

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. The hon. member for Leeds (Mr. Taylor) has the floor.

Mr. D. D. McKENZIE. I want to ask him a question.

Mr. TAYLOR. The hon. gentleman did not rise to ask me a question, but for the purpose of correcting me and asking me to be fair. That was not asking me a question.

Mr. D. D. McKENZIE. I still ask you to be fair.

Mr. TAYLOR. I am going to have my rights in this House respected, or I will stand here without uttering a word until I get the attention of the House.

Mr. SCOTT. Be fair, and we will have no trouble.

Mr. TAYLOR. I have quoted fairly what the Minister of Justice said.

Mr. D. D. McKENZIE. Quote the whole of what he said.

Mr. TAYLOR. I ask you, Mr. Chairman, to name the hon. gentleman who is interrupting me, and have his name go in 'Hansard.'

Mr. D. D. McKENZIE. I am not afraid of you, sir.

Mr. TAYLOR. Neither am I afraid of you, either in this House or outside. I have been here long enough to know my place and my rights, and I am always respectful. I want to read section 11 of the Act of 1875, which the Minister of Justice says reads into the Act submitted to us. I am a layman, and I like to have laws so framed that laymen can plainly understand them, and this section 11 of the statute of 1875 is of such a nature. That section reads:

When and so soon as any system of taxation shall be adopted in any district or portion of the Territories, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the consent of the council or assembly, as the case may be, shall pass all necessary ordinances with respect to education; but it shall therein be always provided that the majority of the ratepayers of any district or portion of the Territories, or any lesser portion or subdivision thereof, by whatever name the same may be known, may establish such schools therein as they may see fit.

That clearly provides that the Northwest Council shall—not may—pass all necessary ordinances in respect of education, but it shall therein be always provided that the majority of the ratepayers of any district or portion of the Territories, or any lesser portion or subdivision thereof, by whatever name the same may be known, may establish such schools therein as they may see fit. Does that not mean that they may establish clerical or any kind of school they think proper? The Minister of Justice says the Bill before the House reads that section into it.

Mr. TAYLOR.

Mr. D. D. McKENZIE. He does not say anything of the kind.

Mr. TAYLOR. My hon. friend may follow me and have the pleasure of contradicting my statement. There are the words of the Minister of Justice, as quoted by the hon. member for East Grey (Mr. Sproule), and there is the section 11 of the Act of 1875, which he says is read into the Bill before the House, so that this Bill gives the people the right to establish any kind of schools they may see fit. What does that mean? Would hon. gentlemen opposite who spoke on the subject have opposed the Bill if they had known that it gave the privilege of establishing clerical, church or denominational schools? The Minister of Finance said it established national schools, but gave opportunity for a half-hour's religious training after 3.30 in the afternoon. Yet we have the statement of the Minister of Justice that the Act of 1875, section 11, gives the people in any school section the right to establish any kind of a school they see fit. Could anything be plainer? I would like hon. gentlemen opposite to get the Act of 1875 and read section 11, which the Minister of Justice says he intended to have read into this Act.

Now, let me reply to my hon. friend who spoke of the references that have been made on this side to 'yellow-dog' newspaper in Halifax. I am ready to ask how it can be construed to refer to any except the Orangemen or Protestants of Centre Toronto?

The Halifax 'Chronicle,' the chief journal of Nova Scotia says The Liberal party has more important business on hand than the vain wooing of 'yellow-dog' constituencies.

No appeal to the electors was then being made in any constituency except Centre Toronto. To what other constituency could this refer?

The Liberal party is not running an opposition peanut stand, neither is it butting its head against yellow-dog walls for the entertainment of 'yellow dogs' in general. That is why it did not go through the useless form of putting up a candidate in 'yellow-dog' Centre Toronto while the whole inclosed pack was in a state bordering on political hydrophobia.

That is clearly not susceptible of the construction put upon it by my hon. friend from Kootenay (Mr. Galliher). The people 'Inclosed' in Centre Toronto, that 'yellow-dog pack' include Conservatives and Liberals, but it is well known that that constituency is the stronghold of Orangeism. And this is published by the newspaper that is supposed to be the mouth-organ of the Minister of Finance. Now, the Minister of Justice moved and I said I would second it, that we take up clause 20; but I think it is so late now that we had better adjourn and take up this matter when we feel fresher for the discussion.