

Now then the 'Globe' newspaper came out very lately. I know people lately have said, the 'Globe' is going wrong. I do not know, everybody seems to be going wrong who does not agree to throttle the new provinces. Everybody except hon. gentlemen opposite is agreed that this House should leave questions of sectionalism alone and attend to the business of the House. The 'Globe' newspaper has been talking about this question, and the 'Globe' of March 11 said this :

The only settlement of the disturbing North-west school question that will be just or safe or permanent is that settlement most strictly in accord with the spirit and letter of the constitution.

The hon. Postmaster General wanted the spirit of the constitution and not the letter. The 'Globe' wants both, and I think I have shown that the hon. Postmaster General's opinion of that kind of spirit is not a very good one. I do not pretend to be a judge of any kind of spirit than that, but I think that I am as good a judge of that kind of spirit as the hon. Postmaster General is and he has said that he wants nothing but the spirit and not the letter. The 'Globe' says :

The only settlement of the disturbing North-west school question that will be just or safe or permanent is that settlement most strictly in accord with the spirit and letter of the constitution. Anything that swerves from that straight course, squinting in the direction of any faction or creed or race, is charged with dynamite—

These are the people that are raising the religious question in this House—the 'Globe' newspaper. I do not know whether the hon. Minister of Customs makes the 'Globe' pay duty on this dynamite or on these dynamite articles or whether hon. gentlemen opposite are now using the dynamite as well as the pistol and medicine that my hon. friend from North Toronto (Mr. Foster) spoke about this afternoon.

—and sooner or later may work havoc in the provinces, if not in the Dominion. The personal opinions of individuals or the preferences of classes or communities are not sufficiently certain and substantial to form a sure foundation for the institutions of the country. In the present instance, political safety, social progress and national peace can be found nowhere but in standing by the constitution.

Now, it goes on to discuss the question at some length and I will not trouble the House with it, but it reaches this conclusion :

Provincial autonomy under the constitution carries with it for the new provinces, unless expressly prohibited by the constitution, autonomy in education.

It was necessary for the 'Globe' newspaper to tell the premier of this country that autonomy meant autonomy, that it did not mean something else. It was necessary

for the 'Globe' to try and pull a line on the Prime Minister as the organ of the party in the city of Toronto. I presume that the 'Globe' would say that it was the chief organ of the party in the whole Dominion. I cannot pronounce upon that point, but certainly it is one of the principal organs in the Dominion, and before this Bill could be read a second time, in the hope that some other policy would be adopted, the 'Globe' gave the advice that provincial autonomy under the constitution means autonomy in education. Is it any wonder that my hon. friend who leads the opposition here is obliged to put on record an amendment to this Bill to say so ? The 'Globe' said that it was necessary to tell the Prime Minister that autonomy meant autonomy in education as well as in anything else, and for fear that some people would think that the government could say that my hon. friend the leader of the opposition did not agree with the 'Globe' I would point out that, as it happened on these two occasions these two gentlemen—I think the gentleman who wrote this article was an honest man, and I know there is no more honourable man in the Dominion of Canada than my hon. friend the leader of the opposition—came forward and took the same view as the whole Dominion of Canada will if it gets a chance. If the government went to the country upon this question to-day, the government know very well that the whole Dominion, whether Grits or Tories heretofore, would unite by their votes in saying that the 'Globe' was right on this occasion. Then, the 'Globe' proceeds :

To this doctrine we can ask all classes and creeds to subscribe.

The 'Globe' thinks, as I do, that all classes and creeds ought to subscribe to the constitution or else get off the earth as far as Canada is concerned. If they stay in Canada and get the benefit of our constitution which we all say affords the greatest freedom that exists anywhere they should subscribe to and support that constitution.

To this doctrine we can ask all classes and creeds to subscribe. In so far as they appreciate and approve the principles of responsible self government, all citizens should here be in agreement. The question of the value of separate schools is not primarily involved.

And it is not.

It is not the primary question. It may be forced to the front by the Orangemen of Ontario and the Ultramontanes of Quebec, but, in so far as the problem is one for the Dominion parliament to solve, the question of separate schools is not the real issue. To make it the real issue is to misplace the emphasis and to engender strife.

Who misplaced the emphasis and who engendered strife ? The right hon. leader of the government, when he brought in this Bill. The 'Globe' is not a perjured wit-