

result? The result would be worse than a nullity. The Government were, however, willing to support the amendment of the hon. member for Quebec Centre, asking HER MAJESTY, the QUEEN, to use her influence to remove the grievances complained of by the Catholics of New Brunswick. The hon. member for Victoria would have acted, in a better spirit and more in the interests of those he desired to serve if he had accepted that amendment. Believing that it afforded the only practical solution of the difficulty he (MR. FLYNN) gave it his cordial support. Undoubtedly the hon. member for Victoria had manifested a warm interest in all efforts made, to improve the position of the New Brunswick Catholics, nevertheless he must not arrogate to himself the credit of being the only earnest Catholic member in Nova Scotia. He (MR. FLYNN) had always acted in their behalf, and whenever their interests were in jeopardy he had exhibited as much zeal in their cause as that hon. member, but he would never ask Parliament to do what was unreasonable and impracticable.

M. POULIOT :—Je dois dire que les amendements proposés me paraissent beaucoup plus efficaces que la motion du député de Victoria. Il y a certainement un changement pour le mieux dans le Nouveau-Brunswick, puisque le député pour la Chambre Locale du comté représenté par le député de Victoria, a été ré-élu, malgré qu'il eut voté contre la loi des écoles. Mais en votant pour l'amendement, je n'entends pas me lier, si ce moyen ne réussit pas, à ne rien faire de plus en faveur de mes co-réligionnaires du Nouveau-Brunswick. Au contraire, je ferai toujours pour eux et sous toutes circonstances, ce qui sera en mon pouvoir. M. L'ORATEUR, j'étais présent à l'enfantement de la Confédération. Il a été long, pénible, difficile. On sait ce qui s'est passé, par exemple, pour le Nouveau-Brunswick; quel prix il a fallu donner à cet enfant gâté, qui a toujours été depuis l'enfant gâté de la Confédération, auquel on n'a cessé de prodiguer les cadeaux et tous les soins. Eh bien, on peut lui faire sentir qu'il est grand enfant maintenant, qu'il peut se soutenir seul, s'il veut se montrer trop revêché aux conseils de ses parents, et trop peu sensible au bon sens et à la justice. Je voterai pour l'adresse à SA MAJESTÉ afin d'obtenir justice, et si ce moyen ne réussit pas, nous tâcherons d'en trouver un autre.

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Mr COSTIGAN said he would not repeat what had taken place in the committee room or in conversation between the hon. member for Montreal Centre and other friends whom he had consulted. He must set himself right, however, on one point, and it was to state that he never agreed, or allowed any member of this House, or any one outside of it to suppose, for a single moment, that it was his intention to withdraw his motion. He was not in the secrets of the Government and was therefore ignorant as to what amendment would be proposed. He, therefore, could not know whether it would prove a solution of the difficulty. He thought it unfortunate that the name of a high church dignitary had been drawn into the discussion, especially as he had been cited as an authority. He questioned whether the hon. member for Montreal Centre had permission or was authorised to adopt the course he had taken; he had yet to learn that any hon. member could rise in his place and announce that any particular course in opposition to his motion was authorised and sanctioned by the high authority named. He thought it his duty to deny that such was the case.

Hon. J. A. SMITH said he thought it his duty, as a representative of New Brunswick, to offer a few observations upon this very important occasion. Personally he had no desire to discuss the merits or demerits of the New Brunswick School Law. He did not intend, nor was it his province, to discuss or defend any legislation on the part of the New Brunswick Legislature. That was the business of those who discharged the functions of making or amending the laws relating to that Province. Nor was it the business of this House to discuss the propriety or otherwise of laws passed by a Local Legislature, which were clearly within the constitutional jurisdiction of that body. There was no question that the New Brunswick Legislature had a perfect right to pass the School Law. It had been so decided by the highest court of this Empire, and having been so decided, this Parliament had no more right to deal with it than had the Legislature of New Brunswick to deal with questions appertaining exclusively to this Parliament. He had been much gratified and pleased at the tone of the speech of his hon. friend who had moved the original resolution before the House. It wa