

to the reconciliation of differences of doctrine, or of polity, or of church government, or anything in that broad domain, no one will cavil with his existence here, and no one but will wish him a long and happy stay. But when he undertakes, presuming on the *raison d'être* of his position in this country, to set up a claim that he can interfere in the politics of Canada and use inducements by his interference, then I say that no protest can be too strong against that, and I believe it will be supported by the voice of Canada.

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY (North Simcoe). One thought occurred to me when the hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) was addressing this House: How long is he prepared to stand by the principles he has enunciated this afternoon? Coming from the province of Ontario, and as a constituent of the hon. member for North Toronto, I have a right to ask him this: Are these clothes which he puts on this afternoon to be discarded as were the clothes he wore prior to 1896 should he be again defeated? If he was speaking sincerely this afternoon, I would welcome his declaration and would be pleased with it. But I have heard him stand on platforms in the province of Ontario and denounce the late Dalton McCarthy for the views which he entertained, I have heard him say that no such sectarian cry as Mr. McCarthy dared to raise would ever have any effect in this country; I have heard him say, when Mr. McCarthy was speaking on behalf of Manitoba in another school case, that he must not forget minorities; I have heard him say that to sit in a Conservative administration he would bury those principles, and he did bury them from 1882 to 1896. Therefore, I ask the hon. gentleman now whether he has cast off for ever the yoke of the hierarchy under which he lived from 1882 to 1896?

Mr. FOSTER. Yes, I have sent the yoke over to my hon. friend.

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY. My hon. friend will find out about the yoke.

Mr. FOSTER. I see he wears it very gracefully.

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY. My hon. friend will find out that the high ox is hitched on the off side. He need not talk about the yoke, when one of his colleagues who now sits beside him, hounded Dalton McCarthy from one end of Ontario to the other, saying that he was not worthy to be called a Protestant champion, because, forsooth, he had a Catholic stepdaughter who lived in his house.

Mr. FOSTER. May I ask my hon. friend a question? Does he refer to me when he states that I made any assertion of that kind?

Mr. FOSTER.

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY. No, the hon. gentleman was not listening, or he would have heard what I said. I said his colleague who sat beside him, the hon. member for Leeds (Mr. Taylor), and I have his words here. The hon. member for Lanark (Mr. Haggart) also has spoke in derogatory terms of Mr. Dalton McCarthy. I say that the hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) who has just made this appeal this afternoon, did live under the yoke of the hierarchy of Quebec from 1882 to 1896.

Mr. HAGGART. Did I hear the hon. gentleman aright when I understood him to say that I had made any allusion to a stepdaughter?

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY. No, no. The hon. gentleman from Lanark, speaking at Brockville, used this language:

Mr. Haggart dealt at great length with the school question, and then launched out into a personal attack on Mr. Dalton McCarthy whom he called 'that little gentleman.' Mr. McCarthy was, the minister said, putting on airs and talking about different members of the government, particularly about 'my brilliant friends,' the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Ives and Mr. Wood. None were better able to take the measure of a jack-daw posing in borrowed plumage than the electors of the country. A man fighting and quarrelling in small courts of law got a narrow and contracted intellect which unfitted him as a statesman or a representative of the people. He might be able to torture a witness in the box. What did he know beside law? Did he ever make a speech in the House of Commons that was listened to? He posed on the narrow grounds of bigotry and lived upon resentments.

Those are the words of the hon. member for Lanark. Now why do I say that the hon. gentleman from North Toronto lived under the yoke of the hierarchy of Quebec from 1882 to 1896?

Mr. BERGERON. What do you call the hierarchy of Quebec, please?

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY. I am not speaking disrespectfully of them, I am speaking as I would of the Synod of my own church, or the general assembly of the Presbyterian church. The hon. member must know what the hierarchy of his own church is. The hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa) spoke of it the other day. Now I ask the hon. gentleman from North Toronto, who has just made a speech, if he was sincere? If I thought he was sincere I would not be speaking as I am now.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Hear, hear.

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY. It is all very well to say, hear, hear, but I tell you I come from a stock that knows what it is to be jeered at, just as you are jeering at me now. I know that prior to 1896 they hounded us from one end of Canada to the other. They spoke disrespectfully of us,