

Hon. Mr. LAVERGNE: I was sitting there; and I was not a candidate, as you know.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: And who was with me? Any other person?

Hon. Mr. LAVERGNE: I remember there were two or three French Canadians with you. They are not here.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: Well honourable gentlemen, this incident has gone far enough. I absolutely deny any report of the kind.

Hon. Mr. LAVERGNE: Oh, you deny it.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: And I ask that it be taken back.

Hon. Mr. LAVERGNE: I know you will deny it, but I am sure I was there and I heard you.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: This incident has lasted too long. The honourable member from De Lorimier (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) attributed to the honourable the Postmaster General an expression said to have been made outside of this House, and now the honourable the Postmaster General denies that. So I believe that the honourable member who is speaking (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) ought to withdraw the expression.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. DONNELLY: Withdraw.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable gentlemen, the expression complained of is the following phrase: "In 1910, when the present Postmaster General was occupied in shooting holes in the British flag in Drummond-Arthabaska." That is the expression that I am asked to withdraw. I withdraw. The honourable gentleman did not shoot holes in the British flag.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Oh, oh.

An Hon. SENATOR: Play the man.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: After that meeting, in which the honourable the Postmaster General took part—and we have not yet heard from his own lips what were his exact words—and after the speech appeared in the Montreal papers, the Montreal Herald sent a telegram to the Acting Prime Minister of Canada, who was none other than Sir George Eulas Foster—

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Honourable gentlemen, I rise to a point of order. My honourable friend is only continuing and aggravating his offence. He is endeavouring to equivocate regarding a plain

statement, the implication of which was that the Postmaster General made a certain remark. My honourable friend should play the game fairly and withdraw.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Withdraw.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Well, surely when I declare that I withdraw the phrase which was complained of, my duty towards the Chair is done. But I say that I have not yet heard from the honourable gentleman (Hon. Mr. Blondin) exactly what explanation he gave outside—

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Is the honourable gentleman bound to state what he said? You make a statement and he denies that.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: He will have occasion to speak, and he will state what he really did say. I ask this House to suspend judgment upon the speech of my honourable friend. I was not present. The honourable gentleman from Arthabaska was present. I ask the Senate to suspend its judgment regarding the exact words which the honourable gentleman (Hon. Mr. Blondin) used, because I do not myself know what he did say.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: My honourable friend admits that he does not himself know what I said.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: No, except from what the newspapers reported and from what the honourable gentleman said himself. But that we shall have later.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Oh, play the game. Take it back.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Now, when that campaign was proceeding and the speech of my honourable friend and other speeches were being made in Drummond-Arthabaska, a telegram was sent by the Montreal Herald to Sir George Eulas Foster asking him if the statement of policy of the Nationalist candidate had his approval and if he had no advice to give to the electors of Drummond-Arthabaska; for there was no Conservative candidate in that fight. There was a Nationalist candidate and a Liberal candidate. Sir George Foster's answer was: "Anything is good to beat Laurier."

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: I think he was right.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: Of two evils choose the lesser.