

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

*Martin, T.* (North Wellington)—*Con.*

followers their way to avoid mutiny—5086. On no occasion have I ever been requested to vote for the Bill—5087. Can any man accuse the Prime Minister of having misused a penny of the public funds?—5088. Tribute to Dr. Robertson—5089. Several presbyteries have passed resolutions against the Bill—5090. Hope Sproule will be able to keep his seat till I get through—5091. What the 'Witness' says—5092. Hopes the opposition will become more tolerant—5093. Appeals to the House to leave intolerance aside and frown upon injustice—5094. No warrant for dragging in the Papal ablegate—5095. Weight of argument on the constitutional question has been on the government side—5096. Cannot get one out of ten Presbyterians who does not favour the Bill—5097. Hopes Protestants will plead for more religion being taught in the schools—5098. Tribute to Laurier; glad Borden has been tolerant—5099. Deplores use of exciting and inflammatory language—5100.

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Nor am I sufficiently well acquainted with the conditions that prevail in the west to advance any argument—4292. It seems to me that whatever course this parliament may adopt in this matter, litigation may possibly follow—4293. The greater number of citizens, Conservative and Reform, will deprecate some of the speeches on this occasion—4294. I would rather there should be no separate schools throughout the length and breadth of this great Dominion—4295. If we follow a very old custom, we will not suffer them to be deprived of those rights—4296. The right has been enjoyed by, not only certain individual schools, but by Roman Catholics as a body and Protestants as a body—4297. The separate schools of the west are practically and to all intents and purposes public schools—4298. That there is today peace and good feeling throughout the Territories we know upon other evidence—4299. We must, if we are to have success in Canada, have unity and not strife—4300. I believe there are others just as honest and just as wise as I who think differently, and think me in error—4301. I am exceedingly glad that Laurier so early in his political career learned that lesson and learned it so well—4302. I remember that Sir Wilfrid Laurier did resist certain demands of the Roman Catholic Church nine years ago—4303. That is tantamount to a confession that Mr. Rogers had no ground or evidence whatever for making the statements he did—4304. Mr. Robertson says that R. L. Borden did not speak his own mind, but was a tool in the hands of a party caucus—4305. Bad as was the 'Spectator,' it was infinitely worse for John Ross Robertson to rebuke Borden—4306. That expression of John Ross Robertson was a libel upon the Canadian people and a disgrace to Canadian journalism—4307. Quotes Willison on the Manitoba school question in his 'Life of Laurier'—4308-9. Quotes

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the 'Christian Guardian' as containing insinuations and threats that no man has a right to make—4310. Some people so bitterly partisan they would like to see Laurier's political death at any cost to the country—4311. Laurier stands today and always has stood for what is in the best interests of a united Canada and a united Canadian people—4312. I have not received any letter from any Ministerial association that I know of—4329.

Lots of whisky and money used in that election—5057.

I can say positively that during the course

*Monk, F. D.* (Jacques Cartier)—3064.

of the present discussion I have fished for no petitions in the province of Quebec—3064. Subsequent to the general election, I declared for my part that I would not in the future discuss the school question—3065. In my own province we learn early to respect the convictions of our fellow-citizens—3066. The scheme of the framers of our constitution was that the provinces should be associated together with an absolutely equal division of powers—3067. It is there declared that these provinces came into the Dominion subject to that distribution of powers—3068. It is in virtue of the powers conferred upon us by the imperial parliament by this section that we are creating this province—3069. I believe that at the moment a province is created, even if it did not possess before hand full legislative autonomy—3070—it falls, ipso facto, under the provisions of section 93—3071. Not only as an act of policy, as a political act, but as a constitutional act, those Bills are absolutely in violation of the constitution—3072. The case of the Attorney General of Quebec against the Attorney General of the Dominion—3073. It would seem to be evident that public lands, by the very terms of the constitution, belonged to the province—3074. It is an interference with section 92, which says that the provinces shall have the right to raise money by direct taxation—3075. If they have a legal claim to these lands. They are better able to administer them than we are here in Ottawa—3076. This amendment which is before the House duplicates what the constitution provides, and duplicates it uselessly—3077. They are all called separate schools, but they are in reality public schools, and will be so interpreted by any tribunal—3078. This enactment goes a little farther, because it refers to the ordinance which secures the right of religious instruction—3079. What we are endeavouring to preserve for them is merely the right to the material separation of schools—3080. This is not at all the character of the education that is being provided for in these new provinces—3081. The Catholics in the Northwest will have, to a very large extent, to depend on the generosity and broad-mindedness of the majority—3082. In 1842 the primary education provided in the United States was exactly the same as that pro-