

insulting me in his newspaper in so odious a manner. I caused him to observe that his attack was directed against actions in my private life, a course which I had never allowed myself to adopt in respect of him. He told me that there was a misunderstanding; that if I had not attacked him in his private life, and he acknowledged that I had not attacked him in his private life, I had treated him very unjustly in respect of his actions in his public life. I replied to him that if I had attacked his public life, if I had judged them more or less severely, it amounted to a matter of opinion. He quoted to me a fact lately published in *Le Canada* which he pretended was false, and which I would not retract. I pointed out to him that that fact had been affirmed by a newspaper published in the vicinity of the place where he resided, and that I was waiting until the discussion between them was concluded to know what ground I should take. The Honorable Member for Drummond and Arthabaska then told me that he had not seen the assertion which I mentioned to him. The conversation continued for some time, the Honorable Member acknowledging that he had attacked me in my private life and asserting that he did not regret it. I then became somewhat excited and told him that the article published in his paper was the work of a spy. He then appeared rather nervous. I then told him that I did not know whether or not he was the author, but that my words were intended to apply to the person who had written the article. I gave him to understand very plainly, how mean a thing it was to act the spy towards an adversary, or to cause him to be watched with the view of making public his most private acts. I made use of the word "spy" several times. The Honorable Member then said, "As you seem inclined to make use of language of that kind, I will withdraw." I replied immediately, "I repeat that you are a spy, and a deliberate liar." The Honorable Member then turning towards me, struck me in the face with a book which he held in his hand. I returned the blow and gave him several blows with my fists; the Honorable member also struck me several times with his hands, he even tried to kick me. In the meantime several persons came

forward and interposed between us. I believe that one of these persons was a member of Parliament. I again took possession of the seat on which I had been working, thereupon the Honorable Member told me to leave the library. I told him that I would not go out as I had a right to remain and would remain there. He then told me he would have me arrested. Thereupon I expressly stated, "at all events, Mr. Dorion, I assert that you struck me first." I did not catch his reply, but I have since been told that after a moment's hesitation he said "No." There were several persons present when I used the words last mentioned. I have nothing more to add on this subject, but with the permission of the House, I would venture to complain of the treatment I received after I was taken into custody. Last night whilst I was at the bar a group of persons collected at a few paces from where I was standing, and a person, one of the group, a Member of the House, turned towards me, and threatened me, brandishing his arms and making use of exclamations unknown to the human species. I deemed myself deeply insulted by this proceeding, and have craved permission to make it known to the House."

Mr. J. B. E. DORION then made the following statement, in reference to the foregoing statement of the prisoner:—

"I wish to add to my declaration of yesterday, or in answer to the statement made by the prisoner, that I never struck him first, that I had no book in my hand at the time, that I never heard him say that I had struck him first, and that if he made such a statement I did not hear it, nor did I give it any answer. I never acknowledged that I had attacked him in his private life, and I positively state that I was in the act of leaving him when he assaulted me."

Some discussion ensued respecting what the prisoner had stated as to the use of "exclamations unknown to the human race." It appears that this referred to a remark of Mr. STIRTON, that he would choke anybody who would speak to him as the prisoner had spoken to Mr. DORION.

The question then was as to the punishment to be meted out to the offender. We extract