

the lands of men who had not given sufficient assurance of their honesty or reliance. Lastly, it was questionable to insist on an amendment to the constitution without an appeal to the people, merely on the supposed grounds of economy. That that economy was mythical we have already shown.

It is useless to talk about climate, soil and resources, as if these things were not subsidiary to good and honest government, freedom of opinion, honest, fearless journalism, and wise legislation. Mexico is a finer, richer and naturally more productive country than Manitoba, but to what has bad government, class legislation and ignorance driven her? The people of Manitoba must, with a long pull and a strong pull, root out those prejudices that would give us a second Quebec for a second Ontario—send into oblivion those men whom mere chance has sent to the surface as rotten apples, and Manitoba will be free, happy and prosperous.

N.B.—On a future occasion I will take up the School Question and the Half-Breed Reserves appertaining to Parishes, shewing who originated the scheme.