

your vanity there is a check to it. To set myself up as Pope! No, no! I said I believed that Bishop Bourget had succeeded the Pope in spirit and in truth. Why? Because while Rome did not pay attention to us, he as a bishop paid attention to us.

You have given me your attention, Your Honors, you have given me your attention Gentlemen of the Jury, and this great audience, I see if I go any further on that point I will lose the favour you have granted me up to this time, and as I am aiming all the time at practical results, I will stop here, master of myself, through the help of God. I have only a few more words to say, your Honors, Gentlemen of the Jury, my reputation, my liberty, my life are at your discretion, so confident I am that I have not the slightest anxiety, not even the slightest doubt as to your verdict. The calmness of my mind concerning the favourable decision which I expect does not come from any unjustifiable presumption upon my part. I simply trust that through God's help you will balance every thing in a conscientious manner and that after having heard what I had to say, that you will acquit me. I do respect you although you are only half a jury, but your number of six does not prevent you from being just and conscientious, your number of six does not prevent me giving you my confidence which I would grant to another six also.

Your Honor, because you appointed those men do not believe that I disrespect you, it is not by your own choice, you were authorized by those above you, by the authorities in the North-West, you have acted according to your duty, and while it is in our view, against the guarantees of liberty, I trust the Providence of God will bring out good of what you have done conscientiously.

Although this court has been in existence for the last 15 years, I thought I had a right to be tried in another court. I do not disrespect this court, I do respect it, and what is called by my learned and good lawyers the incompetency of the court, must not be called in disrespect, because I have all respect.

The only things I would like to call your attention to, before you retire to deliberate, are: 1st. That the House of Commons, Senate, and ministers of the Dominion who make laws for this land and govern it are no representation whatever of the people of the North-West

2ndly. That the North-West Council generated by the federal Government has the great defect of its parent.

3rdly. The number of members elected for the Council by the people make it only a sham representative legislature and no representative Government at all.

British civilisation, which rules to day the world, and the British constitution has defined such Government as this is which rules the North West Territory as irresponsible Government, which plainly means that there is no responsibility, and by the science which has been shown here yesterday you are compelled to admit it, there is no responsibility, it is insane.

Good sense combined with scientific theories lead to the same conclusion

By the testimony laid before you during my trial, witnesses on both sides made it certain that petition after petition has been sent to the Federal Government, and so irresponsible is that Government to the North-West, that in the course of several years beside doing nothing to satisfy the people of this great land, it has even hardly been able to answer once or to give a single response. That fact would indicate absolute lack of responsibility and therefore insanity complicated with paralysis.

The ministers of an insane and irresponsible Government and its little one the North-West Council made up their mind to answer my petitions by surrounding me slyly and by attempting to jump upon me suddenly and upon my people in the Saskatchewan. Happily when they appeared and showed their teeth to devour, I was ready; that is what is called my crime of high treason and for which they hold me to day. Oh, my good Jurors, in the name of Jesus Christ the only one who can save and help me, they have tried to tear me to pieces

If you take the plea of the defence, that I am not responsible for my acts, acquit me completely, since I have been quarrelling with an insane and irresponsible Government. You pronounce in favour of the Crown, which contends that I am responsible, acquit.