

Davidson & Co. were enabled to secure the lots which they afterwards sold to the Government; and we have the evidence of Mr. Clark that Mr. Davidson informed him he had got his information from the Premier. It is true, Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. Davidson deny that, but the facts remain, that Oliver, Davidson & Co. bought up the lots before the valuers were appointed, and made an enormous profit out of them. It is very easy for the Government to say they did not allow the information to get out, but why did they not secure the lands they required before they had got into the hands of speculators? Why did they allow two years to elapse, after having selected the site for the terminus, before taking steps to secure the lands they required? In this, as in other matters, we find the Government allowing their friends to step in and make fortunes out of the country; we find money lavishly expended in every direction except where it would be of service in the construction of the Pacific Railway. I believe if the money that has been wasted by the Government had been properly applied we would, by this time, have had direct communication with Manitoba through our own territory. They have shown from the first, not only that they are opposed to that great enterprise, but that they have not the capacity to carry it out.

The House divided on the motion which was carried on the following division:—

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Baillargeon,	McClelan (Hopewell),
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Scott,  
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AID TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN  
MANITOBA BILL.

## THIRD READING.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to authorize the advance of certain sums to the Province of Manitoba, in aid of the Public Schools therein," to which they desired the concurrence of the Senate.

The Bill was read the first time.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved that the Forty-first Rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as it relates to the said Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently. He said, the lands originally intended for school purposes had not been allotted, and it was thought best to retain them until they should become more valuable. The people of Manitoba asked for an appropriation in aid of their schools, and the Government thought it better to advance money than to hand over the lands to the Manitoba Government and run the risk of having them put on the market at a time when they would command a very small price.

Hon. Mr. GIRARD said certain lots had been set apart in every township for school purposes, and, in order to prevent them from being settled on by squatters, the Local Government wished either to have them transferred to the Province or to have somebody appointed to look after them. The money which it was proposed by this Bill to advance to the Local Government, might be regarded as capital, and he desired that some provision should be made to prevent it from being employed to sustain the schools. Under a law passed by the Manitoba Legislature at its last Session, it was proposed to raise money by a tax on wild lands, for school purposes. If this money which was to be advanced by the Dominion were appropriated to the building of school houses,