

on this side were afraid of it, but that I did not believe it really did exist.

Mr. SPROULE. I understood him to say it was passing over Ontario to-day.

Mr. BOURASSA. But not in the sense the hon. gentleman makes out I said it.

Mr. SPROULE. I have not attempted to show what the statement meant; I am dealing only with the allegation of fact. What evidence is there of anti-Catholic feeling in Ontario? I was in London and in Oxford, and I saw no evidence—

Mr. A. LAVERGNE. The electors were told to take their choice—to vote for King Edward or vote for the Pope.

Mr. SPROULE. Who said that?

Mr. A. LAVERGNE. That appeared in the London 'Free Press.'

Mr. SPROULE. I do not happen to have seen that in the 'Free Press.' I speak of what came under my own observation.

Mr. A. LAVERGNE. I would remind the hon. gentleman of the speech made by the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. Sam. Hughes). That hon. gentleman, speaking of the rights accorded to the Protestants by the French Canadians of Quebec, said that the French Canadians were a conquered people and that anything they had they owed to the Protestants, so that it was not a question of toleration on their part.

Mr. SPROULE. Was that anti-Catholic?

Mr. A. LAVERGNE. It was a prejudiced appeal. And in my speech I quoted extracts from the 'Orange Sentinel,' which the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) has not disavowed.

Mr. SPROULE. And is this evidence of an anti-Catholic wave in Ontario?

Mr. A. LAVERGNE. It is evidence of an effort to raise an anti-Catholic wave, though that effort failed. But it was made by the Order of which my hon. friend (Mr. Sproule) is the Pope.

Mr. SPROULE. If it failed then it cannot exist. The hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa) says it does exist. Now we are told that it failed to materialize.

Mr. BOURASSA. That is what I said—and I gave that as a reason why we should pass the original clause.

Mr. SPROULE. There is evidently a difference between these two hon. gentlemen. The hon. member (Mr. Bourassa) went on to say that he was tolerant and broad-minded, and so were his confreres from the province of Quebec. He criticised adversely many of the articles appearing in the Toronto newspapers. I may be allowed to put alongside of these something which appeared in the organ of the government, that he may judge of the tolerance of the French Canadians.

Mr. A. LAVERGNE. What paper?

Mr. SPROULE. 'Le Canada.' Is it a French newspaper, and is it a supporter of the government?

Mr. A. LAVERGNE. Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) quote it as the organ of the hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa)?

Mr. SPROULE. No; as the organ of the Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier). I wish to quote it to show the spirit of toleration among these people of whom the hon. member boasted.

Mr. BOURASSA. I stated that the spirit of tolerance always existed in Quebec. But if the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) followed me he must have noticed that I said that 'Le Canada' was trying to raise racial feeling in Quebec in an effort to cause the people to forget what the government was doing.

Mr. SPROULE. I may have misunderstood the hon. gentleman. But I wish to quote this in connection with what he said as to the intolerance of the article in the Toronto newspaper. There was a criticism made some time ago in the Halifax 'Chronicle,' which I said voiced the sentiments of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding). That hon. gentleman denied it. I said it was a Reform newspaper and that it still supported the hon. gentleman's policy. Let me show what 'Le Canada' said on what was then said. Noting my objection to the Halifax 'Chronicle's' designation of Toronto Centre as a 'yellow dog' constituency. 'Le Canada' seems to think it is all right, but it does not go far enough. 'Yellow dog,' says this organ of the government, 'is a term too polite to designate the people under the command of Dr. Sproule.' That is intended for the Orangemen, several of whom in this House support the government.

Mr. LEMIEUX. Is the hon. gentleman quoting from 'Le Canada,' or is it a translation from another paper?

Mr. SPROULE. I am giving a quotation from 'Le Canada.'

Mr. LEMIEUX. My hon. friend (Mr. Sproule) has not 'Le Canada' under his hand.

Mr. SPROULE. No; this is a translation in another paper of what appeared in 'Le Canada.'

Mr. A. JOHNSTON. By whom?

Mr. BRODEUR. Will the hon. gentleman—

Mr. SPROULE. One at a time, please. Does the hon. gentleman deny that the article appeared in 'Le Canada'?

Mr. BRODEUR. Will the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) please give us the date of the article?