

danger. The honourable gentleman from Arthabaska was present, he says.

Hon. Mr. LAVERGNE: Yes.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: I would like him to state whether he heard me, and what words he heard me utter.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Honourable gentleman of this House owe it to the amenities of parliamentary debate to observe with exactitude the practice invariably followed in parliament since Confederation. My honourable friend the Postmaster General has absolutely denied the phrase or the language attributed to him by my honourable friend opposite (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) and if my honourable friend had the characteristic courtesy which has ever marked the amenities of debate in this House—and I have no doubt he has—he would not seek to evade the responsibility which is cast upon his shoulders, but would at once bow to the amenities of debate and the wishes of this House and withdraw the expression.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: My honourable friend, it seems to me, will admit that I have done—

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: No, you have not.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND:—justice to the honourable the Postmaster General. I have said that this statement needed explanation, and I gave explanation as falling from the lips of the honourable Postmaster General himself. It seems to me this was the fair thing to do. I am asking the honourable gentleman if it is not the explanation which he gave himself.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: What does the honourable gentleman say?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I will repeat. I say that as far as my recollection goes the honourable gentleman explained that that phrase, or one similar to it, was not one that he had coined himself, but that in quoting the speech of a prominent public man in the province of Quebec he had read such a phrase.

Hon. Mr. POIRIER: Read it yourself.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: That is the statement which I made.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: The honourable gentleman knows just where he stands and knows what he means, only he has not the courage to state frankly to this Senate what will be repeated to-morrow in the

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Province of Quebec. When he said that the Postmaster General was shooting holes in the British flag in Arthabaska he knew very well that it meant that I had actually said those words.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It is a very simple question. I am asking the honourable gentleman what explanation he gave of this incident, and I stated that my recollection is that that statement was as I have made it.

Hon. Mr. POIRIER: Take it back.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: The honourable gentleman is in such a pitiable position now that he has called to his help the honourable member for Arthabaska (Hon. Mr. Lavergne). If there is a witness who can be useful to the honourable member, I want him to speak and say what he has to say, and I ask him when and at what place was he present when I said the incriminating words, and what were the incriminating words. Will he please state that?

Hon. Mr. LAVERGNE: The honourable senator said those words—that he did not care if he shot through the British flag. Anyhow—I do not remember well, but he said that—

Some Hon. SENATORS: Oh, oh.

Hon. Mr. LAVERGNE (Translation): That you had shot holes through the British flag. You said that in the town of Arthabaska. And then you said: "Use every means to win the elections."

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: The honourable gentlemen says he does not exactly remember the words.

Hon. Mr. LAVERGNE (Translation): In French; I remember them well.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: I am translating for those gentlemen, and I think your friends there understand English well enough to see that I am doing it honestly. The honourable gentleman says he does not exactly remember the words.

Hon. Mr. LAVERGNE (Translation): I remember well in French.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: And you said it was in Arthabaska?

Hon. Mr. LAVERGNE: In Arthabaska, on the hustings.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: And you were there?