

We ought to be satisfied with what we have accomplished. For my part I never felt so proud of any political movement as that in which we have been engaged this Summer. For my part I am willing to continue in the way we are moving. True it is, we do not know where we may be at the close of the next session (Hear, hear). We know this question about the North West Territory is to come up in the House of Commons, and how will the parties vote? Is that to be supported by thirteen, or will there be as many as thirteen? (Applause). What will they say of Provincial Rights, I wonder? (Applause). The great North-West Territories' Assembly desire to get rid of the dual language. It has unanimously petitioned in favor of it. We will hear, I dare say, some hair splitting before the session is over. (Laughter and applause). I do not think there will be practical unanimity. I think the French Canadian desires, nor merely that he should have his language, as his Institutions and his laws, in the Province of Quebec; but his ambition is to carry it to the Province of Ontario, and thence to Manitoba and the North West, and ultimately, if he can, to subdue this country to Frenchmen, or to make of it a French nationality. And he will die game. There will be no backdown on the part of the French Canadian. Already in Manitoba there has been meeting after meeting in the French parishes, protesting against the abolition of the French language and of the doing away with the Separate Schools.

I am not in the confidence of the party, and do not know what the Conservatives are to do. One observation fell from one of the speakers to-night which calls from me for a disclaimer. I will gratify the *Free Press*. It has been asking ever since the 24th of May, practically daily, and one time sent an interviewer to know what I had to say about it. It was said I am still the Executive head of the Conservative party in this Province. Sir, I have not held that position for the last seven or eight months (cheers). I may state that, and I do state it, and I will tell you why I resigned. It was honestly and fairly put to me: "Your position as the executive head of the Party, for the organization of the Party—for that is all I was—makes your vote on the Jesuit Estates' Act more damaging to us than the course of twenty other men would be." I felt there was force in this argument, and that it was my duty at once to withdraw. (Cheers.) That is a family matter, so to speak, but when it was said I was still the head of the Party, and credit given me on that account for taking the position I had taken, it was only fair that I should let you into the secret, if secret it may