

against the Remedial Bill, who voted against the Remedial Bill, persist in the position they took at the time.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—They took Sir Charles Tupper back into the fold.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—He did not go back into the fold. He wanted and he offered to assist the Prime Minister and the hon. minister refused his help. The hon. minister may laugh, but is there any reason in that laughing? Does he find his smile an intelligent one?

Hon. Mr. MILLS—Yes.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I am happy to hear that the hon. Minister of Justice is judge in his own case and that he finds when he laughs that his smile is very intelligent. If any one else does not give him that certificate, at least he finds in his conscience sufficient to tell him that he is intelligent. Where are the others who will find his smiles so intelligent? I tell the hon. gentleman that the stand taken to-day by the ministry will be its own condemnation. They know they have not settled the question. They know they have refused the opportunity they had in their life to remedy the injustices perpetrated against the Catholics of Manitoba. The hon. gentleman might rise once more and rectify one of the chapters of the book he has written on the Transvaal. He may boast of the willingness of his government or of the country to run to the Transvaal and take up arms and fight for the Uitlanders there. But we have Uitlanders here in Manitoba, and before going abroad to find grievances to be redressed why did not the government settle similar matters in this country? I was very much amused the other day when the hon. minister said that a burgher had been condemned to pay a fine because he whipped a man, but that the government had taken money out of the public treasury to pay the fine at the expense of the public. But what do we see in this country? Nothing else, or nothing less, when the ministers of the present administration are found remitting fines to persons who have violated the law of the Inland Revenue? When they are remitting such fines what are they doing? They are taking the public money to sup-

port their own friends and why? Why should a man who is writing history, who is supposed to have the calm judgment of a historian, should come here and make out a great case against a foreign government when he is doing precisely the same thing? I hope that the government will see its way to do justice. I hope against all hope that the government of the day, containing persons who, one day, pretended themselves so devoted to the interests of the minority, as the hon. Secretary of State, the hon. Prime Minister and the Minister of Public Works, did on more than one occasion will find out what are their present obligations and will be able to fulfil them. Let us all hope that if ever again a man like Sir Charles Tupper offers to aid them they will not commit the blunder to refuse such a help. In 1896, when the present administration came to power, they were offered the best opportunity to settle that school question immediately and for ever. Sir Charles Tupper had made of that school question a plank of his platform when he went before the people. The people who elected the supporters of Sir Charles Tupper had elected men who were naturally disposed to settle that question as the law of the country indicated, and these hon. gentlemen all were in the House of Commons, when Sir Charles Tupper offered his support and the support of his party to settle that question. Not a dissenting voice was heard. I say that the government of the day committed the greatest fault they could commit, in not accepting the aid of Sir Charles Tupper and of his party to settle that question definitely. The question is not settled, and it will not be settled if justice is not done to the minority. It is because they are a minority and have rights that the majority is bound to give them full protection. I hope that the people of this Dominion will see, not only by the events which have taken place, but especially by the answer given to-day by the hon. Minister of Justice, that no justice whatever will ever be rendered to them by the Liberal party. Such is the public declaration, made in this House to-day, by a man who is not, as his title should indicate, a distributor of justice, but who is degrading his position in playing the mean game of party interests.