

to the Hudson Bay Company, but it was subject to the Indian title. The Indians were the original owners of the land. They and their ancestors for centuries had owned the lands, and it has been the pride of England and of Canada to stand by the rights of the Indians, for barbarous and wild though they be, they are fellow-beings, made by the same God and subjects of the same Sovereign. (Loud cheers.) Well, those lands all belonged to the Indians until the Dominion Government purchased them. Those lands were purchased, not by the Province of Ontario—it did not pay a farthing, and refused to pay a farthing—but by the Dominion, and you are paying taxes on account of that purchase. The people of Vancouver Island on the Pacific are taxed to pay the Indians for the deed of surrender they gave. To whom did they surrender the lands? They did not give any deed to Ontario. By seven treaties the Indians of the North-West conveyed the lands to Canada, and every acre belongs now to the people of Canada, and not to you as the people of Ontario. So much is that the case that the Government of Manitoba says, "We do not want that country, because the only consequence of taking it will be that we will have the expense and trouble of governing it while the whole lands belong to the Dominion." (Cheers.) If you will take the trouble to look at the speech which Mr. Mackenzie, who was then head of the Government, placed in the mouth of the Earl of Dufferin when he was Governor-General, at the prorogation of Parliament in 1877, you will find that Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. Blake and that Government made the Earl of Dufferin, as the representative of the Sovereign, say that we congratulate you on having purchased all that land from the Indians, and on the fact that the whole of that magnificent country, from Lake Superior to the Rocky Mountains, belongs to the Dominion of Canada. (Loud cheers.) That was the language placed by Mr. Mackenzie in the mouth of the Earl of Dufferin, and that land now belongs to the Dominion of Canada. Mr. Mowat does not say that. He says we have lost all that timber and land. Even if all the territory he asks for were awarded, there is not one stick of timber, one acre of land, or one lump of lead, iron or gold that does not belong to the Dominion, or to people who purchased from the Dominion Government. So it is absurd to say that Ontario has been robbed; she has not been robbed of a farthing. (Cheers.) You know there is Brantford in Ontario, and that there is the township of Onondaga. Mr. Mowat is the head of the Provincial Government, but that township belongs to the Indians; it does not belong either to the Ontario Government or the