

a chance which will enable the country's properties to be successfully administered by trustees on the country's behalf.

I was very much pleased that I had the honour of being present at the impressive debut by the hon. Minister of Justice (Sir Lomer Gouin) the other day. I heartily congratulate him on his wonderful success. It is a grand thing to have heard him, the big man from Quebec, in his first deliverance. Hon. gentlemen who heard him cheered him to the echo and I agreed with them.

Mr. GRAHAM: He may be right nevertheless.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: He made a great speech. My hon. friend says he may be right, but I am not going to tell my hon. friend what I was thinking of at that particular moment. But I really think, Mr. Speaker, that the hon. gentleman although great in admitted ability, did not cover the questions in this debate at all. Take for example, his statement that my right hon. friend insinuated improper motives to the hon. gentleman in the last election, saying that he was influenced by the great interests of Montreal. It is quite true that he was in the same canoe with these great interests. It was quite true he was the most dexterous steersman of that canoe, and handled it beautifully, but none of us on this side of the House would, for one minute, insinuate that the hon. minister was merely a tool of any big interest. He is too big a man. He is a big interest himself. Who is there bigger in Montreal than the hon. Sir Lomer Gouin? Who is there more connected with interests in Montreal than that hon. gentleman—and nothing can be said against him on that account, on the other hand, it is very much in his favour. I think those on the other side have been very wise in having associated with them a man of the hon. minister's brilliancy, but no one on this side of the House insinuates that anyone was pulling him by the nose. We think the operation was rather reversed. However, the hon. minister was wrong in some things. He was wrong when he said that my right hon. friend's reference to him as master of the situation was simply for the malign purpose of injuring Quebec and keeping alive feelings in that province which ought to have disappeared long ago. If the hon. minister would only give my right hon. friend credit for ordinary intelligence he would see that the suggestion was ridiculous. What in the name of common sense has he to gain by keeping alive

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in Quebec the present feeling against him? Would anyone but a lunatic adopt such a course? I have heard him called all sorts of names by gentlemen on the other side, but never heard him described as a lunatic. The hon. gentleman is simply wrong. Does he say that these great newspapers, the Montreal Gazette and the Montreal Star, are enemies of Quebec? Take the newspaper that worked up that roorbach about so many Montreal people losing their jobs and work being sent to Toronto—does he think that paper is inimical to Montreal? I would hardly think so. Let him look at any of those papers and say what they think as to who is the master mind. Let us see what the Gazette, which is so friendly to the Government says about it. I read from the publication of December 26, where I find the following:—

When Mr. King jilted Quebec, and sought a union with the West there was joy in Toronto, but the rejoicing was premature as J. J. Morrison and Henry Wise Wood forbade the acceptance of the Liberal Leader's general proposal, and now he must turn for consolation and support to Quebec, the province he discarded. Mr. Crerar is here but will not enter the cabinet. He is willing but cannot deliver any substantial support Mr. Hudson has also returned to the Independent Liberal class, and he may follow Mr. Crerar's example. Political chaos reigns here, and with the failure of Mr. King's attempt to displace Quebec by western support there threatens to be instability in federal affairs until the people have an opportunity to revise their judgment of December 6th., Mr. King cannot lead, he must be led.

This is the extract from the paper friendly to Montreal and to Quebec.

Mr. LAPOINTE: Does the hon. gentleman think that Tom Blacklock, who writes these articles, is a friend of the Government?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I do not know who writes it, but I know it is printed in the Gazette, and I do know above all things that the Gazette is loyal to Quebec.

Mr. LAPOINTE: It is the paper of the Tory party.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Well let us see about that. This article continued—

Mr. King was prepared to betray his party and to discard his policy to secure the Progressives, while Mr. Crerar was prepared to eliminate his party; but neither party would submit to betrayal. Sir Lomer Gouin and Senator Dandurand arrived here Friday night and "spanked" Mr. King.

I do not believe that the Minister of Justice did spank the hon. Premier, but I