

amply justified, and must in the sight of all honest men be held to have been justified for their vote on that occasion. (Cheers.) But after all, as I say, it was but a small matter. We have a record for eight months, Mr. Chairman—I mean the Equal Rights Association—which no political party could boast of in a decade of years, and if there are men among us now who want to go back to their old political alliance, I say, shame on them! They ought to be satisfied with what we have accomplished in so short a time. (Loud cheers.) What have we accomplished? Go to the Province of Manitoba and what do we see there? Why, that the Government is going to deal, not only with the dual language question and the iniquitous Act which would fasten it upon them, but with Separate Schools. I had the honor to stand upon the same platform at Portage la Prairie with the Attorney-General of the Province, when he announced his intention, in anticipation of the action of his Government, that he would cease to sign the official cheque for the publication of the statutes in the dual language or cease to be the Attorney-General. (Cheers.) Do you tell me that the Equal Rights Association had nothing to do with that? Of course, the feeling was there; the grievance existed. People's minds had only to be directed to it, and the moment attention was drawn to it the Province of Manitoba rose to a man and said, "We want no dual language, and away with Separate Schools as well." (Applause.) Let me prove what I say is correct. There ought to be no sympathy between Attorney-General Martin and myself according to old political doctrines. He is a Reformer and I a Conservative; therefore we should be sworn foes. But the people of Manitoba do not view the matter so. When Mr. Pendergast, the French representative in the Cabinet, resigned on account of the announced policy of the Manitoba Government, and Mr. McLean was appointed Provincial Secretary in his place, the Conservative party called a convention, nominated a candidate to oppose the new Provincial Secretary in Mr. Greenway's Government. The gentleman who received the nomination—I forget his name for the moment—went among his would-be constituents, saw them and finding that the feeling was strong in favor of the policy of the Government in reference to the dual language system and Separate Schools, that it was useless for him to oppose any man in favor of it and therefore he withdrew from the contest (hear). Is not that a proof of what is going on in Manitoba. And in the North-west—our Great North-west—what of it? Why at the last meeting of their Legislative As-