

reminds me of a story I heard when comparatively a boy, of a would-be celebrated chemist, who, asked to demonstrate a proposition in chemistry said: Well boys, you will take an effervescent and you add a deliquescent and there will be a precipitation and that is a conglomeration and that amounts to a demonstration. The chemist defied any one to prove the proposition more logically than that, and the chemist's demonstration is about on a par with the demonstration we have had from the member for Pictou. It was a conglomeration in the highest sense of the word. He told us that Ontario thought she had all the intelligence of the world, but that we were not above going to the east to get a leader. Well, Ontario is like Simple Simon; she knows a good thing when he sees it, and takes it.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Hear, hear.

Mr. SPROULE. The man he called a political Ismaelite was born in the maritime provinces but they discarded him, and we accepted him with gratitude and pleasure and I think he has given the member for Pictou and his friends one of the best drubbings they have got for some time. Scripture tells us that it was from the east the wise men came, and we have drawn many a wise man from the east, but if we are to judge from the sample we heard to-night I can assure him we are not likely to make any more pilgrimages east in search of wise men. The member for Pictou said that Sir John Macdonald was a legislative unionist and that the member for East Grey who championed political rights to-day was a great admirer of his. If the member for Pictou were as familiar with the political history of this House as he seems to be with the barnyards of Nova Scotia, he would know that the member of East Grey disagreed with Sir John Macdonald on many of these questions in regard to provincial rights, and that the member for East Grey was as sincere then as he is to-day upon the question we are now dealing with.

The fact is admitted that the Attorney General of Manitoba had visited the Papal ablegate. Who admitted it? The member for Pictou made the pure bald statement without anything in the world to back it up so far as we know except his own imagination—

Mr. MACDONALD. Would the hon. gentleman permit me to call his attention to the fact that the ablegate's statement shows that Mr. Campbell visited him.

Mr. SPROULE. Did he say they had a conference? He incidentally met him.

Mr. MACDONALD. Will my hon. friend read for himself?

Mr. SPROULE. The ablegate says: I met him in a friendly way a year ago, but there is not one word with regard to a conference; there is only the solitary statement

that they met and the member for Pictou wove out the rest of the fairy tale, and presented it to the House as a fact. The member for Pictou tells us that his province is not opposed to provincial rights. No, but if he represents his province, Nova Scotia is opposed to the extension of the boundaries of Manitoba because it is one of the smaller provinces.

Mr. MACDONALD. The attitude adopted on that question was, that the smaller provinces of the Dominion should be consulted before the boundaries of any other province in the confederation were extended.

Mr. SPROULE. It was not that the smaller provinces should be consulted, but that Nova Scotia as a small province was opposed to enlarging other provinces because it would make Nova Scotia comparatively smaller. That is the only logical deduction from his remarks. The hon. member for Pictou told us that the hon. member for South York (Mr. W. F. Maclean) is singing the song of Ontario. Yes, he is singing the song of Ontario, and Ontario has sung a good many songs and they have all panned out well, and this one will also. He told us that the member for South York is fanning flames of religious strife. Is he? We hear that from every hon. gentleman on the other side of the House.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Hear, hear.

Mr. SPROULE. I hear the weakling from Cape Breton say 'hear, hear.' The only two things he can do is to say 'hear, hear' and ask a question.

Mr. ALEX. JOHNSTON. If you come down I will be ready to meet you at any time.

Mr. TURRIFF. I wish to say that the hon. member for Cape Breton was strong enough to defeat the leader of the hon. member for East Grey in 1896.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. SPROULE. What is starting the member for the west; is he after another cinch?

Mr. TURRIFF. I was just remarking—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. SPROULE. I cannot hear a word the hon. gentleman says. He is good at interrupting; he had better wait—

Mr. TURRIFF. I want to answer your question.

Mr. SPROULE—because if it is necessary I may direct attention to him in a way that would not be pleasant to him, and if I am driven too far I will and don't forget it. The member for Pictou says that the Reform party are fighting for the rights of the