

loss and the great wrong which for years was practiced against us in the refusal of the late government to allow Manitoba to occupy a position of equality in the family of Provinces that form the Confederation of our Dominion.

I am sure we have not forgotten our great battles for our rights, and let me say that the proudest moment in my life, as a servant of the people of this Province, was that moment when I succeeded in breaking down in the House of Commons the last, the final and the determined efforts of Laurierism to further practice injustice to Manitoba. And let me tell you that the task was no easy one, by reason of the fact that we not only had to do battle in the House of Commons, but for years we had to do battle with an army of hirelings of Laurierism going about our own Province spreading misrepresentations in respect to Manitoba's just claim, and assisting the cause of Laurierism in practicing their crime of injustice against our Province.

Laurierism would like to repeat today this same line with their hired help in the great Province of Ontario, but, sir, they are handicapped in that they do not control the treasury out of which to pay their hirelings as they did in Manitoba, as is evinced by the fact that up to date the only two individuals in Ontario who are publicly known to be low enough and mean enough to lend themselves to the promotion of Laurierism in that Province are two men