

for East Grey. I think that the Orangemen of this country should resent being termed the persons who are commanded by Dr. Sproule.

Mr. SPROULE. I can only tell the hon. gentleman what perhaps he does not know, that I think I do represent the Orangemen of this country and have their unanimous support.

Mr. D. D. MACKENZIE. Not at all.

Mr. SPROULE. I represent 99 per cent of them notwithstanding what may be said to the contrary by the hon. member for South Grey.

Mr. MILLER. It is one thing to represent the Orangemen and entirely a different thing to command them.

Mr. SPROULE. I am not talking of commanding them.

Mr. LENNOX. I listened to the extract from the Imperial Dictionary read by the hon. member for Montmagny (Mr. A. Lavergne). I will read it again in order that the position taken by some hon. members in this House may be understood. An Orangeman, it is said is :

A member of a secret society instituted in Ireland in 1775 to uphold the Protestant religion and ascendancy, and to oppose the Catholic religion and influence. It has lodges in many parts of the British empire and her colonies, but the membership is now pretty well confined to the lower classes of Protestant Irishmen.

The hon. member (Mr. A. Lavergne) must have some reason for making this quotation—I suppose we are not to presume that he acts without reason. And the only intelligible reason that can be given is that he was prepared to adopt the language of this dictionary—

Mr. A. LAVERGNE. I deny that—my object was to—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Sit down.

Mr. A. LAVERGNE. I will not sit down.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. A. LAVERGNE. I rise to a point of order.

Mr. SPROULE. What is the point of order?

Mr. A. LAVERGNE. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Lennox) is attributing to me words that I never used as my own. Before I read the article I took the precaution to say that it did not represent my sentiments. That is the point of order.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. That is not a point of order.

Mr. LENNOX. I have a right to assume that the hon. gentleman (Mr. A. Lavergne) has the ordinary intelligence of a member

of parliament. He could have no reason for reading that article unless he desired to cast a slur upon Orangemen. And it is not out of line with the past conduct of the hon. gentleman to say that he wished to cast a slur upon Orangemen by suggesting that they are a lot of low-class Irishmen.

Mr. A. LAVERGNE. I did not say that. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Lennox) is misquoting me and is out of order.

Mr. LENNOX. I did not say the hon. gentleman said it. I say that that is the only intelligible reason for his making this quotation. And let me say to the hon. gentleman and to others like him on that side of the House—there are some, though not a great many, who on all occasions interrupt members of this side who are speaking—that it is evident they are not above casting a slur upon the Orangemen of this country. It is evident that in the article read by the hon. member for East Grey (Mr. Sproule) that he is there referred to in his capacity of leader of the Orange body. I am not going to discuss the propriety of a newspaper using such language. But I am prepared to say that the hon. member for South Grey (Mr. Miller), for whom I have great personal respect, does not advance his cause by saying that the hon. member for East Grey (Mr. Sproule) is not representative of the Orangemen of this country. I do not wish to drag Orangeism into this debate, but I do say that Orangemen are not confined to one nationality or one class, nor are they so 'low' but that they are ready to support the institutions of this country, to advance the liberty of the people, to maintain British connection and uphold the British flag wherever it may wave—to uphold the constitution, and, in the case of the Northwest Territories, to uphold that constitution whether it does or does not give separate schools. It does not become any hon. member of this House to cast a slur upon Orangeism. The history of that institution everywhere has been a history of toleration and of the maintenance of equal rights for all. Orangemen desire liberty for themselves, but they desire it equally for all other people. More than any other society in this country, the Orange society has stood for the maintenance of the liberties of all classes. I wish to say of the hon. member for East Grey (Mr. Sproule), who has been persistently interrupted in the House and taunted that he represents only a small body of Orangemen, that he has the confidence of the Orange body of this country and has that confidence to an extent that no other Orangeman in Canada has. It is no credit to any member of this House to try to belittle the hon. member for East Grey in his position as representative of the Orange body.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.