

in what I consider an offensive way, and he could hardly expect that I would submit without retorting. I never made it a practice to strike my opponent below the belt, but I intend to defend myself when I am attacked. I rank in this House as the eighth oldest member and I can tell my hon friend (Mr. Black) that the first session I was here I did not make it a practice to interrupt other members. I thought it well to listen, to watch the conduct of other members and to learn the rules of the House before I took any active part in the debates and if the member for Hants follows my example in that respect he will probably be better off.

Mr. BLACK. I am not in need of any lectures; I can take care of myself.

Mr. INGRAM. I have nothing to apologize for.

Mr. BLACK. I am not asking you to apologize.

Mr. INGRAM. I understand my rights in this House and I am prepared to assert them, and I can tell my hon. friend that after making my fight, and not striking below the belt, I can walk out of this door and take my opponents by the hand, and agree with them to be good citizens of this country. I carry no malice to any man in this House, I wish nothing but good to every member here, but I will take care of myself just the same.

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY. While the hon. gentlemen (Mr. Ingram) is in such a considerate mood, I wish to call his attention to a reference he made to me which I think is quite uncalled for. I was only endeavouring to straighten out what I thought was a misunderstanding, and the hon. gentleman remarked that I had put up some bluff. I have been here a few years and I do not take much notice of what is said in the heat of debate, but the hon. gentleman made one remark the tenor of which I did not exactly catch, but which I would ask him to explain. He seemed to say that there was some position to be made for me in some way, and that I was not to go back to my electors. Well, I never heard of that before, and as the hon. gentleman is kindly disposed now, I wish he would let me know where that position is, what it is, and where he heard of it. I can only say that I give an absolute and flat denial to the insinuation, and I do not think my attitude on this question would have led any one to suppose what the hon. gentleman suggests. As to the remark made by the hon. gentleman from Haldimand, that he expected the member for North Simcoe to rise and protect the member for East Grey, it seems to me that that is not a very fraternal desire on the part of the hon. member for Haldimand, and by this time he should have learned that the hon. member for East Grey is as well able to take care of himself as any

other member in this House. With regard to my showing any disrespect to the hon. member for East Grey, the hon. member for Haldimand will be assured by that hon. gentleman that I have always treated him with respect, and that the relation between us has always been of the most friendly character.

Mr. LALOR. I hope the hon. gentleman did not understand that I insinuated anything different?

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY. I so understood him. I was going to say to the hon. member for Haldimand, and the hon. member for East Grey will bear it out, that neither he nor his predecessor as grand master ever lifted a hand to help me to come back to this House either in 1900 or 1904, but on the contrary they both took the stump in my riding in support of my opponent.

Mr. GUNN. Coming from the province of Ontario, as I do, I do not think that province, as the largest tax-paying province of this Dominion—and I do not say it as reflecting on any other province composing this great confederation—has been treated during this debate with the courtesy which it is due it. Observations have been made in this debate by several hon. gentlemen that I do not think have tended to add to the dignity of this House. An observation was made the other evening by the hon. member for Pictou (Mr. MacDonald) in reference to the hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster), that he was driven from the province of New Brunswick up to Ontario. All I have to say is that I hope many more men of the calibre of the hon. member for North Toronto will be driven from the province of New Brunswick to the province of Ontario. In reference to the hon. gentlemen who represent Ontario in this cabinet, I do not believe that they reflect the sentiment of the province to-day. When the Minister of Customs sits in his seat and hears the people of Ontario called bigots, as he has done on many occasions with a smile on his face, I say it comes with ill-grace from a gentleman who occupies that position to allow statements of that kind to be made by gentlemen representing other provinces without correcting them. Nor do I think it becomes the Postmaster General (Sir William Mulock), who also represents the province of Ontario in the cabinet, to sit in his seat and permit statements to be made such as we have heard in this debate, reflecting on that province. I am proud to say that I represent a constituency in the province of Ontario. True, it is a constituency which was carried by Liberals for thirty years; but I believe I could go back and carry it to-day by a larger majority than I had last November. I live near the city of London, and I am not going to express any opinion as to what the result will be when the government opens