

the lands of the West as a source of provincial revenue would be a very great detriment to these new provinces and to the country at large. . . . But as long as we have a land policy the basic idea of which is the land for the settler, it is certainly better for us and for the Dominion that the lands should be administered by the federal authorities."

The next is an extract from a speech by Hon. Mr. Lemieux, then Solicitor General, now Speaker of the House of Commons:

"March 28, 1905, Hansard, page 3313:

"Let us suppose, Mr. Speaker, that the lands would be vested in the new provinces. What would happen? One of two things would have to be done-- either issue free grants to the settlers or sell the lands. In the first instance, i.e., issuing free grants, the provinces would get no revenue. In the second instance, i.e., selling the lands, true, they would derive a revenue from the sales, but at the same time they would fatally restrain and check the growth of population. On the contrary the continuation of the free grants system will, by increasing the population, increase also the annual payments made by the Dominion Government."

Then Mr. Turriff, of East Assiniboia, in a speech delivered on the 4th of April, 1905, just twenty-four years ago, almost to a day, said:

"Now as to what we get in lieu of our lands--

I, for one, am perfectly satisfied with the arrangement made."

Of course this was not an arrangement made with Manitoba, but it was an arrangement which was subsequently adopted for Manitoba; therefore I think that, as these provinces were under more or less similar conditions, these expressions of opinion are in order.

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