

# THE DEBATES

OF THE

## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA

IN THE

SECOND SESSION OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, APPOINTED TO MEET FOR THE DESPATCH OF BUSINESS  
**12 FEBRUARY, 1880,** IN THE FORTY-THIRD YEAR OF THE REIGN OF

HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

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### SECOND VOLUME OF THE SESSION,

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#### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

*Tuesday, 6th April, 1880.*

The Speaker took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

#### MANITOBA LANDS CLAIMS BILL.

*(Sir John A. Macdonald.)*

FIRST READING.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD, in introducing a Bill (No. 94) For the final settlement of claims to lands in Manitoba by occupancy, under the Act 33 Vic., cap. 3, said: A considerable number of claims are still outstanding of those intended to be provided for by the original Manitoba Act. It was proposed under this Bill to put a limit to the time allowed for these claims. A considerable portion of country is kept unproductive on account of claims which are said to exist not having been sent in; and this Bill provides that they must be sent in on or before the 1st day of May, 1882.

MR. MACKENZIE: Has this any reference to the half-breed lands?

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: Yes; to all the claims outstanding of every

kind that were set up under the Manitoba Act.

*Bill read the first time.*

#### NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES CRIMINAL TRIALS FEES.

RESOLUTIONS CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed resolutions respecting the fees to be paid to coroners, jurors and witnesses attending criminal trials and inquests, and the salaries to be paid to officials in the North-West Territories.

*(In the Committee.)*

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: This resolution is nearly the same as the present law, but there are a few exceptions. There are now no means whatever in the North-West for trials before a Stipendiary Magistrate. There are no fees fixed by law for coroners, jurors and witnesses, and this Bill proposes to give power to the Governor-in-Council to fix such fees. There are two Stipendiary Magistrates now, and it may be necessary to appoint a third. The Chief of Police is made, *ex officio*, a Stipendiary Magistrate under the Act. It has been represented to be absolutely necessary that that country should be divided into a certain number