

of Agriculture said, he went to Toronto in 1889 and made that speech from which we had a quotation this afternoon, that speech in which he said that 'no Italian priest shall tithe or toll in our Dominion.' He went to Toronto and made that speech and what has fanned the flame is that these people of Ontario and these people of the west now find that an Italian priest is in this country for that very purpose and that he was brought here by the right hon. gentleman. The fact that the people have discovered all these things has helped to fan the flame. What more has fanned the flame? It is the discovery of how this Bill was introduced into parliament in so far as it has been divulged in this debate. It has been proved that the sub-committee which drew up this Bill was composed of the Secretary of State, the Minister of Justice and the Prime Minister, and no one else as far as we know. Something else has come out this afternoon which will still further fan the flame and it is that the Prime Minister all along was in consultation with the Archbishop of Ephesus as regards this school clause and as regards the boundaries of Manitoba. Is it not enough to fan the flame when the great Protestant majority of this country, the 59 per cent, find that the Bill dealing with the educational liberties of the people of the west was drawn, brought forward and introduced into this parliament by these three members of the government with the assistance of the Papal ablegate and that not one of the ministers who represent the great Protestant body of this country was consulted, but that they were ignored in the matter? Is not that something to fan the flame?

Mr. EMMERSON. That is not true.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. Then it rests with the hon. gentleman to state who were there. I am speaking of the committee now and that is all the knowledge we have. The hon. gentleman is there to increase our knowledge. All we want are the actual facts, but, so far, I say the public mind is inflamed and the Protestant mind is justly inflamed by this conduct. What further has inflamed the public mind? What has lighted the torch? It is the constant discovery of duplicity and deception in connection with this matter. The flame was still further fanned by the letter of Mr. Rogers, which was published yesterday, and we know what was in that letter. We know, according to Mr. Rogers, that the delegate from Manitoba—and we will have to confine it now to the Attorney General of Manitoba, Mr. Campbell—was asked by the Papal ablegate to put two certain clauses in the school law of Manitoba. It was intimated to him that if they would do that the boundaries of his province would be extended to the north and it was also stated that the reason why his province had not had its boundaries extended to the west was be-

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cause of the school law of Manitoba. Is not that something to inflame the public mind, to increase this fire that seems to be burning all over the country? But, who is doing it? Is it being done by this side of the House or by the Conservative press? Perhaps somewhat, but everything that is done is based on these revelations of duplicity, of deception and of ignoring of the public right and the right of the people of the west to be consulted in this matter. Again I ask, as did my hon. friend from North Toronto (Mr. Foster) this afternoon, if the Papal ablegate was to be consulted, if he was consulted, if he was waited upon, as he was repeatedly waited upon by the right hon. Prime Minister, and if this matter was discussed why was not the Minister of the Interior consulted, why was not the Finance Minister consulted, why was not Mr. Haultain consulted, why were not the people of the west consulted? And still further will the public mind be inflamed to-day when it is known, as it knows now, that practically the statement made by the Papal ablegate and published to-day is a confirmation in substance of what was stated in Mr. Rogers' letter. Here is the crux of the whole matter and it was not denied; grant, for the moment, that the Papal ablegate had the right to discuss the school question in this interview with the Manitoba minister, he coupled the school question up with the boundary question where he had no jurisdiction, but where apparently he claimed to have authority to propose a settlement of the school question.

There is the crux; that is a thing that is not denied. It is asserted by Mr. Rogers, it is not denied by the ablegate and it is not denied by the government. The kernel of the whole matter lies in this that the ablegate discussed the boundary question of Manitoba in connection with the school question. I want to know if the Minister of Justice had night interviews or any other kind of interviews with the Papal ablegate? I want to know if the Secretary of State has been in communication with the Papal ablegate? I want to know if it is not true that the Secretary of State, the Minister of Justice, the Prime Minister and the Papal ablegate, were daily holding interviews about this school question and discussing the matter in all its shapes and forms, while the people of the west and the minister from the west and Mr. Haultain were ignored. Is there any wonder why the country has been fanned into flame when the people discover these things? I would like to know if the Minister of Finance and the Minister of the Interior had any interviews with the Papal ablegate. I do not suppose they will admit it, but all the other gentlemen have to admit it; the Prime Minister had an opportunity of denying it and he did not deny it, and his colleague who followed him was not able to deny it. The additional fact, which goes to the public to-morrow,