

HON. MR. DEVER—I think it is time that this thing was blotted out; at the same time if I thought any offence had been given to us individually, or collectively as a Senate, I would be inclined to resent it; but as the Inspector states that no possible offence was intended towards the hon. gentleman, the matter falls to the ground. Under the circumstances, I would suppose that the gentleman who got this ample apology declaring that nothing offensive was meant or intended, he should be satisfied, and the House ought to be satisfied without going further.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE—I cannot accept the view entertained by the hon. gentleman from Mille Iles. It is well known that by our constitution public officers are not responsible to Parliament; it is the chiefs of the Departments who are responsible, and what ever offences a servant of the Government may perpetrate it is always to the chief we have recourse for redress. In this instance the Minister has put his signature to the report. He gave it the authority of the Minister of Justice. The book is before us; it is not here because it is signed by Mr. Moylan, but because it is the report of a Minister responsible to Parliament, so that in this instance, it is not Mr. Moylan, but the Minister of Justice that is the guilty party. It may be answered, why did you not accuse the Minister? I did not like to do so then, because I thought, as I think now, that Mr. Moylan is guilty of writing the report. When we try two criminals, we begin first with one, and when that one is disposed of we then take up the other. In this case I followed that course, though I must acknowledge it was not my intention to go any further, and make any charge against the chief of the Department. There may be different views in the House as to whether that is all that should be done. The question being put as to the Minister it is better for him to meet the objection fairly, and fairly it must be acknowledged that the Minister is responsible for this insult to an hon. Senator, and a breach of the privileges of this House. I hope my hon. friend from British Columbia will let the matter drop. It is well known that we opposition members have succeeded in bringing the Inspector to the notice of Parliament, and I hope my hon. friend will not persist in his course, although I think he

is right, and for this reason: Did not the leader of the House state last year that Mr. Moylan had received three punishments for the breaches of privileges of which I had been the victim? First, that he had been reprimanded; second, that he had received a letter of reproof, and third, that he had been deprived of an increase of salary. The Inspector has since received his increase, and where is the punishment if he received the reward the next year, after having been charged with the grossest offence that an officer could be charged with, and I am the party who accused him? He was again charged on Monday last, by the hon. member from Mille Iles that in the investigation at St. Vincent de Paul he had acted as both judge and accuser. In my opinion the best thing the Government could do with Mr. Moylan is to superannuate him or put him in some other position for which he is probably better fitted.

HON. MR. MASSON—We cannot certainly ask the Minister for an apology, nor can we punish him when Mr. Moylan himself says he had no intention of insulting the hon. gentleman from New Westminster, and the Minister of Justice gives the same interpretation to his report.

HON. MR. POWER—I hope the hon. gentleman from New Westminster will accept this letter as closing the incident. I do not look upon the constitutional question in the same way as the hon. gentleman from Delanau dière or as the hon. gentleman from New Westminster. The Minister of Justice, and the leader of this House also, were held responsible for the report of Mr. Moylan. Now, Mr. Moylan sends a letter here which is regarded by the House at large as a satisfactory apology.

HON. MR. ALMON—It is not an apology; it is an explanation.

HON. MR. POWER—It is an apology.

HON. MR. ALMON—It is only an explanation.

HON. MR. POWER—We will not quarrel over a small question like that but we must give the Minister of Justice and the leader of this House credit for this apology. The apology has come through their hands, and they are to a certain extent responsible for it as they were responsible for the previous offence, and the letter