

Sproule). He is deeply interested in this question and from one standpoint is an authority upon it. I have something here which may interest him. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) went to Montreal a year ago and he was entertained by the Jacques Cartier Club of which we have heard a good deal of late in connection with the sending of petitions gotten up in the province of Quebec. I do not know how intimate are the relations between my hon. friend from East Grey and the Jacques Cartier Club, but let me remind him of a pleasing incident: a banquet to his leader and himself. The day after the banquet, the Montreal 'Gazette' did itself the honour of reporting the hon. gentleman's speech, and I will do him the further honour of reading the report to the House. I may observe that on this occasion the member for East Grey was accompanied by his leader the member for Carleton. The Montreal 'Gazette' of the 20th of June, 1904, reports:

Dr. Sproule, M.P., the well known Orange leader created loud laughter as he called those present his 'brethren.' He was loudly applauded as he told of his impressions on seeing Cartier for the first time. He wanted more French Conservatives at Ottawa to help carry out Mr. Borden's policy. Ontario, he said, had no desire to rule this country without the help of French Canada.

Mr. SPROULE. Nothing wrong in that.

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK. Does the hon. gentleman express himself that way up west?

Mr. SPROULE. Exactly the same.

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK. Well, we will see what happened after that.

The one province was necessary to the other.

Oh, here is something rather interesting:

He said that the much decried Orange lodge was nothing more or less than a Conservative committee room.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Hear, hear.

Mr. SPROULE. I want to correct the Postmaster General if he has read that as he finds it in the paper. There were two reports out, and I want to say that this is an incorrect report. What I said was that it was alleged by our opponents that it was nothing more or less than a Conservative committee room.

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK. Well, I am reading the Montreal 'Gazette.'

Mr. TAYLOR. Will the Postmaster General ask the hon. gentleman who sits immediately behind him if the member for East Grey said so.

Mr. FINLAY. I am the only one sitting immediately behind the Postmaster and I do not know anything about it.

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK. There is something more that can be contradicted perhaps. At all events this is what the Montreal 'Gazette' says:

He said the much decried Orange lodge was nothing more or less than a Conservative committee room where Catholics and Protestants met to do the good work of the Conservative party.

How far is that correctly reported?

Mr. SPROULE. Not correct at all.

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK. The report proceeds. Oh. Here is a dreadful threat, I wonder if it is correct.

Dr. Sproule received another cheer when he declared that if Quebec did not do better at the next election he would come down and establish Orange lodges throughout the province.

Mr. SPROULE. I admit that.

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK. That is correct?

Mr. SPROULE. Yes, that is correct.

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK. Has the hon. gentleman carried out his threat?

Mr. SPROULE. I think I will carry it out.

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK. The hon. gentleman says that the 'Gazette' report is not correct. I have the Montreal 'Star' here and we will see what it says.

Dr. Sproule replied first for Ontario. He recalled the first time he had seen Cartier and the deeds of that distinguished Canadian with his twin brother Macdonald.

There is internal evidence about the genuineness of that, because the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) is rather fond of the subject of twins.

He hoped to see the people of Quebec rally to Borden, as they had in the past to Macdonald and Cartier and Tupper and Pope. He asked them to rally to their Pope.

An hon. MEMBER. Which Pope?

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK. The leader of the opposition. I can fancy the hon. member for East Grey making his confessions to the leader of the opposition when he came back from this gathering so unlike the gatherings which he is accustomed to assemble in the west.

Mr. SPROULE. The hon. gentleman is entirely out in his reference there.

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK. Did not the hon. member for Grey ask them to rally to their Pope?

Mr. SPROULE. If the hon. gentleman will allow me, I will explain. I was facetiously making reference to the fact that we had in our ranks a Pope, pointing to the member for Compton, who was near by, and I said that if they were willing to sup-