

THE JENNIE ROBERTSON SCHOLARSHIPS.

I refer again for a moment to the school for teachers at the new Macdonald College. We are about to arrange for a special class of 40 teachers who have taught at least two years, and who will undertake to teach at least one year on their return from the Macdonald College to the Province from which they come. As already announced they will receive free tuition. In addition to the cost of their room and board for one session of eight or nine months, a sum for travelling expenses will be provided by the Jennie Robertson Scholarships offered by my wife. For a time forty teachers from Canada, including five from Prince Edward Island, will each year receive the benefits of these scholarships.

KEEP YOUR BEST TEACHERS AT HOME.

The improvements in the Prince of Wales College will give opportunities for a better training of teachers to improve rural conditions. It demands on your part greater financial and sympathetic support. This education will cost more than the schools in the past have cost, but it will be a case of paying more for the better article, and obtaining better value for your money.

You call your Island "God's own country." Your people take pride in your ancestry. You are descended from men of spirit who dared to do hard things and costly things for their children and for their localities. Are you not ashamed to let the best teachers you have be lured into servitude to other Provinces? Some localities would rather spare fine teachers than pay \$100 or \$200 a year more. Would you tamely submit to have your homes raided of what you prize the most? Will you allow the Northwest to raid your country and capture your best teachers, for the sake of \$200 a year each? Will you let them pull your best leaders out only to let you keep back \$200 of your "dirty" money—for no money is clean that a man keeps at the expense of his children's opportunities? Stand up for provincial rights, for the rights of your children, for the rights of the young who cannot defend themselves, for the rights of the children to be trained by the best of your own people well paid for that service.

Let your ambition be not to be merely leaders in dairying and agriculture, but leaders in education. Show your magnificent statesmanship, even if you have to pay salaries to beat British Columbia and Manitoba, and improvement of rural conditions will surely follow.