling that I have made.

Mr. DAVIN. Well, Mr. Speaker, I won't show an insect spirit and appeal to the House. If I were to appeal to the House on the subject, I think I would show an insect spirit, and I suppose I do not break the rules of the House if I refer to myself as possibly likely to show an insect spirit.

Mr. CASEY. Not at all. Carried.

Mr. DAVIN. Yes, and I can say in regard to the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Casey) that I have never shown an insect spirit, nor a worm-like nature, and I have never growled and grovelled. I can say a whole lot of things like that, but, Mr. Speaker, I bow entirely to your ruling. What I hope, then, is that we shall not have apotheosized in this House the demeanour of the hon. member for Alberta (Mr. Oliver). I hope that when a member comes to this House and endeavours to do the best he can for the country, and when he makes a proposition that an hon. gentleman opposite to him cannot controvert, that that hon. gentleman shall not abuse him and get mad. If the hon. gentleman does so, I will have henceforth to declare that that hon. gentleman shows a god-like temperament. Now the hon. gentleman (Mr. Oliver) said that he hoped that if I should be able to induce this Government to bring in a Bill giving the Territories these things asked for in the memorial, that then hon. gentlemen on this side of the House would be ready to support such a measure. There is nothing whatever in the past history of the Conservative party to indicate that any good proposals for the North-west Territories would not meet with as fair consideration at their hands as it would at the hands of the Liberal party. The most determined opponents that we have had in the past, and the harshest critics in regard to the North-

west Territories were gentlemen—not gentlemen of an insect spirit; but gentlemen of magnanimous soul like the hon. member for North Wellington (Mr. McMullen) and like the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Casey). Sir, I have not the least doubt whatever that if a good measure is introduced by this Government it will require no effort on my part to induce my friends on this side to support it; but you may be perfectly certain that I will use any influence I may be supposed to have with them.

Now, with regard to the suggestion that I have made. I suggested that there should be an auditor in the North-west Territories, precisely in the position of the Auditor General here. Is the existence of an auditor such as we have here, any reflection whatever on the present Government?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. Is there not an auditor there now?

Mr. DAVIN. I do not understand that that there is an auditor in that position.

Mr. FOSTER. All these accounts are audited by our auditor.

Mr. DAVIN. They were audited in that way when we had the sums voted individually, but I am not aware that they are audited in that way now. At any rate, we should have an auditor in the North-west Territories where the audit could be done more efficiently than the present auditor can do it. What I suggest is an auditor there placed in precisely the same position as our Auditor General. We have no authority in Canada that has power to give us an auditor here except ourselves, and if we have an auditor what matter who gave him the independence that he possesses. It is an advantage to the Government to have such an auditor here, and I have often heard Sir John Macdonald say that it was a great advantage to him to have an auditor that was perfectly independent of the Government. And because I suggest that we should have in the North-west an auditor in precisely the same position as our auditor here, an hon. gentleman gets up and says that I made an insinuation against these two gentlemen in the North-west Territories. Well, Mr. Speaker, these two gentlemen are members of that North-west Government, and they will compare with any two gentlemen in any provincial executive. The head of that executive, Mr. Haultain, is a personal friend of mine. He is a man than whom there is not in any Government in Canada, or in any Government in the world, one more honourable. When I am advocating giving these gentlemen enlarged powers and larger grants of money to spend, is it to be supposed for one moment that I would make any suggestion that would be derogatory to them? I am under the impression at the present time, although I may be wrong, that there