

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Allow me to get through;—so far as I know any act on the part of any other hon. gentleman on this side of the House, the statement of the Minister of Justice is without one particle of foundation.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. My hon. friend (Mr. R. L. Borden) in his usual guarded way says that so far as he knows, this statement is without foundation—

Mr FOSTER. Prove it.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I want hon. gentlemen opposite not to trouble themselves about attempting to intimidate me.

Mr. FOSTER. Oh, no; we would not do that.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. The statement I made—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. SPEAKER. Order. Hon. gentlemen must keep better order.

Mr FITZPATRICK. The statement I made was that these petitions were being deliberately circulated in the province of Quebec. And I make the statement now on the authority of a colleague of mine in this House—

Mr. FOSTER. Trot out your colleague.

Mr. FITZPATRICK—that these petitions are being circulated by one Elie Maurault, secretary of the Jacques Cartier club, which has extended its hospitality to the leader of the opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden) within the last ten days.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN Mr Speaker—

Some hon MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. R. L BORDEN—if every other statement that the Minister of Justice has made is equally untrue with the one he has just made, there is not the slightest truth in any of those statements.

Some hon MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I am perfectly in order I am speaking of that which is within my own knowledge. I say the Jacques Cartier club did not extend its hospitality to me within the last ten days; and if the Minister of Justice has no better knowledge of other facts than he has in this particular case, he had better defer his remarks until he is more fully acquainted with what he is talking about.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. The statement I made was that these petitions were being circulated—

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. The hon. gentleman stated that—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. The hon. gentleman stated that the club from which emanated these petitions sent to Quebec had extended its hospitality to me within the last ten days, meaning to imply, if he meant anything, that I had in some way some connection with the circulating of those petitions. I ask him to make that statement good, or, as a gentleman, to withdraw it.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. The statement that I made was that these petitions were being circulated through the agency of Mr. Elie Maurault, of the city of Montreal, secretary of the Jacques Cartier club. The Jacques Cartier club is a prominent Conservative organization in the city of Montreal. And, in that connection, I said that the leader of the opposition had been entertained by the Jacques Cartier club within the last ten days. I am now informed that in the last statement I was incorrect, and I now take it back.

Some hon MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I would like one word more;—we might as well thrash these things out as we go along. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Fitzpatrick) said that he is able to prove that those petitions emanated from some gentleman on this side of the House. I ask him either to withdraw that statement or to name in your presence, Mr. Speaker, and in the presence of members of this House, the hon. gentleman on this side of the House from whom any one of those petitions emanated.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I want to say for the benefit of the leader of the opposition that I do not intend to allow him or any other member in this House to put words into my mouth—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. The hon. gentleman (Mr Fitzpatrick) said—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. The hon. gentleman said every word of it.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. And it was said for a purpose—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. For a purpose—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.