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not doing it—5758. We are stretching to the utmost limit the application of the principle—5759-60. They give us power to deal with representation in any way we like in the future—5761. After the passing of this Act—5762. What about the Act of 1871?—5763. We are not interfering with that principle—5764. I would like to withdraw that word—5765. This provides for continuing the existing franchise—5766. Allow the matter to be dealt with by the province after it is formed—5769. Barker would admit that there are men in Ontario who would do wrong—5770. Would Barker suggest what change I should make?—5771. In what particular would it differ?—5773. If they did not make that law, where would we be?—5774. I will ask this clause to remain in abeyance—5778. We had better let this clause remain in suspense—5779. We could not for a moment entertain the idea—5780. This is from the Territorial Act, and re-enacts practically clause 7 of the Manitoba Act—5781. I would be glad to consider any amendments that may be suggested—5782. He would exercise them until such time as they are changed—5783.

I am prepared now to introduce that Bill, immediately, in amendment to the N. W. Territories Act—5809. I am not willing to commit myself to amendments I have not seen—5810. Of course, this is the law of 1895, and I am quite prepared to consider it—5811. It has been deemed advisable to make an amendment—5812. I hope to have the advantage of suggestions from my hon. friends from the N. W. T.—5813. If any improvement can be suggested, I am prepared to accept any suggestion that may be made—5814. The court continues to be the high court for Alberta and Saskatchewan—5815. It would be more convenient if we would consider it with section 2—5817. I did not prepare myself to deal with that particular clause to-day—5818. I shall be glad to convey the suggestion—5819. I was under the impression that we were dealing with a very serious Bill—5822. It changes the section, not the Bill—5823. Name one—5825. What do you mean by a trick? You had better be careful what you say—5827. If it suits Borden's convenience, I will speak on Monday afternoon—5841. Lake is pointing out inaccuracies—5842. Then where is the inaccuracy?—5843. Did he vote against the resolution?—5844. I quoted the Regina 'Leader'—5845. Lake did not take the trouble to do so, but was content to refer to a document that no one else had access to—5847. In what respect does the context vary the words I have quoted?—5848. Was my quotation accurate or not?—5851. It was issued by the Northwest government—5852. Will Ingram be good enough to quote from 'Hansard,' and point out to me where I was wrong?—5853. I want to know what Ingram said to-night and what he said he was prepared to prove—5862. Where is the proof of that?—5863. And to do that Ingram

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misrepresented what I said—5864. I did not say that had I thought that I would have said it, but I did not—5865. I do not think it is fair for Sproule to attack me in that way at this late hour of the night—5878. I would like Sproule not to construe my intention, but to confine himself to my words—5882. I do not want Sproule to interpret them for me—5883. Sproule's leader is satisfied, and we have had this tempest in the teapot for nothing—5884. Except the Bill—5886. I move that we take up clause No. 20—5898.

I move to strike out the words 'Northwest Territories Act, as amended'—5918. I made my reply; I am endeavouring if possible to proceed—5919. Moved that the following be substituted for section 15—5927. The first paragraph of this section is an adaptation of section 129 of the B. N. A. Act—5928. The individual members of the corporation would simply continue to have the same rights—5929. That is exactly the difficulty I had in view when I drew section 4, and I think it meets the difficulty—5930. All that law is to be continued until such time as the province deals with it itself—5931. Possibly we may be continuing Dominion legislation which may be very embarrassing to the provincial authorities—5932. If there is any doubt about it, the doubt ought to be removed—5933. The organization of these associations, as Barr is aware, is a matter of provincial concern—5934. I think that all we can do is to continue these gentlemen in the possession of their rights—5935. That is the way it first strikes me, and that is the way it occurred to me—5936. It disappears from our statute-book, but it becomes part of the statute law of the new provinces—5937. We ought, as far as possible, to make enactments of a general nature—5938. Now, as I view it here, the body of the law which is under control of the assembly is continued—5939. I gather that from the use of the words 'inconsistent with the provisions of this Act'—5940. The B. N. A. Act provides, in section 67, for the appointment of an administrator—5941. The word 'societies,' as I am instructed, is used here because it is used in the ordinance—5942. I think so, because these Acts would continue and become part of the legislation of the province—5943. A company could be considered as a company within the law of the province where it had its head office—5944. Foreign corporations are now licensed under what is called an order under the foreign corporation's ordinance—5945. Vests all the land in the provinces which were already in possession of their own public lands—5946. The difficulty I have yet to provide is with respect to the cash on hand on the 1st of July—5947. When we constitute a province all jurisdiction over civil rights and property goes to the province—5948. The point is that we restrict the powers of the province to deal with these lands—5949. Could we,