

HON. MR. POWER—How about the steel rails?

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—I do not think steel rails has anything to do with it. I do not think that interruption is a justifiable one on the part of the hon. member from Halifax.

HON. MR. PLUMB—It is perfectly irrelevant.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—The attack on Mr. Chapleau and Mr. Mousseau was not so far contrary to parliamentary practice as to justify one in calling attention to it and asking the Speaker to rule upon it, but I think it is a habit which is certainly much better abandoned. If it is a habit—and I hesitate to call it one—but if it can be called a habit or practice of the hon. gentleman, it is one much better left alone, and those gentlemen should be attacked where they are themselves ready and able to answer. In reference to Mr. Chapleau, whose name has been mentioned, the hon. gentleman does not say that anything has been done by him since he became a member of the Government, or since he has occupied a seat in the other branch of Parliament calling for any remarks such as he has used in reference to him. The course pursued by Mr. Chapleau which has drawn upon him the contumely of the hon. gentleman took place two or three years ago. Since then there has been a general election in the Province of Quebec, where, as I understand, Mr. Chapleau's party and policy were supported and are still sustained by a large majority of the people of that Province. If the hon. gentleman wished to attack Mr. Chapleau, why did he not seek a position in the other House and meet him face to face? If he had done so I venture to say that he would be more careful how he made an attack upon a gentleman who would be there to reply to him. I say that the hon. gentleman's attack is unwarranted, and if made in the other House he would be called upon to answer for it.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE—A question has been asked to which I rise to reply.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—I do not think there is any question calling for an answer.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE—The hon. gentleman is afraid of the answer.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—Let the hon. gentleman seek a seat in the Lower House, and then he can attack Mr. Chapleau and get his reply, and I have no doubt the reply will be such as will prevent him from repeating his attacks in the future. With regard to the attack on Mr. Mousseau, that hon. gentleman is not now in either branch of Parliament. He is answerable to another body—the Legislature of Quebec—for his misdeeds, if he has committed any, and why should they be dragged in here and spoken of in the words of reproach and contumely which have been used, when we have nothing to do with his acts since he is not responsible to us, and when he is responsible to the Legislature of Quebec? It is a derogation from the rights of that Province and a derogation from the rights of the Legislature of Quebec to whom Mr. Mousseau is answerable, and from whose authority no effort should be made by any French Canadian gentleman to detract. I make these remarks with regret on account of the language used by the hon. member from DeLanaudiere, but I think it is desirable and only just to those who have been attacked that I should say a few words on their behalf, and that I should leave the hon. gentleman to meet those whom he has assailed, and advise him to seek an opportunity of attacking them in their presence in the future, and not in their absence.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE—I ask permission of the House to speak.

HON. MR. ALMON—I object, and I call upon the Speaker to say whether the hon. gentleman has a right to speak twice on the same question?

THE SPEAKER—The hon. gentleman from DeLanaudiere has already spoken.

HON. MR. TRUDEL—I will say a few words on this question, though I did not intend to take part in this debate. I may say at once that I fully acknowledge the propriety of the leader of the Government in this House closing the debate, especially on the Address, but there are oc-