

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

*Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—Con.*

the House not a word of explanation—2498. One would suppose that under these conditions, at least the representatives of the Northwest Territories would have been consulted—2499. He did not consult in so far as this fact of the measure is concerned, the Prime Minister of the N. W.T.—2500. We have nothing official before the House in so far as I am aware with regard to it—2501. I do respectfully ask Laurier to give the House some information with regard to all these matters—2502. So far as I am concerned and so far as I know—2570 the statement of Fitzpatrick's is without one particle of foundation—2571. Fitzpatrick said he was able to prove those petitions emanated from this side of the House—2572. I ask him to name to this House and this country the hon. gentleman on this side from whom these petitions emanated—2573. He says the intention was to give the precise weights which are enjoyed at present—2575.

*Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—2581.*

Fitzpatrick flew to his feet and indulged in the most extreme degree of heat and passion—2581. When we talk of inflammatory addresses, let us see the extraordinary position in which this cabinet finds itself to-day—2582. But that is indicative only of the tempest that is raging or the fire that is burning within those doors—2583. Laurier proceeding to argue the case, set forth reasons why this clause which he read should be introduced—2584. Sifton resigned and then came one of these eloquent silences which have prevailed latterly—2585. The position of the government upon this question is simply incomprehensible—2586. We have Laurier laying down a policy which is the absolute negative of that which he contended for in 1896—2587.

*Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—2568.*

I have no desire to follow Foster on the path he has entered—2568. Our answer is to appeal to the verdict which the people of this country have given in 1896, have given again in 1900 and renewed in 1904—2569. Petitions are being circulated emanating from the other side, addressed on the one hand to the people of Ontario—2570. The statement I made was that these petitions were being deliberately circulated in the province of Quebec—2571. I am now informed that in the last statement I was incorrect, and I now take it back—2572. I did not make the statement that the petitions emanated from any hon. gentleman on the other side of the House—2573. I hold the Conservative party responsible for the fact that two sets of petitions are being circulated in this country—2574. It was in the possession of Sifton and we had the advantage of his notes on that Bill—2575. This Bill is intended for no other purpose in so far

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as I am concerned, than to give effect to that provision of the Act of 1875—2576. Foster used that quotation with very much force before—2577. It does not make any difference—2578. I can refer Bennett to the four elections I have since had in my county—2580. But I must say that I do not think he did—2590.

*Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—2270.*

Wants to reiterate the position taken by Borden, the quotations he made drove the fact home—2270. Come to the case of the Manitoba Act. Some reason why autonomy was not granted two years ago—2271. Laurier cared nothing for Fielding or Sifton, the representatives or the people of the west—2272. He advocated the Bill on the ground that Separate Schools were superior to free schools—2273. He tried to rule the country as will as his colleagues—2274. No desire to dictate but wants to give the government food for reflection—2275. We are not afforded even the courtesy of having responsible ministers in their seats—2557. I think they owe it to themselves, to those they represent and to the country at large to be present in their seats—2558. It is an attempt not to give the information put to evade the questions put to him—2559. Let him get up and answer now whether the educational clause embodied the advice—2560. The pretence of absolute and complete autonomy has been completely stripped off from Laurier—2561. How nice it is to see Laurier now holding this ministership of the Interior up before the gaze of all the members from the Northwest—2562. Now there is the government for you, with all its pretences stripped, with its professions of 1896 absolutely reversed—2563. That is all the worse because there are now two departments of government which are in hypotheec so to speak—2564. What was the tone adopted and the arguments used by Laurier?—2565. The merits of separate schools are not involved in this Bill. It is a constitutional question—2566. I am going to reiterate what I think Laurier ought to take into consideration—2567. Burned all his bridges behind him and made an impassioned argument for the four chief points of his Bill—2568. Fitzpatrick said he was going to prove it. Does he acknowledge the gravity of the charge?—2570. The statement made by Fitzpatrick that these petitions emanated from some gentlemen on this side of the House—2578. Fitzpatrick is badly in—2574.

*Herron, J. (Alberta)—2557.*

We in the Northwest will not be satisfied unless we get the handling of our own lands and our own minerals—2557.

*Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—2587.*

I am in a position to state exactly what the government propose to do in the