

forces. In fact you could hear the shackles ringing on these little giants of the Northwest as the right hon. the First Minister was riveting upon them this chain of bondage and slavery. But why is all this bombast and extravagance indulged in? Simply to give food to a certain press which wants to make political capital by setting race against race and creed against creed. That is the sole basis for these frothy appeals to arms. These hon. gentlemen talk about the warfare of an unwilling people. Why, Mr. Speaker, I wish you could adjourn the House for five minutes and let us see what these people are doing with the Minister of the Interior (Mr. Oliver). How much of the warfare of an unwilling people is going on in the constituency of Edmonton? What opposition is being made out there to the government candidate? We have heard men on the other side of the House—for instance my hon. friend from South York (Mr. Maclean)—plucky enough to declare their willingness to give up their seat and contest any constituency in the Territories the government would open.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. I stand by my challenge and by every word I said.

Mr. BUREAU. Well, my hon. friend has only one thing to do and that is to give up his seat and run against the Minister of the Interior.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. Let the right hon. gentleman make any vacancy in Ontario—Oxford, North York, South York or London—and I will resign my seat, and these are all Liberal constituencies, some of them with a thousand majority.

Mr. BUREAU. I might as well ask my hon. friend to come and run against me in Three Rivers on the question of separate schools. But my hon. friend is a sport, and I make him a fair proposition: If you want to wage a battle, wage it inside the ring. Do not go outside the field. If you want to test the sentiment of the Northwest to-day, go up into the Northwest and fight inside the ring. I am just told that the Minister of the Interior (Mr. Oliver) is elected by acclamation. Whether the news be true or not, I do not know; but if it be true, certainly I rejoice. Some hon. gentlemen on the other side are good fellows, but were carried away by their intense eagerness and ambition to get back on the treasury benches. They were carried away just as the hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) was. Reading that hon. gentleman's speeches in the past, I find that he used to accuse the First Minister of not being able to storm the treasury benches but of trying instead to sow discord inside the cabinet. What are these hon. gentlemen doing now? Even in the face of this indignation of the whole country, which they have pictured to us so graphically, even with the support of those tens of thousands of

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people who, we are told by the hon. member for Toronto, are so eager to make warfare and to wreck vengeance on this government, they do not dare to storm a cabinet position. They did storm it in 1904. In that year they had their secret funds all over the country; they had their conspiracies; we know what was happening in Quebec, how that province was going to sweep the whole Liberal party out of existence—but things did not turn out as anticipated. The hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) was carried away then, as he is to-day, by his own enthusiasm. In fact I can in no other way describe his conduct to-day than by saying he has simply been carried away by his own rhetoric. When we hear so much talk about superiority and inferiority, I cannot help but admit that in certain things the hon. member for North Toronto is certainly unequalled. He has, for instance, the greatest command of epithets of any man I have ever seen. We might call him indeed the king of epithets. He has besides the exclusive monopoly of insinuation and innuendo and unsupported statements; and if you do not take him up at once, he will come back the next day and repeat the statement, and say it must be true because you did not contradict it. Take, for instance, the charge he made one day that Mr. Russell was paid for going to Rome out of the money of the Canadian people. The Minister of Justice at once denied the statement, and the hon. member for North Toronto took it back. But why did he make the statement? Simply because, if it had not been contradicted, you would have seen the Toronto press take hold of it and declare in capital letters: The Prime Minister sent Mr. Russell to Rome and paid him for his services and his expenses out of the money of the people. The hon. member for North Toronto has a monopoly of insinuation and innuendo, and, as far as hair splitting is concerned, I have never found his equal from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

To my mind, Mr. Speaker, this is not simply a question of provincial rights. There are other rights involved. It is a question of individual rights, which are more sacred than provincial rights. The privilege of separate schools is now enjoyed by the minority in the Territories, they are entitled to that privilege, and those schools should be perpetuated by the legislation we are now enacting. We must not forget those men who first went into that country, those men who discovered it, those men who first planted the seeds of civilization in it and who were inspired to do this, not by motives of speculation or greed for gain, but by their love of God and great nature and the hope that others would follow. I do not care what you say about the hierarchy, they have done noble work; they have done a lot of good in these very Territories which we are now about to erect into provinces. We must not forget that when the pioneers came in, fol-