

servants' claim being included, and then sent me the following letter:

Winipeg, 15th Nov., 1886.

My dear Mr. Taylor,—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 30th October. I notice you have been interesting yourself in the claims of old settlers. I have just written to the Minister of Interior practically the substance of what I see was adopted by you and several others in the shape of a memorial. You can reckon on my doing everything in my power to assist in bringing this vexed question to a satisfactory conclusion.

Yours Sincerely,

JOHN NORQUAY.

4. At the impending election in 1887 for the House of Commons, Professor G. Smith, A. W. Ross, Esq., and A. A. Macarthur, Esq., were mentioned as candidates for the county of Lisgar. The writer was very strongly urged to become a candidate for the same county. After two interviews with Mr. Ross at which several claims with the claim of the retired servants of the Hudson's Bay Company were fully discussed, the writer agreed to give his influence and support to Mr. Ross, provided Mr. Ross would undertake to champion these claims in the House of Commons. Whereupon Mr. Ross sent the following letter to our committee.

Winipeg, Jan. 24th, 1887.

To Mr. J. R. Bunn, Secretary Old Settlers Central Committee.

Sir:—As a result of an interview between Mr. J. Taylor, Chairman of the above mentioned committee and myself, I beg to make the following promise and request that you will at the earliest moment advise your committee of this action. In the matter of the petition now being circulated and signed by the people having un-

settled claims and grievances requiring attention to be submitted to the Governor General in Council, praying for some settlement of the same. In the event of the petition not receiving the prompt attention it is obvious it requires, I hereby pledge myself, if elected to represent the county of Lisgar in the House of Commons, that I will introduce this petition for discussion on the floor of the House of Commons, and further that I will not abstain from bringing this matter up in such a way as will eventually cause some definite action to be taken, and that I will persistently represent the necessity of the same, feeling, as I do, the equity and justice that is really denied these people by keeping these questions so long unsettled. And further, that I will not conclude any arrangements with the Government in connection with the petition without first consulting the chairman and secretary of the said committee.

I am, yours truly,

A. W. ROSS.

5. On the 11th Feb., 1887, the petition referred to in Mr. Ross' letter, and measuring forty-nine feet in length, was forwarded to the Hon. the Secretary of State.

6. In 1887, the Legislature of Manitoba drafted an address to the Governor General in Council, asking for a Royal Commission to settle all claims, the retired servants' claim being included.

7. On the 15th May, 1888, a committee appointed by the Manitoba Legislature received a delegation of 30 persons from different parts of the old colony at which the claim of the retired servants of the Hudson's Bay Company was discussed along with other claims.

8. In September, 1888, the Hon. J. Norquay in Parliament, reminded the