

thing to which exception could be taken. But, while he is on the floor the constant cry from hon. gentlemen on the other side has been 'Orange Order.' Was that designed as a compliment to that order, or was it intended as an insult to that organization of which the hon. member for East Grey is the head?

I did not find the hon. members for Centre York (Mr. Campbell) or North Simcoe (Mr. L. G. McCarthy) who claimed to be champions of Protestantism and who represent counties that are largely Protestant rise to defend the hon. member for East Grey (Mr. Sproule). I say it is unfair to the hon. member for East Grey (Mr. Sproule) who has always conducted himself since I have been in this House as a gentleman in the House should conduct himself. It is unfair to him and to the great order of which he is the Grand Master, an order composed of 500,000 loyal law-abiding citizens of Canada. Among the Orange Order of Canada are some of the best people of the country, people who were to a large extent born in this country, law-abiding citizens, ready to fight for their flag and country at any time they are called upon to do so, and yet hon. gentlemen on the opposite side hurl across the House insulting languages, sneers, &c., at the hon. member for East Grey because he is the Grand Master of the Orange Order in Canada. Nearly all the hon. gentlemen opposite when they speak allude always to the hon. member for East Grey (Mr. Sproule). They want to make a point against him and against the Orange Order in order that they can drag their speeches and their insults against him as Grand Master of that Order into the province of Quebec. I want to repeat that they are law-abiding citizens and when the time comes for the order to show their hand, many hon. gentlemen opposite who represent constituencies in which there are many orangemen, will find they will resent the insult and the treatment that their Grand Master has received in this parliament since I have been here. If they do not I am greatly mistaken indeed in the sentiments of those people who belong to that great order. The Minister of Customs says the words 'yellow dogs' and the statement that they had hydrophobia were not intended for the Orange Order. It is all right for him and other members to try and withdraw that statement that has been made through the Liberal press of this country. It is all right to say it is not the Orange Order that was meant. But what did they mean? Was it the law-abiding citizens of Centre Toronto whom they especially mentioned as yellow dogs? I think if it was Centre Toronto they can be held up as being as good citizens as there are in this country; there are no better citizens anywhere than in Centre Toronto, and why should they be styled yellow dogs and told they had hydrophobia. That is the kind of language that the hon. gentlemen opposite use. That

Mr. LALOR.

is what they call tolerant language; they preach tolerance and that is tolerance. I do not think that 'yellow dog' is a very proper name to be applied to the citizens of Centre Toronto or to the Orange Order of this country. The hon. member for Hants stands up in this House and makes some very insinuating remarks in reference to gentlemen on this side. He says the member for East Elgin is a great curiosity to him.

Mr. BLACK. So he is.

Mr. LALOR. I am sure we are very pleased to know that the member for East Elgin (Mr. Ingram) is so interesting to the member for Hants (Mr. Black), the gentleman who has repeatedly withdrawn in the House a statement I heard him make that one Doukhobor was as good as a hundred Englishmen. He may withdraw that statement, he may correct that statement in 'Hansard,' but that is the statement he made in this House, and every gentleman—

Mr. BLACK. I never made such a statement.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. I think the rules are very clear on that point. You have to accept an hon. gentleman's interpretation of his own statement.

Mr. LALOR. I must accept the statement when he says he did not make it, but I must certainly say that my ears on that particular day must have been in a rather strange condition.

Mr. BLACK. Your ears were about as badly impaired as your tongue is now.

Mr. LALOR. I think the member for Hants, when he speaks about curiosities has presented to the House to-night as great a curiosity almost as we will expect to find anywhere. He has been constantly trying to get on his feet to speak, and to assure the House that he did not make certain statements which it has been insinuated he has made. The Minister of Customs has entertained us to-night in reference to the election in Edmonton. He has told us that if we could have got five men to sign a requisition we might have had a candidate out there. The Minister of Customs is a gentleman of wide experience in election campaigns. I have heard gentlemen styled as Wandering Willies, but I think the Minister of Customs has wandered around a good deal in his political experience. He formerly represented South Brant in this House. Then the elections in South Brant did not go his way and he had to go up to Grey. The late member for Grey informed me that North Grey was a pure county so far as elections were concerned, that they never knew what it was to have a dollar spent in North Grey until the Minister of Customs went up there and then they spent \$20,000 in order that he might be elected. The Minister of Customs wandered from North Grey down to North Brant