

Mr. DERBYSHIRE. We ought to do a little business, George. Let us do a little.

Mr. TAYLOR. I will leave the Orangemen of your constituency to deal with you.

Mr. FIELDING. I would like to say a word with regard to this 'yellow dog' matter. I hold no brief for the Halifax 'Chronicle' and have had nothing to do with it for nearly a quarter of a century. It has not always agreed with the government and too often, as it seemed to me, it was mistaken in its course. But I must say that the statement quoted by the hon. gentlemen from the Halifax 'Chronicle' is no warrant whatever for the interpretation put upon it. Whether those statements are reasonable and proper criticisms of public affairs is a matter for consideration by those interested. But I contend that the references to the Orange body are made by the hon. gentlemen who have spoken and not a word has been quoted from the newspaper referring to the Orangemen.

Mr. SPROULE. I say it was deliberately intended for that purpose and it is susceptible of no other interpretation as applied to Centre Toronto.

Mr. FIELDING. It is always dangerous to say what somebody else has deliberately intended to do, because no one can say what was 'deliberately intended' by another. I know something of the gentlemen connected with that paper, and, though I have had no communication with them on this point, I am perfectly satisfied that nothing was further from their thoughts in this paragraph than to make allusion to the Orange body. I know that one of the gentleman on the editorial staff of that paper is himself a member of the Orange body. Taking the quotation as it has been given, whether hon. gentlemen think it a reasonable or unreasonable discussion of public affairs, there is no shadow of a foundation for the statement that it referred or intended to refer to the Orange body.

Mr. SPROULE. My information from the maritime provinces is to the effect that it was so intended.

Mr. FIELDING. Now, is not that unreasonable? There are Orangemen in Nova Scotia—

Mr. SPROULE. There are. That is why it seemed so unfair.

Mr. FIELDING. It would be unfair, as the hon. gentleman says, if it were intended. But the fact that this is a political journal and anxious to win the good opinion of people, surely creates a fair presumption that they did not intend to make an offensive allusion to the Orangemen.

Mr. BLACK. I have been trying four or five times to be in order and yet occupy the attention of the House for just a moment.

A speaker from East Elgin (Mr. Ingram) made some reference to some remarks I had made in regard to Englishmen and Doukhobors. I made before this House, I think, a gentlemanly and ample explanation and apology for that, and I say that the member who refers to that after I made such explanation and apology, is a coward.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. I think the hon. gentleman (Mr. Black) should not use that expression.

Mr. BLACK. Mr. Chairman, I will take it back if you say so. I wish there was some other word that I could use that would express the same meaning; I would use it.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. BLACK. The speaker who accused me has caused me annoyance only once. When I first came into parliament and saw his antics and actions my curiosity was aroused. But, since then, with all his antics, his jumping up and down, his hat-lifting and hand-flinging, I have never had any feeling but one of quiet contempt, until, in a moment of weakness, I confess, I did feel annoyed at what was said. I say that no gentleman would have referred to me in connection with Englishmen and Doukhobors after the explanation I made.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. BLACK. Is there anything else you want me to take back, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. LALOR. It is not my intention to delay the House at great length, but I must express my opinion of some of the remarks that have been made here and of the conduct of a portion of the members of this House. I am a new member, and I must say that I am surprised that the business of the House is conducted in the manner in which it is. One might think himself to be in a bear-garden to see the antics and observe the tactics of gentlemen on the opposite side of this House. What we have observed to-night is not unusual because we have seen the same kind of thing day after day, and especially when the hon. member for East Grey (Mr. Sproule) attempts to speak. I think it most unfair to that hon. gentleman. I have listened carefully to him while he was speaking and I have never heard him say anything but what must be regarded as fair, moderate and tolerant towards people of all shades of opinion. I have watched from time to time, knowing the position he occupies, to see if he would say anything that could be construed as other than fair and courteous to those of other religious denominations than that to which he belongs. But, I must say truthfully that I have failed to find any-