

SUPPLY—PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN THE NORTHWEST—*Con.*

*Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—Con.*

matter of this legislation—2587. They even remained for one hundred and twenty-nine hours without rest, keeping this House in session—2588. The government could not have consulted Sifton with respect to these educational clauses—2589. We have here a good country, a great country and our aim instead of stirring contention should be to unite our people—2590.

*Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—2521.*

I feel that we are entitled to ask from Laurier an absolute and positive statement on this question—2521. I sometimes wonder whether it could be possible that Laurier really meant that when he said it—2522. Haultain at any rate has put himself definitely on record as objecting to the terms of the draft Bill—2523. This House should have the fullest information on these points—2524.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—2268.*

Strictly speaking Borden is not intitled to any information at all—2268. There is a difference in the position that was in Manitoba and the position confronting us now—2269. Will discuss the question at the proper time—2270. Borden has come to the conclusion that this Bill has been to of hastily prepared—2502. I thought that by giving him an opportunity of having this Bill read and digested, I was conferring upon him a favour—2503. It is only on the education clause of the Bill as to which we have received any petitions so far—2504. I could not conceive it possible for Mr. Haultain to complain that the questions before us had not been properly treated—2505. I ask him if he is prepared to say there shall be one province in that immense territory instead of two—2506. I do not know, sir, that any wrong will be done to anybody if we are contemplating amendments—2507. The result of our deliberations shall be given in due time to the House—2508.

*McCarthy, M. S. (Calgary)—2515.*

I rise to protest against the conduct of the administration in having framed this measure—2515. I find that Mr. Haultain was communicating with Sifton over an appointment to discuss affairs—2516. They would not even take the risk of framing a bald telegram to the legislative assembly at Regina—2517. I say that there are complaints coming in and that they are coming in from all parts of the country—2518. Let me however point out the objections raised against this Bill—2519. Let me remind Laurier that there is no minister of the Crown representing the Northwest—2520. I trust, Sir, that we shall soon have a minister of the Interior with whom the people of the Northwest can transact public business—2521.

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*Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—2508.*

To-day Laurier has accepted the statement of Mr. Haultain as to the facts had down in his letter—2508. In as much as the people of the west opposed it the request of Manitoba was promptly denied—2509. Sproule was right in asking that ample time should be given to the country to consider and digest the provisions of the Bill—2510. I do not know what the policy of the Conservative party or any other member of the Conservative party may be on this subject—2511. There is a clear cut line between Laurier and Haultain—2512. Laurier may find a very well founded objection to many of the clauses outside of the educational clauses to which he has referred—2513.

*Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—2513.*

Laurier charged the order with treating this matter with levity—2513. Laurier has sought lightly to brush them aside as if the question were not to be considered—2514. Laurier does not realize the intense feeling which is being created by this Bill—2515.

*Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—2524.*

I refer to the vacancy which exists in the portfolio of the Minister of the Interior 2524. The granting of autonomy to the people of the Northwest Territories is a most important question—2525. Laurier knew quite well the very strong views held by Sifton on that separate school question—2526. At the same time, the country, and especially the west is left without a voice in the council—2527. We have had many requests made by the people of Manitoba for the extension of the boundaries of the provinces—2528. The representations of Manitoba, turned down as they have been, and her request refused—2529. Laurier has never yet given this House any reason why the request of Manitoba for an extension of its boundaries should not be granted—2530. He has not yet explained why he did not consult his own colleagues and responsible ministers—2531. Let the people of that country be given an opportunity of expressing their opinion—2532.

*Schaffner, F. L. (Souris)—2548.*

There are one or two reasons why I wish to trespass on the time of the House—2548. We have the information that Sifton, Fielding and Mr. Haultain were not consulted as to the educational clauses—2549. I really do feel chagrined that Sifton should have been so slighted—2550. He will find that the very core of his arguments, the silver thread that ran through it from beginning to end—2551. Was the argument of investigation—2551-2. Quotes Mr. Kenny as to how the school laws were being administered in New Brunswick—2553. I believe in treating these questions fairly, that I believed in treating them so on high national principles—2554. This House must remember that the people who are most interested in that clause