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permit me, none more in accordance with the ideas of one who has never failed to advocate the advantage, the justice, nay the necessity, if the country is to progress, of having in the Government young and vigorous blood. (Cheers.) For what are we assisting at? What do we see? A young Canadian statesman who eleven years ago came to this country, a pioneer—like you, like myself a year later—just as the first breath of the civilized world broke on the untamed wilderness, banqueted in this fine Opera House, in this rising young city, wherein wherever you turn you hear the hum of advancing life and see evidence of improvements going forward, and on what occasion? On the occasion of His Excellency entrusting him with the most important department in the Government of Canada, and thus we are celebrating an incident peculiar to the most advanced civic life, where a few years ago the buffalo was grazing, (cheers) and this in a hall sacred to those arts which mark the march of culture, arts which refine, elevate and stamp the civilized man. (cheers.) No scene could be more congenial to me as a Conservative politician who had taken the shilling under Sir John Macdonald, that great man who believed in the North-West and recognized it as the hope of Canada; who fought by his side and under his banner and never sheathed sword until the great victory of 1878; for if that Government which we pulled down had continued in power instead of having on this spot as you sometimes have operatic music, the only music that would have been possible would be the weary canticle of the bull-frog or the idyllic lowings of the buffalo for his mate, (laughter and cheers.) Nor would there be a great agricultural community to give my honorable friend the right to sit in an assembly already second only to that august maternal Parliament, which rises over the muddy Thames in venerable but untarnished splendour and progressive historic renown, (cheers.) I am not therefore surprised to see at this vast dinner men from every part of Manitoba and the centre of the North-West. Brandon may well rejoice, the first city in Manitoba to give the country a Cabinet

Minister, and indeed at this moment she may be imagined as a kind of festive capital, at her board the various western points and centres and interests, glad to see a genuine settler who had fairly and bravely thrown in his lot with the country made Minister. They come as it were to rejoice with you from many a haunt of enterprise, small in some cases, but big with hope, scattered between the Saskatchewan and the Souris; between the Red River and the Bow; from the low lying flats of that rubric stream to those rocky hills which spurning the plain hide their sublime heads in the clouds. (Cheers.)

Sir, as a member of Parliament, who has sat in Parliament with him since 1887. I hail my friend 'Tom Daly' as Minister of the Interior, (cheers.) As a North-West member I hail him in that position, believing that henceforth no strengthless hand will be laid to the administration of the affairs of this great western land and that fruitful methods will tear away whatever lets and hinders western progress; that especially we shall see an immigration policy which will solve the problem of bringing the millions from far congested lands—from Iceland to the Danube; from the Scotch Isles, from Scotland, from Ireland, from England, from Germany, from Scandinavia, in fine from wherever suitable immigrants are to be had, to where above all other countries they have the best chance of making for themselves happy and prosperous homes, (cheers.) We will look to him for a large expansive policy. We shall not expect great results in a year or two years, but in due time we will hold him to his bond and expect the success which is certain to follow wise schemes vigorously carried out. (Hear, hear.)

As citizens of Regina, my friends who are here with me—Mr. D. L. Scott, one of the leading lawyers of the Territories; Mr. J. A. MacCair, the President of our Conservative Association; Mr. Dixie Watson, the embodiment of all that is most charming in social manhood—we come from the Capital of the North-West Territories to honor our new minister; to express our confidence in him; and, if the conceit may be pardoned, you can fancy

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