

painful for me to have to rise in my place and say we do not thank the Province of Quebec for what it has done, and ask it as a favor to let Manitoba alone. There are men there who understand the politics of the country, who know what is necessary for the Province and for the Dominion, who are ready to sacrifice everything, even their lives, if need be, in the interest of their country. They gave proof of it when they were called to arms during the late troubles. It was in the interest of the Dominion, that the people of Manitoba were the first to offer their services in the battle field, and there, without fear, to risk their lives in defence of their common country. The French and the English citizens of that country are still ready to do all in their power for the maintenance of peace and order in the Dominion, and I think that the people of the Province of Quebec will assist us in that duty. Certainly I am not, and I hope I have never been a blind follower of the Government. While I have always given them a fair support and sympathy because of the heavy responsibility they bear, and have always been ready to assist them when they are right, at the same time, I am not a blind admirer of all that they do. On the present occasion I do not see any sufficient reason to withhold from them the same support that I have given them in the past. The hon. gentleman opposite referred the other day to the victim of the 16th November last.

HON. MR. TRUDEL—I never said a word about it in this House.

HON. MR. GIRARD—I did not mention the hon. gentleman's name.

HON. MR. TRUDEL—I do not believe that the hon. gentleman is doing it intentionally, but he is departing from the question altogether. In the previous debate I only replied to some of the remarks of my hon. friend from Lauzon, and I did not intend to go into the merits of this question, and besides, I said that I would not go into the merits of the question because I thought it was understood that it should not be discussed on the Address. The hon. gentleman from St. Boniface speaks in English. I spoke in French. I

think that he will admit that I had some reasons for speaking in French, at least in one debate during the Session. It is very painful for me to see the hon. gentleman attempting to reply to statements which I did not utter and evading the question altogether. The hon. gentleman is trying to impress on the minds of members of this House that there has been an agitation, and I suppose since he denounces it, he means an improper agitation. In my opinion an agitation which consists of the expression of loyal opinion, and the use of constitutional right, is not one which should be denounced in such terms as the hon. gentleman has used. I do not think it is fair on his part to misrepresent us in the way he does. I feel that we shall always be ready to discuss the position we have taken, and I invite the hon. gentleman to point out to this House what was wrong in what we have done in expressing our opinion. The hon. gentleman says: "I find that there was not sufficient for me to withdraw my support from the Government." That is his view; but he ought not to find fault with other parties because they hold a different opinion.

HON. MR. GIRARD—I have nothing to say against the loyal opposition of the Province of Quebec, but I remember in certain cases it has been—

HON. MR. TRUDEL—Mention facts or opinions, or sayings or something.

HON. MR. GIRARD—At a convenient time I will mention, as well as I can, my impression of the circumstances the hon. gentleman refers to. I shall refer to the remarks of the hon. gentleman from De Salaberry; I will try to answer him as completely as possible, and if in my expression there is anything which I should not have said, he may be sure it is more from want of capacity than will on my part. I have looked upon the hon. gentleman as one of the pillars of the Conservative party. For over a quarter of a century he has been fighting for the good cause, and I was glad to serve under him. But when I see all this agitation in Quebec about Manitoba affairs, I, as a humble representative of Manitoba, so much interested in its destinies, hope he will not

HON. MR. GIRARD.