

mourn his loss. In Parliament he was listened to with rapt attention, and his advice was not lightly cast aside. He was a firm believer in principle and no inducement held out to him could swerve or alter his purpose. Several times he was offered Knighthood which he as often refused on the ground that it did not become a Canadian to accept such honors. With a long life and eventful career brought to a close, we commit his body to the dust, retaining only a fond memory which will cling to the hearts of the Canadian people, as the ivy clings to the oak. Thus one by one the bulwarks which have helped to form a nation are cut down, and we are left to uphold the ship of destiny until we too shall see the lights in the haven beyond, where all is peace and rest.

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THE farmers of this country, who were looking forward to the abolition of duty on binding twine, will have to live on, and hope for another year. At one time it seemed as if the Government would consent to allow it to be placed on the free list, but by the large vote of nays which were recorded when the motion was put, it would look as if the newspaper reports, in reference to what would be done, was mere hearsay, and without any foundation. If the retaining of the duty on this useful and necessary article to the farmers, will be the means of building up twine factories of our own country, which, by their competition, will reduce the price equal to the duty levied, then the Government have acted wisely in the matter, but, if our farmers

have to be dependant on one or two of our own manufacturers, and on our neighbors across the line for their supply, then the farmer is simply robbed of that much more, and the country is none the better off for the transaction. It looks like robbing Peter to pay Paul, which is pretty hard lines on Peter, especially if he is a Manitoba farmer. We believe in fostering home industry, but not at the expense of a monopoly, and until we have competition in the twine industry, there will be no reduction in prices.

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THE rush for farm lands still continues, which is the cause of much satisfaction to the C.P.R. and all who have lands for sale. By their efficient immigration policy the Provincial Government are beginning to reap the benefit, and with the hearty co-operation of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and the falling into line of the Dominion Government, we can look forward to grand results in the near future.

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THE present Manitoba Government is to be congratulated, and the Hon. Thos. Greenway in particular, on the splendid immigration policy which has been inaugurated and carried out. As Mr. Nicholas Flood Davin, M.P., pointed out in a telling speech at Ottawa the other day, now is the time to put forth every effort in securing settlers for the Northwest. He said "it will be money well spent if by securing one million settlers ten millions were spent," and we endorse his statements. We have a great country to fill and the sooner it is