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Parliament Reassembles.

THE debate on the Autonomy Bill became so tiresome long before its conclusion that even Opposition papers declined to report it. For instance such a prominent Conservative paper as the St. John Sun in its issue of the 18th inst. devoted ten lines of report to the speeches of the day before. In fact it was reported that the Opposition were at long last realizing their mistake with reference to this bill. A well-known Conservative who visited central Ontario during the Easter recess returned to Ottawa and was free to confess that of all the men to see whom was his business only one even mentioned the Autonomy Bill as related to education. But the climax came on Tuesday when the government's candidate in Edmonton, Mr. Frank Oliver, was re-elected by acclamation. It might be said that the new Minister of the Interior would not likely be opposed, but there was the challenge thrown down to the government by the opponents of the education clause coupled with the assertion that the people of the west were being saddled with something to which they were unalterably opposed.

In that case Mr. Oliver could have been successfully opposed in his re-election, but they were unable to find even one man to take the platform against him and the Autonomy Bill! After that it will be a bold man who will say publicly that the people of the new provinces are not fairly represented by the Bill.

If only three or four hundred people were so opposed to the bill as some of its opponents here and at Toronto profess to believe there would have been, under our system, a candidate for whom they could have voted, and so recorded a protest, but no such opportunity was afforded. If provincial rights were being encroached on, or an obnoxious system of schools established, a way would have been found for an expression of discontent.

When the House assembled on Tuesday after the Easter recess these considerations did not seem to weigh with some of those who took part in the debate, and so the old weary arguments were repeated. Mr. Broder of Dundas Ont., resumed the debate and regretted the introduction into this arena of an issue upon which he him-