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—*Con.**Bradbury, G. H.*—*Con.*

made to show that this land was poor, 7051. Quotes the report of Chief Justice Howell; letter by John McDougall, 7052. A petition to himself from some of these Rutherians and Polanders, 7053. Thirteen cases where poor settlers paid \$40 to \$60 per acre for some of the same land, 7054. The testimony of Wm. Asham, 7055-6-7. A letter from the Bishop of Moosemin, 058. The declaration of John Flett, 7059. The testimony of Fred Cameron, 7060-1. Showed declaration of William Sinclair, 7062. Moves his resolution, 7063.

Crothers, T. W. (West Elgin)—7134.

Bradbury's a most forceable, most convincing and most damaging arraignment of the government, 7134. All the 50,000 acres is as good land as the sun shines upon, 7135. Mr. John Simmons, the Inspector of Indian Agencies and Inspector Lewis quoted, 7136. Examines what have been defined as the duties of the guardians of the wards of the people, 7137. The Indian Act does give the power to make patents to Indians in certain instances. Quotes sections of the Act, 7138-9. The people have surrounded these children of nature with these safeguards, 7140. Those Indians were by this government treated with callous indifference. Quotes the Act, 7141. Parliament has declared the unenfranchised Indians are incapable of protecting themselves, 7142. The more serious question is the manner in which the surrender was secured, 7143. It was your money and mine they took away to buy up these poor children of the forest, 7144. The minister has the courage to sit in his seat and laugh at the idea of these poor Indians being bribed, 7145. That was the land that was dissipated at \$5 an acre by the Indians, 7146. Believes that every member were he to follow the dictates of his conscience, would condemn the government, 7147. The minister sits restless in his seat guilty of the most contemptible and nefarious transaction, 7148. The outrage will receive well merited condemnation of all moderate men, 7149.

McCraney, Geo. E. (Saskatoon)—7149.

The most serious charge that has been brought against the government since the election, 7149. They became members of the band in 1871 and so became entitled to them in severalty, 7150. The government was justified in adjusting claims which should have been made prior to 1871, 7151. They thoroughly understood their rights and I am sure they got them fully, 7152. If Bradbury is in earnest, he should institute proceedings, 7153.

Meighen, A. (Portage la Prairie)—7153.

Absurdity of the whole theory of the government in their defence against these charges, 7153. It was proven that the man who put the vote indicated that

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those who voted for it would get the \$90, 7154. The attitude of the minister shows that he is uneasy under this charge, 7155. Cannot conceive that there could be any legal authority for the grant that was made, 7156. The minister has absolutely to interfere and protect them or prosecute Tracey, 7157. Evidence that Tracey took the deed in blank from this poor woman and filled it in to suit himself, 7158. There the investigation ended so far as poor Williams was concerned, 7159. They got the squaw to sign the deed and Indians to witness it, 7160. It would be ridiculously cheap at \$20 an acre, it would be cheap at \$30, 7161. The Indian thought he had made a discreet sale of his homestead, 7162. There is certainly an important issue at stake in this matter, 7163.

Middlebro, W. S. (North Grey)—7107.

The very appointment of that commission an admission that there is some truth in Bradbury's allegations, 7107. The report of Inspector McColl, and that of Mr. John Semmons, 7108. Mr. Semmons, Mr. J. O. Lewis and Chief Justice Howell on the reserve, 7109. Mr. Hudson's opinion, the lands are the best to be found in Manitoba, 7110. No petition from anybody but the late Liberal member for that riding, 7111. This recommendation is made only three months prior to the issuing of the commission, 7112. Only after several months were they induced to surrender by means disclosed, 7113. One day's notice for them to decide if they would dispose of their inheritance, insufficient, 7114. The affidavits show that many of the Indians did not understand what was going on, 7115. Two-thirds of the Indians were standing outside, some looking through the windows, 7116. They knew that unless they presented the greenbacks the Indians would never consent to the surrender, 7117. The claim that the land increased in value because he got rid of the Indians falls to the ground, 7118. These lands patented to the Indians were sold by them at about \$5 an acre, 7119. Section 57 of the Indian Act, Section 42; no dealings except through the Indian agent, 7120. Mr. Lewis' letter to the department; Inspector Swinford's report, 7121. The inspector intimates that the witnesses and interpreters take advantage of the Indians, 7122. The argument falls to the ground because we still have Indians on the reserve, 7123. You gave them no protection whatever against the avarice of the speculator, 7124. What has been the result? 7125. Has disposed of land worth \$760,000 in order to place to the credit of the Indian fund, \$12,500, 7126.

Molloy, J. P. (Provencher)—7126.

It was good policy on the part of the government to bring about the surrender, 7126. Is going to ask that the