

loom up again. Like Banquo's ghost, it will not down; it will come to the front, and the fight will continue. Therefore, in the interest of humanity, in the interest of the people of Manitoba, who think they ought to enjoy freedom, as every westerner thinks they ought, I ask you, not to exasperate them too far. If you do, the consequences may be something that we do not wish to contemplate to-day. We all hope that the consequences may not be serious; but we all know what the feeling of the people of Manitoba was when we were obliged to hark back and repeal the monopoly clause in the Canadian Pacific Railway Act; and if we force this measure upon them, the results may be serious, not only to that country, but to confederation, because it tends to destroy provincial autonomy. Then I say, in the interests of all the provinces of this great Dominion, in the interests of the people of that country, who live under a condition of things entirely different from the condition of things here or in the province of Quebec, let them enjoy the rights they are entitled to; let them adopt laws suited to their conditions an environment, and carry out those laws according to their will, so long as they are doing no substantial injustice to any portion of the people. For these reasons I am about to vote against this Bill. I am sometimes told, that, in voting against the Government on this Bill, I am voting for the Opposition. Well, it is fortunate that we can sometimes meet, even if we do not always meet. If I think the Opposition are right, I am generous enough

and glad enough to record my vote with theirs. I want to see the Bill killed; the Opposition are moving with the same end in view, therefore, we vote together. I do not regard it as an unmixed evil that I am voting with them. I do not regard it as an unmixed evil that I am voting against the Government, which I have loyally supported these seventeen years, because I think they are wrong on this question, and it is my duty to vote as I think right. Feeling, as I do, that the best thing we can do in the interest of the country is to kill this Bill, I intend to vote for the motion made by the leader of the Opposition; and I was glad that he made that motion, because it gives us an opportunity to vote straight against this Bill, and to kill it, if possible. On other lines I am with the Government. They may see fit to read me out of the party for taking the independent stand I do. If they do so, that is their right, and they can act according to their own sweet will. But, so long as I occupy a seat in this House, I shall regard it as my right to vote according to the dictates of my conscience, and with such understanding as I have, on every measure that comes before this House. Therefore, regarding this Bill as a most obnoxious one, not only as doing away with a system of education that is the very best for the rising generation, but as taking away from the province of Manitoba the right of control in educational matters, which it ought to enjoy, I shall have much pleasure in voting for the six months' hoist.