

again by his calculation from the official organ of the Dominion government. Not only that, but in order that I may show to this house and the people of the country how anxious the Dominion government is to punish the people of this province,

I want to draw the attention of my friend, the leader of the opposition, to the fact that not only have they refused to transfer us this land, although we have reason to expect it from their own order-in-council two or three years ago, they still hold it and it will be interesting to the house, and my friend, the leader of the opposition, to know that notice was served on the public lands department by no less a person than the minister of justice, which notice was to the effect that the province of Manitoba and the lands department must be very careful not to accept one dollar of revenue even for buy permits or for timber dues and in the meantime the Dominion government is accepting money which should properly go into the treasury of this province.

An Unfair Comparison

I want my friend to take note of this, and surely I will not appeal to him in vain, and to rise in his place and say that he is willing to join with the government of the day in pleading with the government at Ottawa that some measure of justice may be done, and that the little province of Manitoba may be recognized at all events as having some rights in the small matter of the hay permits and timber dues. My friend's calculation as to the average price of land sold by the government is very misleading. He undertook to establish that we were getting but very little more for our land at the present time than was being received during the regime of the government of which he was a member. Let me say this, and here we have another evidence of the anxiety of our friends at Ottawa to punish the people of this province, that the present minister of justice holds that the only swamp lands to which we are entitled, and which are to be handed over to the government, must be submerged lands. Is it a fair comparison to compare the value of submerged land with the value of land such as is sold by the Canadian Pacific railway, the Hudson's Bay company, or any other corporation in this country?

Land Under Water

Such is the interpretation as placed by the minister of justice. Let me again ask my friend the leader of the opposition, if land under water in this province is worth more today than in 1899. That is the question he

should ask himself. In order to make a favorable comparison he undertakes to include 256,000 acres of land which is commonly known as Hudson's Bay land, and he charges the government of today with having sold it at \$1.50 per acre.

I want to say to this house and the people of the country, and I wish it to be well understood that when any member of this house, or any gentleman outside, on any platform, undertakes to say that the province of Manitoba and the government of the day, have sold 256,000 acres of Hudson's Bay land at \$1.50 per acre, he makes a statement absolutely incorrect, and not in accordance with fact. (Hear, hear.) The simple fact is that the province of Manitoba never owned 256,000 such acres, and therefore could not possibly sell them. The reason we did not own the land is owing to the bargain made by Mr. Greenway.

Would Take Twenty Years

I hold in my hand a copy of the agreement made by the Greenway government and the Lake Manitoba and Canal company, and it is distinctly therein laid down that we have no title and could get no title to this acreage as referred to by the leader of the opposition. Here is the agreement:

The company further expressly agrees with the government that the company will from and out of any land grant that may be earned in respect of the portion of the line of railway herein agreed to be added cause to be assigned or transferred to the government all the right title and interest in and right to patents for two hundred and fifty-six thousand acres of land in the province of Manitoba, which shall be fairly fit for settlement, a portion of such land grant to be selected therefrom by the government by alternate odd numbered sections in the odd numbered townships and odd numbered ranges, COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH-EASTERN ODD NUMBERED TOWNSHIP OF SUCH LAND GRANT, thence westerly along the southern tier of townships, thence easterly along the third tier of townships, and so on northward, until the said two hundred and fifty-six thousand acres, fairly fit for settlement, have been selected, BUT NOT TO INCLUDE ANY PORTION OF THE ORIGINAL LAND GRANT TO THE COMPANY, AS SCHEDULED BY ORDER IN COUNCIL BEARING DATE 6TH DAY OF JUNE, 1892, OR ANY LAND SOLD IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS TO INTENDING OR ACTUAL SETTLERS, and such land when transferred to the government shall be accepted by the government in satisfaction of any claim which the government may have against the Winnipeg & Hudson Bay Railway & Steamship company, or the Winnipeg Great Northern railway, or against the property and assets of such