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SUGGESTION TO MR. DILLON.

The example of Mr. John Dillon, Nationalist, M. P., will not likely be followed in either the legislature here or in Parliament at Ottawa. Mr. Dillon may have believed that Mr. Chamberlain was a d—liar, but it was very rude for him to say so. There are a dozen parliamentary ways of expressing the same idea. For instance, Mr. Dillon might have observed that the colonial secretary was using the truth with penurious frugality. The other day in the legislature, when in the debate on the address, Mr. Hazen was berating the government for turning down the St. John civic delegation at the royal reception, Dr. Pugsley interrupted to say that the opposition leader was not correct in his assertions. He did not call Mr. Hazen a d—liar; if he had Mr. Rutter would have drawn his sword and cleared the chamber, and the attorney general might have been suspended, as Mr. Dillon was. Dr. Pugsley, however, intimated with that courtesy and dignity so characteristic of him, that "my honorable friend (Mr. Hazen) had been misinformed in the matter." With equal politeness, the opposition leader, who stuck to his original assertion, observed that "while it was usual to accept the word of honorable gentlemen in this house, he had information which led him to a different conclusion from that reached by the attorney general," or words to that effect. The attorney general did not call Mr. Hazen a d—liar, neither did the opposition leader hurl that distasteful epithet at Dr. Pugsley. They differed squarely on a matter of fact, and told each other so, but it was all done in choice Parliamentary language, so that neither gentlemen was suspended or had to go to jail as a result of the little encounter.

Some years ago when the excitement over the Pacific railway scandal was at its height in the House of Commons at Ottawa, Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Chas. Tupper on the one side and Sir Donald Smith, now Lord Strathcona, had an encounter in which violent language was used, "That fellow Smith, is the biggest liver I ever knew" was the vigorous language used by Sir John, and Sir Chas was equally positive in the assertion. The House was about proroguing however, and no official notice was taken of the parliamentary break.

In our own legislature there were hot times when Mr. Blair was leading the House and Mr. Hannington headed the opposition, and some members closely grazed the fine line of demarcation between fair criticism and unparliamentary language. We recall one occasion when a demand was made that "the words of the hon. member for Kent be taken down" and what might have occurred had the matter been followed up, we have never been able to discover. However, it is quite possible under the rules of the House both here and at Ottawa for members to express themselves pretty freely, even intimating a belief similar to that of Mr. Dillon's regarding the colonial secretary, but everybody would be inexpressibly shocked if one honorable member so far violated parliamentary decorum as to apply Mr. Dillon's observation to another honorable member.

Mr. Dillon should come over to this side of the water and learn to express his feelings in more moderate language, and yet attain the object he seeks.

A JUSTIFIABLE HOPE.

Premier Tweedie closed his exhaustive budget speech with an expression of his firm opinion that the government has nothing to fear from the appeal to the

people which will be made before another session of the legislature, and his belief is more than justified by indications that are unmistakable.

Since the general election in February, 1899, there have been a dozen bye-elections, and in every instance but one the government candidates have been returned, mostly by acclamation. This fact shows that the electors of the province, who narrowly watch the conduct of provincial affairs, are satisfied with the government, its policy and administration.

Mr. Hazen and his friends in the opposition have been active and vigilant in their criticisms of the government, but they have not been able to discover any serious dereliction of duty on the part of the administration; they have been unable to scent a scandal, to find that the interests of the province have in any way been sacrificed.

With the history of the past three years in mind, with the endorsement which the government received in the bye elections which covered more than three fourths of the constituencies in the province, and with the full knowledge that the administration is doing its best honestly, economically and fairly to conduct the business committed to its care, the Premier was more than justified in predicting a renewal of public confidence in the government when the next general election is held.

The opposition is no stronger in the country than it is in the House; in the country it is disorganized and hopeless. A show of fight no doubt will be made, but the result, even at this distance, is not difficult to predict, and it will be the return of the government to power by a majority that will be an emphatic endorsement of its acts.

SERVED HIM RIGHT.

Radcliffe the hangman, probably deserved more than he got when at Hall, Quebec, Thursday, he was mobbed by a crowd of people who took offence at his drunken swaggering and boasting of how he would send a poor soul—that of a murderer into eternity on the morrow. This is not the first occasion that the official hangman has made himself offensive to the people in localities where unhappily his official assistance was necessary in vindication of the law. It is bad enough for him to follow his nefarious business, but it is worse for him to boast of his powers in despatching criminals by means of the death penalty. When he has a job like that to perform, he should proceed to it with as much secrecy as possible. Hangmen should be neither seen nor heard, and especially the kind of a hangman as Radcliffe appears to be.

Mr. Fleming is replying to the Premier's budget speech. His opening remarks yesterday were conceived in a fair spirit, and expressed in the same manner. The acrimony of old times in the legislature seems to have passed away, and a better feeling between the parties prevail.

The Liberals in the Senate, although in a majority, have acted generously towards their opponents, giving them the chairmanship of three of the eight standing committees. The Conservatives hitherto have taken all.

The war office is calling on Australia to send 2,000 more soldiers to South Africa.

A Scotch Cynic.

A young Scotchman was once halting between two loves, one possessed of beauty and the other of a cow. In despair of arriving at a decision he applied for advice to a canny compatriot, who delivered himself thus:

"Marry the lass that has the coo, for there's no the deference o' a coo's value in any twa weemen in Christendom."

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