

Hon. Mr. BOULTON—The covert idea in my hon. friend's mind is trying to elicit from the remarks made by the premier, that we should have the same useful organization and that certain districts should be set apart in the capital here in the same way that has been done in the city of Washington. The city of Washington is the centre of the District of Columbia, which is perfectly independent of the whole of the United States. It is an imperio, if I may so express myself, and I think it has been very wisely made so. We certainly have one lesson to draw from the United States, and that is the warm patriotism that they display. I do not say that we lack patriotism, but there are various stages of life which induce that patriotism which, I say, is the foundation of the national liberty of any people. If the hon. premier and my hon. friend from the city of Ottawa have both in their minds the beautifying and the uniting of the city of Hull with the city of Ottawa, which shows the cementing of the friendship between the province of Quebec and the province of Ontario, which was begun in 1841, which has been the basis for the cementing together of all the provinces of Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific, I say if that early consummation could be promoted by adopting some such system as the formation of a small district representative of Canadian institutions, where art and literature and everything else can be centralized, it would be of great advantage to the people of Canada.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (B.C.)—When we get free sugar it will be all right.

NORTH-WEST EXHIBITION.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. PERLEY inquired of the leader of the government in the Senate,

If they intend to pay the accounts, or any portion of them, due against the North-west Territories Exhibition held at Regina in the summer of 1895?

He said: In asking the question I have put on the paper I do not propose to make any extended remarks, and the few I may make will entirely depend upon the character of the answer I receive.

Hon. Sir OLIVER MOWAT—No item for this purpose has been put in the estimates, but the government recognize the matter as

a fair one for inquiry, and the government are now making it a matter of inquiry with a view of doing justice in the case.

Hon. Mr. PERLEY—The answer is quite satisfactory.

THE MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. BERNIER inquired:

1. Whether any definite arrangement has been made, or agreement entered into, between the government of the Dominion of Canada and the Manitoba government, by which a settlement of the school question has or can be effected?

2. Whether in the negotiations having in view a settlement of the school question in Manitoba the minority, whose educational interests would be affected, were in any way consulted?

3. Whether such agreement, if any exists, has the approval of such minority, or of some parties connected with the same, or pretending to speak on their behalf; and if so, who are the parties approving such agreement?

Hon. Sir OLIVER MOWAT—No definite arrangement has yet been made, or agreement entered into, between the government of the Dominion of Canada and the Manitoba government, by which a settlement of the school question is effected.

In answer to the second question I may say that negotiations are still pending, and the rights of the minority are receiving attention.

In answer to the third question, as no agreement has yet been come to, there has been no agreement to approve of, by either the minority or the majority.

Hon. Mr. BERNIER—It seems to me the hon. gentleman has not answered that part of my question, "has anybody been consulted from the minority."

Hon. Sir OLIVER MOWAT—The hon. gentleman says the minority—has the minority been consulted?

Hon. Mr. BERNIER—Yes?

Hon. Sir OLIVER MOWAT—I cannot answer that question. The majority consists of a large portion of the parliament of Manitoba.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Don't take the large portion, take the small portion.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Before putting my motion, which is perti-