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Public Opinion.

Toronto Globe: The Premier and the Attorney-General of Manitoba will leave Win-
nipeg for Ottawa on Thursday. There is not
the remotest whisper of compromise in Gov-
ernment circles and it is said that such a pro-
position would not be entertained. Archbishop
Langevin has also expressed himself against
a compromise.

Brockville Times: Mr Foster's may not
have been, as the Liberals say, much of a bud-
get speech, but it is noticeable, as *The Mon-
treal Gazette* remarks, that while it lasted less
than three hours, it took Sir Richard Cart-
wright a good part of two days to answer it.
If the Opposition does not do better work
than this in the campaign, polling day will be
on before their nomination day speeches are
concluded.

Hamilton Herald: Rumours of compromise
in the Manitoba Schools question are increas-
ing daily, and it is being said that Lord Aber-
deen is bending every energy to have matters
settled quietly in the interests of all parties.
It is not easy to see how a compromise can be
arrived at that will satisfy the demands of
the minority while at the same time preserv-
ing the dignity of the Legislature, but there
is no doubt that such a consummation would
bring joy and rapture to the hearts of the poli-
ticians. Their sighs of grateful relief would
make the stars turn tipflops.

Montreal Gazette: The Northwest freight
rate commissioners' report shows, so far as the
greater part of Manitoba and the territories
is concerned, the C.P.R. rates are lower than
those in the adjoining parts of the United
States. It was on the strength of assertions
that the Canadian rates are higher than those
maintained on its southern rivals that the
commission was appointed. These assertions
were made and maintained with a vigor that
convinced many in the East that the West was
being harshly dealt with, and in a manner to
do the West a maximum of harm with pos-
sible settlers, and a minimum of good in the
way of securing a remedy. Other Canadians
are only beginning to understand how much
windage must be allowed for in connection
with Winnipeg's wailing.

Montreal Star: The hot house "spell"
last week seems to have made parliamentary
leaders bad tempered. Mr. Foster rose in his
wrath and retorted upon the Opposition for
all the thrusts they had made at him for days
past. He seems to have been annoyed espe-
cially by their "cocky" airs this session and
the confidence of even the back-benchers that
they would win at the next elections. Sir
William Harcourt, too, had his patience with
the warring factions behind him wilted down
by the heat; and told one of them—and by
no means the least influential—that it could
bring about an explosion just as soon as it
pleased. Hanging on the safety-valve is plain-
ly no fun in tropical weather. Sir Mackenzie
Bowell and Lord Rosebery are in luck to sit
at such a time in a House whose temperature
rarely rises. But cool weather has come at
last, and a fresh stock of patience can now
be laid in on the ministerial benches.

Manitoba Free Press: During the discussion
of Mr. Greenway's motion for a second adjourn-
ment, a speaker severely criticized Mr. Sifton
for taking any part in the Haldimand by-
election. If the member considered Mr. Sif-
ton's course open to censure it is not clear
how the same censure does not apply to
the Hon. Mr. Ouimet. The School Question
is under the consideration of not only the
Provincial Legislature but also the Federal.
If a Manitoba minister may not unclothe his
lips on the subject, is it by an order-in-council
that a Federal Minister may open his mouth
wide and long and loud on the same subject?
Mr. Ouimet has acknowledged to the Domini-
on House that he took on himself to outline
the policy of the Dominion Government to the
people of Vercheres. No doubt, the member
who criticized Mr. Sifton, is thoroughly con-
sistent. It may have been a mere oversight
that he did not express disapproval of Mr.
Ouimet. Occasion is not lacking for him to
rectify the apparent inconsistency, and so put
himself right before the public.



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