

country, and to establish to them that they are making no mistake when they continue their confidence in the present government. (Applause).

Born Too Late

And this, too, notwithstanding that we are handicapped as no other province has ever been before. We are handicapped in the first place by being shorn of our lands, timber, minerals, and fisheries, items which in other provinces largely contribute to the revenue. However, we are not fortunate enough to have them. In my opinion as a province we were unfortunately in this regard born too late. We were born at a time when many of the public men of our country had no confidence in our resources, and no hope for our future, and in view of this we were not given that full measure of self-government that it would appear we are entitled to today.

A Desirable Settlement

If there is one feature of our condition that must be more gratifying than another to the citizens of the country it is the fact that from the day of our creation to the present moment every government that has held office has at all events, no matter what their shortcomings have been, been loyal to the best interests of the province, and loyal in their desire to promote everything that can contribute to the advancement and development of the province which, in turn, they had the honor to represent. Not only have the government been loyal, but the good citizens up and down the country have been loyal, too, and as a result of their loyalty and their pioneer effort they have established the confidence in our country which exists today. Therefore, it has been demonstrated not only to eastern Canada but to our neighbors to the south that there is no country under the sun more desirable for the incoming settler than Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. (Applause.)

Extension of Boundary

As a result of this advancement two new provinces have been formed. Let me say that with the formation of these two new provinces we naturally felt that our ambition would be gratified at all events to the extending of our boundaries, and given that additional territory for which we have been claiming and for which we have been so unanimous in our demands during past years. It would be idle for me to undertake to recount to the house the number of resolutions which were passed year after year asking the Dominion government to consider our demands in this regard. Last year we felt that the time had arrived when not only should we

pass resolutions, but that they should be followed up by definite action on our part. I am pleased to say that a resolution was not only unanimously passed by this house, but we had the honor of being entrusted by hon. gentlemen opposite as an executive to take the matter before the powers that be at Ottawa, in order that we might hope to secure the extension to which we are entitled.

The Famous Visit

When this resolution was passed by the house it was at once followed by a definite action on the part of the executive. The first action taken was the following letter written by the provincial secretary,

Department of the Provincial Secretary, Winnipeg, Man.

January 20th, 1905.

Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, G.C.M.G., President of the King's Privy Council for Canada, Ottawa, Ont.

Sir.—The government of Manitoba, on a motion of the legislative assembly, has today forwarded to his excellency the governor-general, a memorial relating to the extension of the boundaries of the province, and I am directed to write you and request that you will be pleased to appoint an early date for receiving a deputation from the government of Manitoba in relation to the matter. It would be appreciated if such a date could be named for the first or second week in February.

I have the honor to be sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. H. McFADDEN,
Provincial Secretary.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied, date Jan. 24, 1905:

Dear Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 20th inst. Informing me that the legislative assembly has forwarded to his excellency the governor-general-in-council, a memorial relating to the extension of the boundaries of the province of Manitoba, and asking to have a date fixed for receiving a deputation from the government of Manitoba in connection with this matter.

The memorial has not yet been received at the office of the privy council. I shall bring your request to the attention of the government as soon as possible after its receipt, and will communicate with you again later on.

Yours very sincerely,

WILFRID LAURIER.

Hon. D. H. McFadden,
Manitoba.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier sent the following telegram on Feb. 13: "With reference to your last memorial re extension of limits, will be glad to receive your delegation at any time." Hon D. H. McFadden replied on the same date:

"Referring to your telegram of even