

I do not desire to prolong this debate, but I do hope that we shall not hear again from the honourable member such accusations as he has made against his province because he has been badly handled by his old associates of the Nationalist party.

Hon. N. A. BELCOURT: Will my honourable friend (Hon. Mr. Robertson) bear patiently with me for a moment? I only want to say a few words. Of course, if my honourable friend would rather that I would not speak now I will speak after him.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: No, it is all right.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: I had no intention of taking part in this debate at all, and would not do so now were it not that the speech of the honourable member for De Salaberry (Hon. Mr. Béique) has put me in mind of a fact which in itself constitutes a complete answer to the charge or charges made by the honourable Postmaster General against the Province of Quebec in regard to the very subject we are discussing.

While on my feet I want to say this also—and I hope I will be pardoned for making the reflection, because I make it with regret. I had no desire, I repeat, to take part in the debate, which, with the exception of two or three speeches, has been almost exclusively a stump meeting. We have had party politics discussed, and I must be allowed to say that even the honourable leader of this House started it himself. For the first time, I think we have heard him make a party speech in this House. I think at one moment he was quite intoxicated with the loud and noisy thumping of desks indulged in by honourable gentlemen who surround him. I think that is a very serious departure from the calm and dignity with which debates should be carried on in this House. I confess that the way in which the honourable gentlemen banged their desks with a very loud noise got on my nerves, and I have not gotten over it. I hope that honourable members will not indulge in that noisy way of appreciating any speech, especially party speeches.

My honourable friend the Postmaster General took occasion the other day to throw a great deal of blame on the Province of Quebec, especially with regard to recruiting.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: My honourable friend does not wish to be unfair. I never

mentioned the province of Quebec. I mentioned Liberal organizations.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: Oh, no; my honourable friend said that during the election some things took place all over the province. Why, the words have just been read. My honourable friend has great facility for denying his statements, though the words are hardly cold. His statements were read a moment ago by my honourable friend (Hon. Mr. Béique), shall I read them again?

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: Yes, please.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: I took him to task the other day while he was using these words:

Hon. Mr. Blondin: I know one thing, only one thing, and a very sure thing—that it was only the supporters of the Government who were blown up.

Hon. Mr. Belcourt: Will my honourable friend allow me to say—?

Hon. Mr. Blondin: Certainly.

Hon. Mr. Belcourt: —and I think my honourable friend must know, that it was proven in court that a Government detective by the name of Desjardins, employed by the Government in Montreal, paid \$25 to the people who used the dynamite to which my honourable friend refers.

Hon. Mr. Blondin: Well, I understand—

Hon. Mr. Belcourt: It is a fair question.

Hon. Mr. Blondin: Oh, yes, I understand my honourable friend now. He is absolutely right. I should not like to convey the impression that during those troublous times people of all kinds did not often act in the name of one party or the other. But what my honourable friend cannot deny is that this sort of thing was general in the whole province of Quebec.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: What kind of thing?

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: Dynamiting.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: I am not charging the people of the province of Quebec; I am charging the Liberal organizations.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: I beg pardon: the honourable Postmaster General used these words:

What my honourable friend cannot deny is that this sort of thing was general in the whole province of Quebec.

I should think that would be enough.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: If my honourable friend wishes me to tell—

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: You have had an opportunity: let me finish my speech. If you have any question to ask I will answer that. The discussion went on:

Hon. Mr. Belcourt: Oh, no, no, no. I certainly deny that absolutely, and everybody