

of detail rather than of principle; except this one, that the Territories have not a fixed subsidy, and have not power to pledge the credit of the country for a loan. These are rights belonging to a province, and they are not asked by the representatives of the North-west Government. The reason why they do not ask for a fixed subsidy is no doubt owing to the fact that the extent of the country and its progress would act against their interests rather than in their favour if there were a fixed subsidy granted; that is to say, the country would outgrow the subsidy so quickly that if there were a fixed subsidy, instead of proving advantageous it would be distinctly disadvantageous. That is the reason why they do not want a fixed subsidy which would be the equivalent of a provincial subsidy, and that is the only important power they do not ask as compared with the province of Manitoba, which occupies the same position as the Territories as regards the control of lands. I will not occupy the time of the House at any greater length, but in conclusion I will say that the gentlemen representing the North-west Territories, who are here now, are entitled personally to the full confidence of the Government in any negotiations that may take place their representations are entitled to full consideration, and I have every confidence that they will receive that consideration at the hands of the Government.

Mr. DAVIN. I think we have had a somewhat extraordinary exhibition by an hon. gentleman who seemed to be tearing mad because he could not agree with me. The hon. gentleman was ready to rip himself up because he had to agree with the propositions I laid down. It was certainly a most extraordinary position, that the hon. gentleman on being obliged to agree with me should have got mad. It would seem that the only kind of speaking to which he is accustomed is scolding, and as he had not an opponent, he had to scold a friend, and some one who advocated propositions with which he agreed. I hope the hon. member for Alberta (Mr. Oliver) for the credit of the North-west, will reconsider his parliamentary demeanour, and not treat the country to such an exhibition as we have just had.

Mr. OLIVER. I rise to reiterate what I stated. I agree with the general propositions of the hon. gentleman, but I resent, and resent strongly, the mean insinuations he conveyed against gentlemen who represent the North-west in negotiations now going on.

Mr. DAVIN. The hon. gentleman has not improved his position by his explanation. He resented something that was not in my remarks. He became as mad as a March hare, although this is April, because he could not find anything in my remarks to find fault with, and then he insinuated

Mr. OLIVER.

something that was not in my remarks. I referred with the greatest respect to my friend the chairman of the executive. I know those two gentlemen from the North-west are here. I have never in the past, here or elsewhere, been blinded by that extraordinary sentiment that I have seen some persons blinded with, that they must claim credit for this, that and the other. I have never entertained any such feelings as that. Anything proposed for the good of the country or for the North-west Territories, I have been ready to help forward; so that when the hon. gentleman, last session—although I think his behaviour in a certain way then was extraordinary for a young member—made a motion. I rose and supported him. I did not manifest the miserable, wretched, insect spirit he has manifested here, and that ranks him not on a level with hon. legislators in this chamber—

Mr. SPEAKER. I am afraid both hon. gentlemen in their last few remarks have not been quite in order. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Oliver) spoke of mean insinuations in regard to the speech of an hon. gentleman, and the hon. gentleman who is now addressing the House is going pretty far in the use of language which should not be used by one hon. member to another.

Mr. DAVIN. Mr. Speaker, I am very much obliged to you for calling me to order at any time that I in any way transgress the rules of this House. But, Mr. Speaker, with great respect for you—

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. Chair. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Davin) must accept the ruling of the Chair.

Mr. DAVIN. Ruling about what?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. That you are out of order.

Mr. DAVIN. Pray, in what way out of order.

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. Mr. Speaker has explained that to you.

Mr. DAVIN. I wish to know from you, Mr. Speaker, how I was out of order.

Mr. SPEAKER. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Davin) went beyond what I think is parliamentary decorum. Perhaps I should have pointed out before that the hon. gentleman (Mr. Oliver), who spoke before him, transgressed in the same way. I do not think, however, that one transgression justifies the other, although perhaps one may have caused the other.

Mr. DAVIN. Am I to understand that it is henceforth the rule in this House of Parliament, that it is a breach of the rules to say of a member that he shows a miserable insect spirit?