

many, one half of them, sold for one half of the price \$50 or \$40, \$60 or \$25. And to show the state in which they have been kept, those who come from the Red River and the Half breeds of Red River, who were in the Red River trouble of 1870, appeared to be a wonder, of egotism and of unreasonableness, because they appeared to be in the troubles of 1885, which are the continuation of the troubles of Red River.

The amnesty has not been given by the right parties. Amnesty has not been given to Lepine, one of the leaders who was then as Dumont is to day and myself. I was allowed to come back into the country when ten years after I would be completely deprived of the chances which I had in 1870 to do something for my people and for myself and for emigration, so as to cut down my influence forever. It is why I did not come at that time, and I thought that I would never come to the country. Did I take my American papers? put my papers of american naturalization during the time of my five years banishment? No, I did not want to give to the States a citizen of banishment, but when my banishment had expired when an officer at Battleford somewhere on this side of the line in Benton invited me to come to the North-West, I said: No, I will go to an American Court I will declare my intention now that I am free, to go back and choose another land, it sored my heart to say that kind of adieu to my mother, to my brothers, to my sisters, to my friends, to my contrymen to my native land, but I felt that coming back to this country, I could not re-enter it without protesting against all the injustice which I had been suffering and in so doing it was renewing a struggle which I had not been able to continue, and as sound man as I thought I was I thought it better to begin a career on the other side of the line. In Manitoba is that all about the amnesty? No. My share of the 1,400,000 acres of land have I received it? No, I have not received it. My friends, my mother have applied to have it, No. Could not every one else apply for theirs? Father, mother would apply for their sons, and that was all right, but for my mother to apply for me, it was not. I did not get it. Last year, there was a proof here in the box not long ago, that when I asked an indemnity I was refused. Was that indemnity based on a fancy? I wanted my lands in Manitoba to be paid. Besides when they treated, the treaty was completed on 31st May 1870, it was agreed to on the 24th June and Sir Geo. Cartier had said: "Let Riel govern the country until the troops get there." And from the 24th June to the 23rd August I governed the country in fact. And what was the reward for it? When the glorious general Wolseley came, he rewarded me in saying Riel's banditti has taken flight, and he wanted to come during the night at midnight so as to have a chance to raise a row in Fort Garry and to have the glory to call for in the morning, but heaven was against him then. It rained so much that he could not get there during the night and he had to come at ten o'clock next morning, he entered one door of Ft. Garry while I left the other, I kept in sight of him, I was small I did not want to be in his road, but as I know that he had good eyes I say I will keep at a distance where I can be seen, and if he wants to have me he will come, a General knows where his enemy is, ought to know and I kept about 300 yards ahead of him. While he was saying that Riel's banditti had taken flight, Riel was very near. That has been my reward. When I speak of an indemnity of \$35,000 to call for something to complete the \$100,000, I don't believe that I am exaggerating your Honor. In 1871 the Fenians came in Pembina. Major Irvine, one of the witnesses, I was introduced to him. And when I brought to the Government 250 men, Governor Archibald was there anxious to have my help because he knew that we were the door to Manitoba, and he said as the question of amnesty came, he said: "If Riel comes forward, we will protect him, *"pour la circonstance actuelle,"* we will protect him, as long as we need him, we will protect him, but as soon as we don't want him, as soon as we won't need him, we want him to fall back in the same position as he is to day". And that answer had been brought because it had been represented that while I would be helping the Government the parties would be trying to shoot me in the back: "*Pour la circonstance actuelle,"* they said, "we will protect him". What reward have I had for that? The first reward that I had was that that took place in the first days of October 1871 before the year was ended. Of course they gave a chance to Riel to come out, a rebel had a chance to be loyal then. My friend, my glorious friend in Upper Canada, now the leader of the opposition, Mr. Blake said: "We must prevent Riel from arriving." When he was Minis-