

AUTONOMY, PROVINCIAL, IN THE NORTH-WEST—*Con.*

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

Surprised at the premier's arguments regarding land—1462. Hopes this will not be made a political question in any way—1463. Parliament can in any way deal with any provisions it makes—1464. Will have time to consider the Bill and obtain information—1465. Hopes they will deal with it in a spirit of Christian charity and forbearance—1466.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—1421.

Will include both Bills, 69 and 70, in the same explanation—1421. The time has come to complete their passage into the fulness of the rights which appertain to provinces—1422. In 1875 Mr. Mackenzie introduced a measure to give the Northwest Territories 'an entirely independent government'—1423. Extension of the territorial government in 1888 and 1891—1424. In 1897 another and final change took place, the application of ministerial responsibility—1425. There is a great variety in the sizes of our provinces—1426. Some day we may have in what to-day is a barren section another Yukon; the line of demarcation—1427. The demand made by Manitoba for an extension of its boundaries westward—1428. Quotes from an interview with Hon. Mr. Rogers in the 'Citizen.' The answer to Manitoba's request was a categorical refusal—1429. What could not be done in 1894, could still less be done in 1905—1430. Will leave the selection of the capital to the province of Alberta—1431. The new provinces never had the ownership of their lands; the lands were bought by the Dominion government—1432. Quotes the order in council of the 30th May, 1884—1433. Confederation was the result of several compromises, it would have been impossible without a policy of give and take—1434. Statistics of last year's expenditure—1435. Proposes to make terms keeping close as possible to the B. N. A. Act—1436. Reviews the allowance for debt—1437. Statistics of population—1438. Text of the arrangement commended to the House—1439. In 1881 the then parliament deliberately gave the C. P. R. an absolute exemption from federal, provincial and municipal taxation—1440. The opposition, led by Mr. Blake, vigorously protested—1441. It behooves to approach the education question with care, calmness and deliberation; the antiquity of separate schools—1442. Quotes sections 11 and 12 of the law of 1841 for the establishment of schools all over the province—1443. The attitude of Sir John Macdonald and that of Mr. George Brown—1444. The constitution of 1841, uniting Upper and Lower Canada was very faulty—1445. Two hostile majorities facing each other and unyielding, in 1864—1446. Reviews the Quebec resolutions, the basis of the present constitution—1447. Quotes Mr. Brown in the confederation debates on the education clauses—1448-9-50. The B. N. A. Act has provided the same guar-

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antee to new provinces to-day—1451. The parliament of Canada four times deliberately ratified the system of separate schools in the Territories—1452. Mr. Brown opposed the introduction of the school clause into the Bill of 1875—1453. Mr. Blake on the subject of separate schools—1453-4. Mr. Mackenzie's answer—1454. Quotes Hon. R. W. Scott in 1875, and Sir A. Campbell—1455. Quotes Mr. Brown—1456. If Sproule is not blind, he will understand the reasoning of Mr. Brown—1457. Approaches the question on the higher ground of Canadian duty and Canadian patriotism—1458. I have an abiding faith in the institutions of my own country—1459. Constitution makes it imperative to respect separate schools where they exist—1463. Parliament can repeal the Act regarding the C. P. R. with respect to taxation—1464. Moves to introduce Bill No. 70—1467.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1430.

Asks if the disputed territory were included—1430. An argument in favour of leaving it to the provinces—1443. Laurier gave the House to understand that George Brown supported separate schools—1452. He opposed and voted against it—1453. Quotes George Brown against the Act of 1875—1456-7. The twins have given evidence of life and activity—1466. Would like a delay to communicate with the Northwest—1467.

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2nd reading of Bill 69—2915.

Adamson, A. J. (Humbolt)—5114.

The young provinces will be as independent as provinces can be—5114. The representatives of the Territories are satisfied with the provisions—5115. The extension of Manitoba westward would raise a storm—5116. The school system in the Northwest as good as any in Canada—5117. As close as they can possibly get to national schools—5118. As close to perfection as can be attained—5119. It is perfectly satisfactory to the people of the Territories—5120. I believe the people of the Northwest are at one on this subject—5121.

Alcorn, G. O. (Prince Edward)—4375.

Laurier said these measures would crown the Territories with complete and absolute autonomy—4375. In this case there has been practically no consultation with the Territories—4376. It was an occasion when these people should have been most exhaustively consulted—4377. The primary object of the government appears to be to fasten round the neck of the provinces a system of separate schools—4378. The crowning effort of the premier to deprive the new provinces of complete