

vania, Bordeaux, France, Holland, Tournon and Berne, Denmark, Bohemia, Russia, Naples, and in all Christendom by the bull of Pope Clement the XIV. I maintain that it cannot be said that a society legislated against in all these countries is not of general interest, but it might be said that "this was many years ago and that we are not now in the dark ages" I am quite willing to admit that, but I find that even since that society was restored by Pope Pius VII, in 1814 it has been legislated against by and expelled from Belgium, Russia, France, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Bavaria and the Italian towns. I refer to that not because I have the least unkind feeling against the Jesuit Society, but I maintain that it cannot be said that that society is not of general interest when we find it has been legislated against in all these different countries. Can it be said that the question is of the deepest possible interest right up to the imaginary line which divides the Province of Quebec from the Province of Ontario and that the moment you step across to the Province of Ontario it has no interest at all. I certainly say no. Can it be said that anything which will be injurious to the Methodist body in Ontario, that the same body is not more or less effected by the injury in the Province of Prince Edward Island? No. The Baptist community, The Presbyterian, the Congregational community and all other denominations have a touch of sympathy between themselves respectively throughout the whole Dominion. Therefore I say that the words of the right hon. gentleman spoken in 1882 in this House in reference to the River and Streams Bill, apply to this case. By the authority of the words that he used then, I hold it is a strong argument for this Bill being disallowed to-day. I do not like to charge the hon. Premier with making fish of one and fowl of the other in this matter, but his treatment of the Orange Incorporation Bill in this House cannot be forgotten. He takes only three days to intimate to the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec that he assents to and approves of this Bill, but he is struck dumb with silence, when the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, asks his assent to

and approval of the Orange Incorporation Bill. when one word from him, similar to that he gave to Quebec would have incorporated the Orange Society. If he assents and approves of this legislation it follows as a most positive sequitur that when he disallowed legislation in the Province of Ontario and he disallowed legislation in the Province of Manitoba because he disapproved thereof, it must follow that by allowing this Statute to become law he does so because he approves or the same. I would like to give the hon. the Premier an opportunity, but I see he is not in the House just now, of denying what he is credited with having said at a certain meeting on the 20th June, 1886. On that occasion he is credited by his organ La Minerve.

"To the calumnious hypocrites who represent him as the personification of religious fanaticism."

Sir John replied by saying :

"That he had never in his life set foot in an Orange lodge. \* \* \* I am accused, said Sir John, of being a Protestant, and even of being a bad Protestant. In like manner I have been accused of being an Orangeman, although I have never set a foot in a lodge.

I do not know whether to believe that or to believe the statement of one of his proteges regarding our Roman Catholic fellow citizen that he, or a member of his Government "had no confidence whatever in the breed." I have satisfied myself at all events that my conclusions are correct that this Bill should have been disallowed and if possible, that it should be still disallowed for the reason that it is strictly unconstitutional. Now that I see the Minister of Customs in his seat, I hope that he, occupying the prominent position he does in a certain order which has been mentioned by the hon. member for Lincoln (Mr. Rykert), will not allow this opportunity to pass without giving to some hon. members on this side of the House who think as I do, the benefit of his views. I hope, Sir, they will be in accord with many of those who belong to the society of which I believe he is such—

Mr. BOWELL. An ornament.

Mr. BARRON. Yes! Such a great ornament.