

There is another side to this question, however. If my honourable friend from Grandville (Hon. Mr. Choquette) were bringing up his boy, who could speak the French language well because he had learned it from his father and mother, and if he knew that that boy was going to remain at school until he was fourteen years old, and that he would then have to earn his living, in Canada, in the United States or elsewhere, I am sure that he would come to the conclusion that in order to prepare that boy to take his place in the business world of this American continent, where the English language is prevalent, he would say: "I will do the best I can to give my child an English education." The French boy who learns the French language from his parents is very well equipped in that regard, and he has an opportunity of picking up French grammar as he goes along. The province of Ontario is mainly an English-speaking province, but there are a great many French Canadians in Ontario, as there are in all the provinces. In our province we have a large French population, and we have some school districts where nothing is spoken but French.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: Will the honourable gentleman permit me to suggest that this is a matter which can be discussed later? There is an important meeting of the Railway Committee about to take place, and I think this matter might be postponed.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: I have nearly finished. I will not take further time. I have said practically all I have to say.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Move the adjournment.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: On condition that the honourable gentleman will allow me to follow.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: I am more willing that my honourable friend should follow me than that I should follow him.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: Not at present.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: I just want to say in conclusion, that I liked the speech made by the honourable gentleman from De Lorimier (Hon. Mr. Dandurand). It was a speech which was made with the intention of getting the people together in order to arrive at a better understanding of this question. I say, let us try to get this bilingual question settled. Surely we can get together and come to a better under-

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standing. Why should we take diametrically opposite positions? Why should we take sides on this question? Certain views are sometimes expressed in the press, or by public speakers, simply for the purpose of creating agitation, but whatever our views are we can get together and solve the difficulty. I only rose to make a few remarks. I hope that the remarks of my honourable friend from De Lorimier (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) will result in a better understanding.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: I wish to move the adjournment of the debate.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL: Order.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: I moved the adjournment of the debate. I have the right to do that. What is the use of calling "order" when I am in order?

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: If the honourable gentleman from Victoria will withdraw his motion I think we can conclude this discussion in a few minutes. As a personal favour, I ask the honourable gentleman to withdraw his motion.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: The honourable gentleman from Stadacona (Hon. Mr. Landry) will conclude his remarks in a very few minutes, and I ask that the question be disposed of now.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: I withdraw my motion, but I do not sacrifice my right to answer any other speaker who comes before me.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: I think it should be understood that my speech will end the discussion. If not, I consent to the question being put.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE: If that be the case, and if it is the intention of the honourable gentleman to make his speech now, I should like to say something on this question.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: I have not much to say on the question, and I am prepared to let the honourable gentleman from Stadacona (Hon. Mr. Landry) proceed, because he is more au fait of the whole question, which is one that I consider more important than any little railway. If the honourable gentleman from Stadacona wishes to go on, I am prepared to withdraw my motion to adjourn the debate. If I withdraw the motion, what will happen?

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: I will reply, and the answer of the Government will be given.