

AUTONOMY, PROVINCIAL, IN THE NORTH-WEST—*Con.*

*Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—Con.*

Canada on this question—5831. A dozen of the flower of the Conservative party have declared their faith in this government—5832. In that respect I differed from a large number of gentlemen on the other side of the House—5836. The opposition have a number of supporters from that province on other questions and on this—5877. I have had nothing to do with that paper for twenty years—5878. Sproule must not quote anything from any paper and assume that it is authorized to speak for me—5879. It may have; I cannot deny it—5880. I think Ingram's statement must be erroneous—5892. Let the matter drop now and proceed with the Bill—5893. Not a word has been quoted from the newspaper referring to the Orangemen—5901. They will go on asserting that as they have for a month past—5905. I do not think we should say of any constituency in Canada, as goes that constituency so goes the Dominion—5911. Borden confirmed that agreement this evening—5913. Is it claimed that we have no power to do it in the way now proposed?—5950.

Why stop your land value at ten years, why not carry it on to one hundred years?—6022. I propose that we proceed to consider the clause respecting the Hudson Bay Company—6045. If there is any further information desired, we will have to postpone this discussion—6046. We changed that so that we pay an annual sum, being the equivalent of the interest—6091. Yes—6092. The words used are ample to carry out the intention in the mind of Henderson—6095. I think we have really benefited by Henderson's earlier suggestion—6096. This language fails to express the intention of the committee; I have no desire to adhere to the words used—6098. It is a sum equivalent to the interest—6099.

*Finlay, J. (East Peterborough)—7895.*

Understood Lake to say he had a letter from Haultain, which he now denies—7895.

*Finlayson, D. (Richmond, N.S.)—5879.*

I, as a Protestant, deny Sproule's right to speak for me—5879.

*Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—5755.*

Of course, that will be changed when the Territories become provinces—5755. The arrangement, as far as Manitoba is concerned, is just the same—5756.

Because the tables are divided according to the origin, and not according to the place of birth—8563. One table gives the race origin and the other gives the place of birth—8564.

*Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—5601.*

Gives the area of each province separately and estimated population—5601. Statistics as to population—5602. Haultain favoured

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division of ranching and wheat-growing lands—5603. All the territories are provided for—5607. Northwest Territories Act now provides for Mackenzie and Athabaska—5608. The Act makes ample provision for the government of these territories—5611-12. Representation of James' Bay—5616. What proportion of those brands is registered in each province?—5620. I would ask whether the movement of agricultural settlers is not westward?—5621. Thinks immigration has been directed chiefly towards North Saskatchewan—5623. The relative population of the two provinces—5624. Will endeavour to get figures asked—5625. It would make it one degree west of the line we have now—5634. It divides the area into two equal parts—5635. Territorial government extends to Athabaska—5663-4. Northwest Territories Act will be introduced providing for these districts—5666. Adopting the same provisions as in the Northwest Territories Act—5667. Clause 3 is presented by those representing Northwest Territories—5672. I do not concur in the opinion of Mr. Clements—5674. Each province to have four members, with a possible increase to six—5675. Under B. N. A. Act of 1886 we have power to do almost anything—5676. Bergeron will have to ask the men who drew the Confederation Act—5677. Group of new provinces under the B. N. A. Act—5678. When it is so entitled we will deal with it—5679. Under the authority of the B. N. A. Act of 1871—5681. The question of population is not taken into account—5682. Can increase to six after the next decennial census—5683. Population in 1861—5684. Intention of Fathers of Confederation was to keep the Senate from becoming unwieldy—5685. Gives notice of wording for clauses 4 and 5—5686.

I do not mean to discuss section 16 until we reach it—5719. Might be—5723. I did not concur in the opinion of Mr. Clements—5725. The date of the union is the date when the Territories came into the Dominion—5726. It would bring into effect section 93 of the B. N. A. Act—5727. Representation affected by Doubt Removing Act—5728. A province should be in possession of the rights conferred by section 93—5729. I am embarrassed somewhat by the wealth of vocabulary of the opposition—5734. Foster's remarks will not have the effect they appear to have at present—5735. Moves amendment—5750. So far as any existing seat is concerned, that is not at all affected by this legislation—5751. I can see no way of providing for the existing state of affairs other than the way I have provided—5752. Moves amendment to section 5—5753. The unit of representation will remain the same—23,000—5754. The taking of the quinquennial census is provided for—5755. Section 52 will sever it after the next quinquennial census—5756. The conditions now are quite exceptional—5757. We are doing what Borden suggests, and we are