

Mr. ALEX. JOHNSTON. What about the mutiny over yonder?

Mr. LALOR. We will come to that later, my friend.

Mr. ALEX. JOHNSTON. It will be a long time after to-night.

Mr. LALOR. They came back into line and with them they brought the balance of the mutineers, the Northwestern gentlemen. The Nova Scotians were kicking also a little I understand, they would not swallow the pill, and then those gentlemen from the province of Ontario who will swallow almost anything, even if it is not sugar-coated, such as the member for Centre York (Mr. Campbell), came back and they are now happy, but I do not think the people who sent them to this parliament, the constituents whom they represent will ever be happy until those gentlemen go back to them for re-election; then I think the constituents will be happy. I do not suppose they will go back to their constituents like the prodigal son, saying they are sorry for what they have done, that they have repented and ask to be forgiven; I presume they will go back with stiff necks and say: Why we did not give them anything; this half hour of religious teaching is all they get; the Roman Catholic minority have got nothing at all. It will be the same old double game that the right hon. gentleman has been playing all his political life, free trade to free traders and protection to protectionists, one thing in Ontario and another thing in Quebec. In Ontario these gentlemen will say: Why the Roman Catholics got nothing, we did not give them anything except this half hour's religious teaching in the schools.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. What about Mr. Haultain's letter then?

Mr. LALOR. And I suppose that the gentlemen from Quebec will probably tell an entirely different story when they go home. This whole thing looks to me a good deal like the manner in which the right hon. gentleman has conducted the political affairs of this country during his whole political life, like the conduct which brought him into power and is keeping him there. He will tell the province of Quebec that he tried to force through the first Bill which he introduced, the one that the member for Brandon tells us was so strong, that he tried to force that Bill through the House but that he could not force it, and then in the province of Ontario we will be told just the opposite, that he never intended to give anything at all and that in reality the Roman Catholic minority get nothing.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. What of Mr. Haultain's interview which was quoted by my friend a moment ago, that the new Bill is just as bad as the first one.

Mr. LALOR.

Mr. LALOR. I do not know anything about Mr. Haultain's interview, but we were told the other night by the Finance Minister that when the member for Carleton (Mr. R. L. Borden) formed a government it would have to be a Protestant government. He prophesied that probably it would not be long before that would take place. We do not believe on this side that it will be very long, but he said that government must be a Protestant government. I want to say that is not the history of the Conservative party of this country. Sir John Macdonald did not have a Protestant government; he had in his government distinguished French Canadians of whom gentlemen on the opposite side of the House can look back to-day with pride and pleasure. It was not a Protestant government because there were representatives of both Protestants and Catholics in it and, Sir, is it the history of the Conservative party of the past that we always had Protestant Prime Ministers? We had Sir John Thompson as Prime Minister and leader of the Conservative party, and every Conservative in this country, whether he was an Orangeman or not, was a follower of Sir John Thompson's and was proud to follow him. The country was proud of him and his party was proud of him as well. The Conservative party is the party that has always dealt out justice to the minority. I want to say that we on this side of the House are loyal to our leader notwithstanding the fact that the hon. member for Cape Breton (Mr. Alex. Johnson) a few moments ago asked me: What about the mutiny on our side. I want to tell him that there is no mutiny on this side. The leader of the Conservative party told us both in caucus and out to vote as our consciences dictated to us on this Bill and that is the way we are voting on the measure. I want to tell the hon. member for Cape Breton that we are loyal to our leader and while we are loyal to our leader we are just as loyal to the member for Beauharnois (Mr. Bergeron) and the member for Jacques Cartier (Mr. Monk). We recognize them as leaders of the Conservative party as well as from the province of Quebec and we are loyal to them and proud of them as members of the Conservative party sitting on this side of the House.

Mr. ALEX. JOHNSTON. Their consciences will not allow them to follow him. What about the member for St. Antoine Division (Mr. Ames)?

Mr. LALOR. The hon. member says their consciences will not allow them to follow him. I would like to see the consciences of some members on the other side of the House who are compelled to follow the Prime Minister whether they want to or not, the men who are whipped into line, the men who have had the whip lashed