

new constituency of North Toronto. The Prime Minister described the Hon. the Attorney-General as his right arm. He is reported to have said, "When I want my right arm cut off, then I will ask to have the Attorney-General defeated." He was indeed the right arm, for he was leading the right wing of the Government forces in the campaign. But there was a left wing, and they were greatly incensed at the statement of the Attorney-General, and so the Prime Minister must have a left arm. He chose for this onerous and responsible position the Minister of Public Works, Dr. Reaume, and the duty of the left wing was to emphatically repudiate the policy propounded by the honorable the Attorney-General. In a statement handed out to the press he said, referring to Mr. Foy's statement:—

That was made on Mr. Foy's own hook and was an expression of his personal opinion on the subject. You know, I find the biggest opposition to bilingual schools is where people have not got them, and consequently do not know much about them. However, the Government has taken a stand. Sir James Whitney's attitude is that while English should be made the language of the schools as far as practicable, and while every child should receive an English education, we are not against the French-Canadians and Germans having their children started in their mother tongue as a means to an end, and having their mother tongue taught in the schools as a subject when so desired by trustees representing the people of the school section.

But this was not all. Something more had to be done, or the leader of the left wing could not get his forces in line. So, speaking at Hawkesbury on the 4th December in an effort to defeat my honorable friend the member for Prescott (Mr. Evan-turel), the Minister of Public Works is reported to have said:—

The Hon. Prime Minister (Sir James Whitney) said to me: "Go and tell the electors of that district (Prescott) . . . that the teaching of the French language will not be abolished in the Province of Ontario. . . ."

NO REPUDIATION.

The Prime Minister has not so far repudiated the authority of the Minister of Public Works to make either of these statements. Will he repudiate them to-day? I venture to say he will not. He has not yet repudiated the statement of my honorable friend from North Toronto (Mr. Foy). Will he do so to-day? I venture to say he will not.

But I submit, Mr. Speaker, to the members of this House and the people of this province, that any man who is "bold enough to be honest and honest enough to be bold," should tell us which of these statements of policy meets his approval, or whether he approved of both before they were issued. The situation was undoubtedly a difficult and embarrassing one for