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THE TIMES.

M. JOLY was certainly not well advised when he decided to bring forward the Letellier case again. To say that everybody is heartily sick of the whole thing is to put it mildly; it was a pleasant bit of excitement at the time—something quite new and interesting—the frenzied way in which the Quebec *Blous* rushed about, talking as they went, was a sight for the gods; the discussions on the nature and quality of the British Constitution were educational in matters of colonial law; but, really, gentlemen of the Quebec Government, we do not want to waste any more money over the thing. If any more talking has to be done, we should be glad to have it when the session is over, for then gentlemen can spend their own time and money over it.

It is bad taste, if not bad policy, for M. Joly to so much as suggest that the Governor-General should resist the advice of his responsible Government and maintain M. Letellier in his position. That is to ask the Marquis to throw over the Dominion Premier for the Premier of the Province of Quebec. The resolutions carried by M. Joly are more likely to hinder than to help their cause; for they assume that the Marquis has yet to make up his mind as to the course he will pursue, and if he should decide not to dismiss M. Letellier he will appear to have been influenced by M. Joly's resolutions and arguments.

As it seems to me, the very fact that this matter is referred back to Canada is proof that the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council consider that the British Constitution is in no way affected by it. If the Dominion Government proposed to dismiss the Governor-General, or in any way interfere with his Imperial functions, we should soon hear from the Home Office about it. But Lieut.-Governors are appointed by the Governor in Council, and they represent the Dominion Government, and are responsible to that Government. What should we say if the Home Office began to interfere with our Provincial Governors? But what *could* we say if the Marquis of Lorne were to be recalled to-morrow? The Governor-General is under the control of the Imperial Government; a Lieut.-Governor is under the control of the Dominion Government, and M. Letellier must go if Sir John still so advise.

It is nonsense to talk of the dismissal as an interference with the autonomy of the Provinces. If the Dominion Premier were to attempt to dismiss or coerce a Provincial Premier through the Governor-General, it would interfere with the autonomy of the Provinces, but whatever may happen to M. Letellier, the relations of the Provinces to the Dominion Government will remain precisely the same. M. Joly can go on without M. Letellier—if it must be—and I hope he will

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