

I cannot let his remark pass without tendering him my thanks. I hope that the great majority of the people of this country will understand that in order to continue on good terms with each other, and in order that the different nationalities may live together in harmony it is very desirable to respect the convictions of every man. It is well known that the minority of people in this country hold such principles on this question that they cannot conscientiously give way, while on the other hand, even if there were a conviction that another kind of school would be better, I should think that patriotism would enable the majority to allow their fellow-countrymen to follow their views in reference to this question, and keep for themselves the definition of what a school ought to be. This I hope will be the case. Until to-day I thought that the hon. gentleman from Marquette was opposed to the system which we advocate, but I am glad now to see that he thinks we are certainly right in asking for our rights on this question. There was something in the remarks of the hon. member on this subject, in which I cannot concur, but I leave it to representatives from that section of Canada to express their dissent.

Hon. Mr. ANGERS—My first duty on rising is to claim your indulgence for the imperfect manner in which I address the House in English. I hope you will grant me this indulgence, as being also a new member of this honourable body. I must offer hon. gentlemen my thanks for the courteous manner in which they have received me, and the great friendship which has already been extended to such a new member. I must also thank the hon. gentlemen who have addressed this House for the kind sentiments they have expressed towards their Excellencies who will shortly be leaving Canada. As a member of the Government, who is supposed to express the views of the representative of the Crown in this House, I must tender you their thanks. It has been my good fortune to have frequently been brought into communication with their Excellencies during the last five years, and I have often been afforded opportunities of judging of the great love which they bear to Canada, and I am sure that when they leave us they will not forget us. I also take occasion to express on behalf of the people of my own province the great res-

pect in which they hold His Excellency on account of his high and straightforward stand on constitutional questions, and because they have seen in him the representative of the Queen—the Queen who has given us during her reign the institutions which we now enjoy. I must also thank the hon. member for Marquette who has referred to my colleague and myself in courteous terms as members of the Senate. He has made only one reservation—it is that we should be members of the Senate, but not both of us members of the Government—that members of the Government should have been chosen from the Senate as it was previously composed. Upon this point, in so far as I am concerned, I agree with the hon. member from Marquette. I am here, not by own preference, and the hon. member himself has deprived His Excellency of the exercise of his free will, because this not being a coalition Government, he could not call upon the hon. member to occupy a seat on the Treasury benches. I might add that the hon. gentleman's views were at one time in accord with those of the Government, and I have not lost the hope that in the future we may find him again agreeing with us. I also thank the mover and the seconder of the address, the hon. member for Welland, and the hon. member for Delorimier—they have both spoken in a manner that entitled them to congratulation. The mover endeavoured to show that the United States is not a desirable country to which Canadians should emigrate. He has proved that by showing the number of evictions which have taken place lately in the city of New York. He has proved conclusively that this country is in a prosperous condition. He has established it by applying two of the tests that are generally accepted by statisticians. In his argument on that point he displayed no party feeling whatever. He did not refer to either side of the House, and I was surprised to find the leader of the Opposition attacking my hon. friend and telling him that the Government was losing the confidence of the people, and citing in proof of it that the hon. gentleman's presence in the Senate was due to a previous defeat in his constituency. I was sorry to hear those remarks, and I was surprised a few hours afterwards to hear from my hon. colleague here, who is better informed than myself of the facts, that the hon. member was never