

was secured for the personal advantage of the agent."

On page 353 of the same work, the historian further says: "The increased independence of the legislative assembly, was indicated by * * * the adoption, to the intense chagrin of the land speculators, of Gourlay's suggestion, for the taxation of Wild Lands," and this suggestion even though only partially applied, brought about an era of rapid settlement and development which more than justified the hopes of its promoters. History repeats itself, favoritism and loose land regulations have resulted in our progress being hampered by such speculative holding as cursed Canada in the days of the family compact.

Are our legislators sufficiently independent of the powerful speculative interests which they and their predecessors have created, to apply the remedy, or shall the people be under the necessity, as they were in the earlier history of Canada, of dismissing them from their legislative functions and replacing them with men more in accord with the views and interests of the people

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