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them. The Hon. Mr. Robertson, Provincial Treasurer of Quebec, in his Budget Speech of 1885, announced publicly that Sir John had promised that all the costs in connection with the appeal of the license question to the Privy Council would be paid by the Dominion, and Mr. Robertson repeated that statement in his Budget Speech of 1887, and I having seen the statement in his speech wrote him on the 15th January, 1887, asking whether the promise made by Sir John referred to in his Budget Speech had been carried out.

In a letter dated 19th January, 1887, he replied as follows :

"At an interview with Sir John A. Macdonald and some of his colleagues in Ottawa, after the decision of the Supreme Court respecting license matters had been rendered, Sir John expressed himself as not satisfied with the decision of the Supreme Court, that it would not carry equal weight with a decision of the Privy Council in England: he said that he thought of an appeal to England, as it would be more satisfactory to all parties. I replied, 'Sir John, you formerly stated that you would abide by the decision of the Supreme Court, and now, if you drag the Provinces to England, it's no more than right that the Dominion should pay the expenses of the appeal to England, as we are forced there by you.' He replied, 'Mr. Robertson, I think you are right: the Dominion should pay all costs in appeal to England, and it will be done.'"

I hope, Mr. Speaker, that the same measure of justice will be meted out to Ontario, and that we will be reimbursed the large cost we have been put to in resisting those unjust attacks upon our legislative and territorial rights.

Then we have another admission of the Dominion Government which I think should fortify us. In the Dominion Statutes of 1885, Manitoba was granted a large sum in addition to her subsidy, as stated distinctly in the preamble to the Act, "as a full settlement of all claims made by the Province for reimbursement of costs incurred in the government of the disputed territory or a reference of the boundary question to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council," so that Manitoba was given a large sum to reimburse her actually for the costs she was put to in the unlawful occupation of our territory. I think therefore that our claim is good