

possible, you are reasonable men and you know that the plans that I propose are of an immense interest and if it is not if that peaceful channel of emigration is not open to those races into the North-West, they are in such number in the States that when you expect it least they will perhaps try to come on your borders and to look at the land whether it is worth paying a visit or not, that is the one-seventh of the lands, that is about the one-seventh of the lands. So you see that by the very nature of the evidence which has been given here when the witnesses speak of the one-seventh of the lands, that very same question originates from 1870, from the troubles of Red River, which brought a treaty where the one-seventh of the lands took its existence, and I say that if this court tries me for what has taken place into the North-West, they are trying me for something which was in existence before them. This Court was not in existence when the difficulties of which we speak now in the Saskatchewan began, it is the difficulties of '69 and what I say is I wish that I have a trial. My wish is this, Your Honors, that a commission be appointed by the proper authorities,—but amongst the proper authorities of course I count the English authorities, that is the first proper authorities,—that a commission be appointed, that that commission examines into this question or if they are appointed to try me, if a special tribunal is appointed to try me, that I am tried first on this question: Has Riel rebelled in '69? 2nd. question: Was Riel a murderer of Thomas Scott, when Thomas Scott was executed? 3rd. question: When Riel received the money from Archbishop Taché reported to be the money of Sir John, was it corruption money? 4th When Riel seized with the Council of Red River on the property of the Hudson Bay, Coy, if he did a common pillage? When Riel was expelled from the House as a fugitive of justice in 1874, was he a fugitive of justice, as at that time he had through the member for Hochelaga now in Canada, and through Dr. Fiset had communication with the Government, but another time through the member for Hochelaga, Mr. Alphonse Desjardins

I have asked from the Minister of Justice an interview on the fourth of March, and that interview was refused to me. In the month of April, I was expelled from the House. Lepine was arrested in 1873, and I was not, not because they did not want to take me. And while I was in the woods waiting for my election, Sir John sent parties to me offering me \$35,000 if I would leave the country for three years, and if that was not enough to say what I wanted, and that I might take a trip over the water besides and over the world. At the time I refused it. This is not the first time that the \$35,000 comes up, and if at that time I refused it, was it not reasonable for me that I should think it a sound souvenir to Sir John? Am I insulting? No, I do not insult. You don't mean to insult me when you declare me guilty, you act according to your convictions. I also act according to mine. I speak true. I say they should try me on this question: Whether I rebelled in the Saskatchewan in 1885. There is another question I want to have on trial. I wish to have a trial that would cover the space of fifteen years on which public opinion is not satisfied. I have, without meaning any offence, I have heard without meaning any offence, when I spoke of one of the articles I mentioned, some gentlemen behind me saying. Yes he was a murderer. "You see what remarks! It shows there is something not told. If told by law it would not be said. I wish to have my trial, as I am tried for both, and as I am tried for my career I wish my career should be tried, not the last part of it. On the other side I am declared to be guilty of high treason and I give myself as a prophet of the new world. If I am guilty of high treason I say I am the prophet of the new world. I wish that while a commission sits on one side, a commission of doctors should also sit and examine fully whether I am sane, whether I am a prophet or not. Not insanity, because it is disposed of, but whether I am a deceiver or an impostor. I have said to my lawyers: "I have written things which were said to me last night, and which have taken place to-day." I said that before the Court opened last night the spirit that guides and assists me told me: "The Court will make an effort." Your Honor, allow me to speak of your charge, which appeared to me to go on one side. The Court, made an effort, and I think that word was justified. At the same time there was another thing said to me: "A commission will sit; there will be a commission." I did not hear yet that a commission is to take place. I asked for it. You will see if I am an impostor thereby. The doctors will say, when I speak of these