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that American territory known by the romantic name of North Dakota. ronantic name of North Dakota.

—Laughter. Thi sis the fourth clause naurdered in the house of its friend. As to cold storage, he passed a bill giving each nanicipality the right to operate cold storage plants, with a result that only five have taken advantage of it.

As to drainage grants, he passed an act giving the government and legislature revers to grant money to

islature power to grant money to drainage schemes. For years before this act was passed however the government had the power to make these grants, and did make them. So you see he passed a bill granting the government the power they already had and were using. Now this is so Ross-like, and a preamble of this act occupies a whole page in the Ontar-io Statute and no man can decipher

what it means.—A plause.

Now, as to good roads. Ross was going to have good highways. He was going to s, end millions of dollars in this scheme. Andrew Carnegie was not to be mentioned in the same day. Laughter.-If he had said by-ways instead of highways he would have shown more clearly what was in his mind.—Laughter. This expenditure was to extend over a period of ten was to extend over a period of ten years. Where a municipality wanted to expend money for this purpose the government would spend half as much so that they would bear one-third of total expense. Now, as a matter of fact, not a cent has been spent in this way. In answer to a question put by me in the House, he said no money has yet been expended.

money has yet been expended.
"Now, I want to show you what kind of a speech Mr. Ross made at Newmarket on the 4th of April. I am not here for personal abuse but Ross is a public man and I am in the same position, and if I have the right to come to you and make you believe that our position is right, I amy make legitimate use of the instruments which are in my hands .-This matter of which I will speak is something that is the cause of deep humiliation in Ontario and I have no humiliation in Ontario and 1 have no pleasure in bringing the matter before you. Ross in his speech laid down a series of 39 propositions, all plainly rut and crisply worded. And I say as leader of the majority of the people that every one of these 39 articles contained either that which is not true or suppression of the truth and was misleading to the readers. "Ross says in the 37th article that

"if the Opposition had its way there would have been no grants to the Al-goma Central railway and in 1900 they voted against it and called it a colosal steal,' Now this is perfectly correct. Then he goes on to say that as a result of those grants the Clergue works were established at the Sault at a capital stock of twelve and this may be doubled. Will you believe that the Clergue works were established six years before the grant of Yet Ross tells with boldness which is characteristic of him, that was established as a result of this grant having been given. I walked through the pulp mill four years before this man dares to say the Algoma Central grant was given. It is a distasteful subject, and we will not pur-

sue it further.
"Then in the ninth proposition he says that the act to extend franchise to farmers sons should have been gladly received by the opposition. Mr. Cooley will tell you that when the bill came up the opposition introduced an amendment to extend the franchise not only to the farmers sons' but to the sons of all men. Still the premier s not ashamed to stand before an audience of people of Ontario, and at-

Now, as to New Ontario. Where and what is it? Is it the land, roughly speaking, traversed by the eastern section of the C, P. R. Railway. Ross says he discovered it and is develop ing it, and is entitled to the credit of it, while the opposition is entitled to none. Now, the C. P. R. railway is what you might call the backbone or spine of New Ontario. I will now prove to you that the Opposition originally developed New Ontario and we stand now to develop both new and old Ontario, with less expenditure .-

Applause.
"The C. P. R. is a magnificent work and was the first movement in the development of new Ontario, and

# brought it to the notice of the people. In 1888 almost my first vote in the legislature was for a motion made by Mr. Meredith that an exploration be made of this new Ontario with a view to obtaining statistics as to the value of its timber and mineral resources. The resolution was voted down by the government, but, later on, however, they adopted the mineral portion of it and appointed a mineral commission, and a great deal of information was gathered. In the past few years motions were made in the

formation was gathered. In the past few years motions were made in the same direction by myself, but were not considered by the government. Let us see what Ross has been do-ing. In 1881 Mr. G. W. Ross—you will remember Ross—Laughter—was a member of the House of Commons. At that time Sir John A. Macdonald was battling against every obstacle was battling against every obstacle to run through a scheme known as the C. P. R. railway. He found everyone working might and main against this C. P. R. but the grand old man was too many for them all.—Applause. At this time we have Mr. Ross—creator (f) and discoverer (f) of New Ontario—using this language—
We have no evidence that the land is of great value. We do know, how

ever, that the climate is unfavorable and the soil barren. True, there is timber but no railroad will develop the timber.'

And this is the discoverer of New Ontario! Twenty-one years ago he was doing all in his power to block the scheme,-Applause.



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own point of view. If he and his Government are the builders of New Ontario why did they wait 28 years before they discovered it? They were there occupying their positions and drawing their salaries. It was their duty to develop and improve every section of the province, still they must have neglected their manifest duty in that behalf.

Now as to the railway grants. For the last few years the opposition have been asked to vote away from \$150,000 to \$1,200,000 in grants to railways without having one atom of information of any description from which to form an opinion to cast a vote. We were literally blindfolded. This is the height of absurdity. There is not a Legislature in the world outside of Ontario that would submit to such conduct. Some of them were good but how were we to tell which of them were good. We decided at last to vote them all down and if we ever sit on that side of the House again we will continue to endeavor

o block such grants.-Applause. The Government and municipalities have paid out to railroads since confederation between twelve and fifteen million dollars, as have provinces near the sea. A few years provinces near the sea. A few years ago the Government at Ottawa passed a resolution taking over all of the provincial railways. Within the last few years the provinces at the sea whose railroads have been taken from them, are demanding from the Government at Ottawa a refund. This is a good thing and in two instances these demands have been listened to and grants refunded. If it is right for them why is it not right for us?—Applause. If they are stilled to it there why are not the entitled to it there, why are not the people of Ontario entitled to it. If we got even a part of it there would be less excuse for deficits and direct

taxation. Then as to timber and pulp woo and saw logs. You know the effect which has resulted from the action of the opposition in compelling the sawing of logs in Ontario. This caused a great deal of discussion. In caused a great deal of discussion. In 1897 I took a trip through the Georgian Bay district and saw village village nothing but desolation, with the population all gone. Why? Because the Americans were taking the logs across to Michigan and saw-ing them there. Shortly after that I took occasion to have the timber license altered to keep the logs in On-tario. In the debate I brought in an amendment providing a new policy and it was voted down. Mr. Gibson said it was unfair, unjust and illegal Two weeks afterwards they brought in a bill for practically the same thing and passed it. Thus adopting the policy they had declared unfair, unjust and illegal, and to crown everything they said that this policy had been decided upon weeks and weeks before the House met. When this timber is sold every man has a chance to bid for it and it is given to the highest bidder. Now we claim that the pulp wood acreage should be done way. The first two or three grants of pulp wood area were given unanimously. The reason of this was that we wished to encourage the pulp industry. Not a man in the Legislature knew the first thing about it. But we have opposed all others. They should be given for public competition the same as the timber.—Applause.

as to the finances. When Sanfield Macdonald went out of power he left a surplus in cash. What was it? Excess of revenue over expendiit? Excess of revenue over expenditure from year to year. They got it by following the plan of simple universal financial rule that if you do not keep the expenditure within the revenue disaster will meet you before long. The Liberal Government went on and paid no heed to this principle and year after year they had a deficit but they, of course, told you differently. Then they commenced to

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sell timber limits. They never had of this commisssion before we read any other surplus. You can see what such a course will end in. Even the Toronto Globe warned its party in 1880, but to no avail. The Globe then the course will end in the course will end in the report. Now, that is also so Ross-like. I challenge him to tell of a minister daring to issue a commission of this kind and keep it secret. Twenty used the same argument the opposi-tion was using. But the Government paid no heed, and in 1896 found about three or four millions a year deficit. Then they had to look for other ources of revenue. Then it was they imposed direct taxations. The Globe says that Whitney wants to remove the tax on corporations. What we do oppose is direct taxation and if in the case of a life insurance comin the case of a life insurance com-pany the tax is imposed the company, do not lose anything. The tax is paid by the man who holds the in-surance. I say, and I said it in the House, too, these corporations fur-nished money in 1899 to carry the bye-elections. I called for contradic-tion but it didn't come and it payer tion but it didn't come and it never will come; and if it does Mr. Ross will hear further from me. We say these resources are such that if properly managed there is no reason why the finances of the province should not provide for all the needs of the

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province. Applause. Now, as, to agriculture. We say ricultural schools and build schools through the province. people will say that these will cost too much, but they need not all be the same size as the one at Guelph. It is also said, where will you get the money? Beyond the fact that we can put the finances of the Province into shape, we do not care to go into particulars. If Germany can support 300 schools, surely Ontario can support

Now as to education. In this mat five or Bix. ter it is absolutely necessary to start out with a proper foundation. must see what is the basis for proper necessities of the people. have universities and they are a credit. But the foundation must be the education of the children of the majority.— Applause—those who begin and end their education in the public schools. Ninety-five out of a hundred of the children are in this class. Only five per cent. of all of the children of the province ever go the children of the province ever go further than the public school Ross says the public school is the stepping stone to the high school, and the high school to the university-thus his educational chain is complete. Mr. Ross, however, does not consider that if one link of the chain is defective the working of the whole system is a

failure. I say the public school should be an independent institution by itself unhampered by any other -Cheers. The 95 per cent. of the children should able to spend all of their time in the requirement of knowledge which will be of the greatest benefit to them in their future life.-Applause. So you can see at once the gulf which separates the two parties on this edu-cational question.—Cheers. We say in addition that the people of Ontario will not allow the public school to be a stepping stone to the high school. Put a boy in the public school to-day, and he is not allowed to spende all of time in studying useful subjects, but must take a sand oring of a subject, which will be of entirely no use

Also we claim that no minister of education is able to deal alone with all the matters which come before this department of the work, and I suggested a consultative council be formgested a consultative council be formed of representatives of the different schools chosen by the associations so that then the minister is in a position to be acquired of the advise of the best educational men—Cheers. Ross objected. Prof, Goldwin Smith, in an editorial commended me on the step I had taken, and advised me not to turn back, nor will I do so.—Cheers. At Port Perry Mr. Ross stated that he saw that this same suggestion of mine

saw that this same suggestion of mine had been adopted in England. You have all heard about the school book question and all of you know a great deal more about them than you have heard.—Laughter, In 1897 a discussion arose in the House as to the cost of school books, and on March lat 1898, we made a school books. lst, 1898, we read a report of a commission appointed to deal with the

witnesses were examined, and who were they? Paper makers, paper sell-ers and book sellers—those who sold you the school books. Surely they would not say that the price is too high.-Applause. We would have the commission held above ground, and give any taxpayer a chance to go be-fore the commission and give evidence. I would like to give other paper makers a chance to go before the commission in order to get competition.—
Applause, But, no. This would not suit Mr. Ross.

If we are enabled to put the finances of the provinces in a proper shape we will be in a position to deal with the agricultural and educational questions. In conclusion, I wish to deal with

a subject which is very broad in bearing and outranks them all. It is the onesty of elections .- Ap is not a mere question of purity of elections. For many years member of the Liberal party have used mon-ey corruptly in the franchise, but this s not the only awful crime which has been committed against the public welfare. Who are we ? We are British people, free, Christian and educated men and women. God's blessing should rest on all the British subjects. Yet above all this, crimes have been committed under the very constituion that has been progressive and praiseworthy. Fnyestigation has shown at West Elgin, that it was not the only election carried thus by the Grits. The election at Brockville was also carried in the same manner, and I could give you instances in the last general elections where in a number of constituencies the ballots were stolen and Liberal members sent to Parliament when they had no right to sit there-applause-remaining in the House with faces of brass, posing as having a majority when, if the truth would be found out were known, it that they were in the minority. And the truth was kept from the This is a most melancholy fact, and yet the ministers are not ashamed. You all know about the burning of the boxes, and yet the ministers brazen out the situation. The criminals were never brought to justice, as the miss ing boxes were the ones needed to prove their guilt. If a burglar breaks into a store to steal bread all of the resources of the department of justice are used in punishing him, but in this instance not a thing was done

"I feel sure that the people will act upon what they believe to be their duty. In view of the serious outcome I call upon both parties to sink your political affiliations and see that a remedy is brought about which will prove an everlasting cure. I say, with all possible earnestness and seriousness, I call upon every clergyman, to print his condemnation on the course pursued in stealing ballots and burning evidence of political disgrace so that in future an application of such strong remedies will not be ne-cessary. Deal with the present ne-cessities. We don't come asking for cessities. We don't come asking sympathy. We will never avoid responsibility of any act done by us

sympathy. We will never avoid the responsibility of any act done by us and will not run away to hide like political cowards behind any such farce as the referendum and at the end of the term we will ask you to judge us by the same standard we put before you now.—Applause.

"We are having regard for the advent of the machine. All the money they can get can't keep them in power. Eighty per cent. of what they have is spent in sweetening soured men and a very small margin is left to corrupt the voter. The machine is to be feared and the only way we will be defeated is by the work of the machine. It is being got into shape now and I ask that in every municipality in Ontario men for good government will see to it that a committee of three athletic—laughter—men are appointed for this purpose and the moment the slimy trail of the villain is discovered let this committee of three go and quietly induce him to leave the country. Every man of this kind is an arrant

and contemptable coward, but the results of the election may depend on the actions of this animal.

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