

ters, and in public morality in high places? There is no use in shutting our eyes to the fact that direct taxation in the Dominion sphere of government is the only remedy, humanly speaking, the one thing needful to redress our greatest wrongs, not only in Manitoba but throughout the Dominion. We want and must have a remedial bill of the right sort. It is ten thousand times more needful than the much-talked-about School Remedial Bill.

Our rulers, past and present, have a general but very inadequate impression of the real state of matters in the country parts. They lack the minute knowledge of the individual difficulties which have caused the general impression. Doubtless many of them have their own money difficulties to contend with; but theirs do not prevent them getting a new suit of clothes and paying for them when they need them. Not so with many farmers and those dependent upon their success. Hundreds of thousands of them have much difficulty to pay for a new suit when they need it, and also for food they require to buy after paying all unavoidable expenses in conducting their various occupations, their debts crushing them all the time, many of them ashamed to tell their debts, and who would have none but for our public violation of God's moral laws, to wit, protection, as it is called, and too high interest on money employed in agriculture, the mainstay of the country.

If at their earliest convenience the members of the new government, personally or by commission, would take a little time down amongst us farmers and villagers, and enquire into our circumstances with the view of