

they told us we were bigots, they told us that the views we were then expressing, which were in accord with their own views to-day, were not sincere, and were not in accord with our convictions. In 1896 when Mr. Dalton McCarthy defined his policy on the Jesuits Estates Bill, what was the position of the hon. gentleman then? We then pointed out to them that they were leading to the very trouble that exists to-day, they were recognizing in that Bill a Papal power which was thereby given the right and power to dispose of some millions of the peoples' money in this country. These hon. gentlemen, who take another position to-day, said then: Let us stand by provincial rights, toleration and moderation, let that go on as it is. And when we objected to the dual language clause in the Territorial Act, and in the Manitoba Act, what did these hon. gentlemen say then?

An hon. MEMBER. Who are 'we'?

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY. Mr. Dalton McCarthy. I do not think the hon. gentleman can deny that I have a right to say 'we.' I do not think the hon. gentleman will deny that I have the right to say 'we.' The hon. member for East Northumberland (Mr. Cochran) will remember having seen me in some of these campaigns, when mud was thrown at us because of the position we took. When we asked you not to coerce Manitoba, were you acting under the dictation of the hierarchy or not? I say most explicitly you were. And when the bishops of the Catholic church threatened to excommunicate the opponents of the Tupper government, when the bishops of that church talked about the opponents of that government as 'hell-inspired hypocrites,' were you acting under the dictation of the hierarchy or not? Were you under the yoke of the hierarchy or not?

Mr. LENNOX. What does the hon. gentleman (Mr. L. G. McCarthy) mean by 'yoke'?

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY. If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Lennox) wants to know, I will tell him. The hon. gentleman allowed that yoke to be placed upon him in 1896, when he contested the riding of North Simcoe. The hon. gentleman remembers the result, and I do not want to rub it in too much, as it would be painful to him to recollect that he lost his deposit. I say I am perfectly justified in what I have said so far; and I point out that this very trouble which has taken place was brought to the attention of the ex-Minister of Finance (Mr. Foster) when he was in the governments of Sir John Macdonald and Sir John Thompson. Mr. Dalton McCarthy urged them both to get rid of section 14 of that Act—Mr. Dalton McCarthy had moved to have it repealed. But the hon. gentleman voted in favour of allowing it to remain on the

statute-book, and that is largely the cause of the present difficulty. And now, forsooth, the hon. gentleman says that this Papal delegate is improperly interfering in our affairs. In that I am prepared to agree with him, and I do agree with him. But I want sincerity. And, if I do nothing more than draw attention to what has taken place in the past and to what is taking place now, I shall show to the satisfaction of every reasonable man that it only depends on which party is in power, because whichever one is in power always do these things. You only get a corporal's guard in this House to vote for a straight motion against any such position as is being taken to-day. I say that advisedly, and the hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) knows it. What was the position in 1896? It was this: The hierarchy of Quebec were behind the Tupper government, and were threatening to excommunicate the people who refused to vote in favour of the Tupper government at their dictation.

Mr. BERGERON. No.

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY. My hon. friend (Mr. Bergeron) says 'no.' But it is on the records of 'Hansard'—

Mr. BERGERON. It is on the records as having been often said, but never proved.

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY. What about Archbishop Cameron of Nova Scotia, who spoke of those who opposed the Tupper government as 'Hell-inspired hypocrites'? What about Archbishop Cleary, of Kingston, and his speeches? What about Archbishop Lafleche? In 1896, the bishops of the Roman Catholic church—the hierarchy of that church—and I do not speak disrespectfully of them—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY. Well what is the trouble with the hon. gentlemen?

Mr. FOSTER. The trouble is all over there.

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY. I am glad you have got rid of it.

Mr. FOSTER. We are all right.

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY. The hon. gentleman says he is all right. He has changed his spots. He has moved from St. John, New Brunswick, to Toronto, where the sentiment is—

Mr. FOSTER. I am not ashamed of North Toronto.

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to finish the line I was on, and then I will deal with the hon. member for North Toronto. I say that in 1896, at the dictation of the hierarchy of Quebec, you endeavoured to coerce Manitoba—