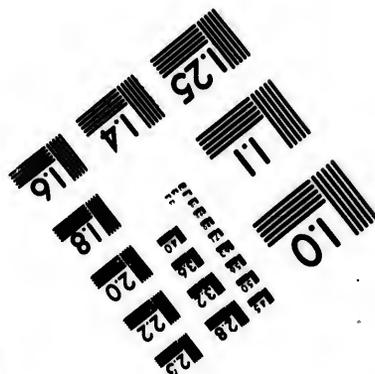
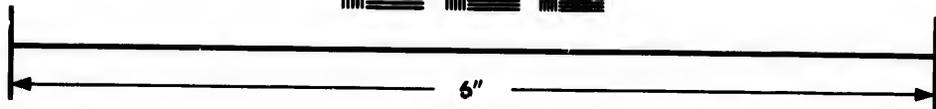
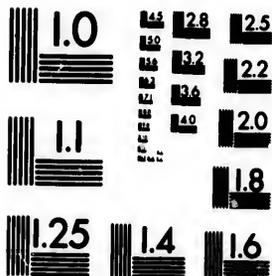


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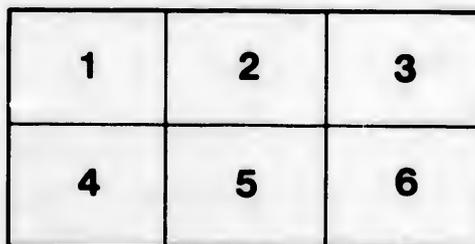
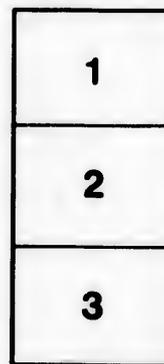
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SPEECH

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THOMAS GREENWAY, M. P. P.

IN THE MANITOBA LEGISLATURE,

APRIL 22nd, 1885.

MR. GREENWAY then continued the debate on the question of supply. He said:—I do not propose, sir, to enter into a discussion of the estimates which only came into my possession at the time the House adjourned, at 6 o'clock. I presume that will be better done at a future time, when the items of the estimates we have before us come up for discussion. I do not conceive that these estimates differ very materially from those we have had in possession for some days, except that as a matter of convenience—and no doubt it is a matter of convenience—the fiscal year is to be changed from the 31st December to the 30th June. One year ago to-morrow I rose to reply—I will not say to reply to, but to make some remarks following the hon. leader of the Government in the same strain and in the same spirit, as well as I was able to do, in which he had been pleased to address the House for two hours, some seven or eight days previous to that time. Now, sir, I say it in all sincerity, notwithstanding the strictures which my hon. friend has been pleased to use in referring to members upon this side of the House, that I regret exceedingly that I do not stand up at this time to follow and supplement further remarks such as those which he made on that occasion in the interests of the Province of Manitoba. I regret it exceedingly, because I believed then, as I have stated previously, that a better day was about to dawn for the Province of Manitoba, when the two sides of the House which had divided on various questions, and perhaps in some instances upon questions which were outside matters under discussion in this House, were uniting. I thought it augured well for the interests of the Province of Mani-

toba, inasmuch as it was giving a practical illustration of those views which I had always entertained in discussing these matters, that we were about to unite upon something in common for the interests of our common country. I was pleased that it was the case at that time, and that is the reason, sir, because I was pleased on that occasion to see all the members of the House united on a common platform, that I feel grief to-night that I cannot follow in the same strain as on that occasion—a strain which was endorsed by gentlemen on the other side of the House. When the Premier in his remarks the other night took occasion to refer to members on this side of the House he said that they were only pleased when they had something that they could oppose; that they only lived, in fact, upon the dissatisfaction and discontent that existed throughout the Province; and they were always ready and sure to oppose everything the Government introduced. Now, sir, I have only to say that the honorable gentleman had not very far to go to know that the position he took at that time was not in accordance with the facts. If he had gone back to two years ago he would have found that at that time he had the best evidence he could possibly have that such was not the case; that when we found gentlemen opposite taking a position which agreed with our views of the subject we did not desire to make any political capital out of the fact, or to say to them "These were not the views you entertained in other days when we advocated them; you have changed your opinions"—we did not desire to take that position, but we congratulated them on taking a position which we did perhaps say they should have taken previously, and found no

fault if at the eleventh hour the gentlemen took a position which we claimed should have been taken long ago in the interests of the Province. These gentlemen had only to refer to different occasions when members of the Government and members on that side of the House introduced certain measures which we considered calculated to further the interests of the country, and we supported them. They have only to refer to matters which have transpired in this Legislature within the past few days to know that on every occasion when we felt that the Government were introducing measures calculated to promote the interests of the country, we were always ready and willing to assist them. (Hear hear.) I say that on no occasion since 1879, while I have had the honor to occupy a seat in the Legislature of Manitoba, have I only opposed any measure for the sake of opposition. I tell the honorable gentleman to-night that not only has that been my policy, and the policy of gentlemen I can denominate as my colleagues in the past, but that will be our policy in the future. (Hear hear.) I care not how little confidence we may have in gentlemen opposite, I will never take a position for the sake of mere party advantage, I say country first and party afterward. The Premier, in making what he was pleased to call his budget speech the other night took a little more than half of the time in the abuse of the Opposition. He reminded me of the story of a counsel who, standing up in court and having no case, undertook to spend the greater portion of his time in abusing the opposite counsel. That, I fancy, was the position the hon. gentleman took the other night. I heard of some one making an estimate how many times the hon. gentleman referred to "members of the Opposition," "my friends of the Opposition," "the Opposition," etc. According to the calculation if these had been taken out that speech of two hours and a quarter could have been delivered in an hour and a half. Now the hon. gentleman has complained that we did not give him credit for the particular date at which he made his speech last year. I am free to admit, sir, that if any gentleman on this side of the House, or on the other side of the House, or outside of the House, ever forgot to give the particular days, or particular hours, it was a most important omission. Why should we who know

the hon. gentleman say that he was, the bound on the 20th of May last by state and, have ments made on the 16th of April? I have other sid the honor of returning a compliment paid the claim me a little more than a week ago, and as ag the claim saying that I have known him for several of Manito years, and that we who know him so well gentleman would never think of doing him such a out of h injustice. The hon. gentleman in mov you propo ing the second reading of a most im last year i portant bill, stood up and made was circu speech in its support, laboring long and bread and loud in its interests. My hon not do so; friend who sits at his right followed him lawyer wo and he allowed another hon. gentleman making ou to follow in the interests of that par The ide ticular pet bill of his. The discussion the trans went on for two or three hours, when of the P he suddenly discovered that the Legisla facts is alt ture, although it had followed him up to ble gentl that time, was not prepared to follow when he d him on that particular question. True, " budge te his principle—the hon. gentleman and pose to be his colleagues on that side of the House, appeared t regarding it as a cardinal principle that even the a they should keep their seats—he with d individual, drew the bill. I recollect that on one whose ut occasion Grip, taking a view of the situ childish ation, and understanding the hon. gen foolishnes tleman thoroughly, represented the Pre willing to mlier lying on a couch, with a little cap or purpose? his head, and in trying to brighten up his out a case ideas in the morning asking, "What was my gentleman policy yesterday?" Now, Sir, if I ever dential wa said in my life that you could bind the this mome hon. gentleman by anything he enuncia ion of Can ated a few days ago, or a few hours ago friend not I am prepared this moment before the I submit t Legislature, and before you, Sir, to take to step ou it all back. Having known the hon do, and pu tleman as I have so many years, and the hono having known the different changes made Why, wha on different questions involving the inter plished? ests of Manitoba, I will never attempt ant had k anything of the kind. On the 16th of tated in th April last year, my hon. friend stood not have g up in this Legislature and made honorable his proper cross the the \$6,500 one of the best speeches I ever heard him man for case whi make—and he can make a good speech But we he had wo and in doing that he was advocating the amount o claims of the Province of Manitoba. erading t Now, sir, it appears to me we have not literature which has up to the present time, appreciated the hon. gent. qualities of this gentleman; we have not on. gent. understood his position, or the pecu amount o cular traits of character of which c ment of he is possessed. A year ago, on reading t the 16th of April, the hon. gentleman literature which has stood in this Legislature and advocated which has the interests of the Province of Mani- hon. gent. toba. A week ago last night, I think it ence, and

at he was, the hon. gentleman stood up and, having taken a brief on the other side, undertook to advocate the claims of the Dominion of Canada as against those of the Province of Manitoba. I am not judging the hon. gentleman too harshly, because I have said out of his own mouth. He says, "Do you propose to bind me by what I said last year in the little pamphlet which was circulated throughout the length and breadth of Manitoba? You should not do so; that speech was made as a lawyer would make it, for the purpose of making out a case."

The idea of confining a gentleman of the transcendent abilities of the Premier of the Province to the barren fields of facts is altogether absurd. The honorable gentleman was making out a case when he delivered that speech, labelled "budget speech," and he did not propose to be bound by anything, though it appeared that anything he could use—even the speech of that insignificant individual, the member for Mountain, whose utterances he characterized as "childishness, silliness, clap-trap and foolishness," was brought up and he was willing to avail himself of it, for what purpose? For the purpose of "making out a case." I submit, the honorable gentleman has entirely missed his providential way. Can you conceive, sir, at this moment, what the bar of the Dominion of Canada has lost by my honorable friend not being called to it long ago? I submit that even now it would be well to step out of bounds, as we sometimes do, and pass a little short act admitting the honorable gentleman to the bar. Why, what might he not have accomplished? If the great Tichborne claimant had known that such a gentleman existed in the Dominion, what would he not have given for his services? If the honorable gentleman had only occupied his proper position he might have gone across the ocean recently and saved us the \$6,500 we paid to a celebrated gentleman for undertaking to make out a case which he did not make out. But we have this consolation, if he had won that case, it would have been to have lost, although there was a large amount of money spent. I have been reading this literature and the other literature since 1881 on this subject, which has principally emanated from the hon. gentleman, the Premier of this Province, and I have thought that the hon.

gentleman was arguing his case on facts and matters which could not be gainsaid. Now I understand thoroughly that was not the case. When he said in his pamphlet that it would take as much money some day to run the affairs of Manitoba, as of Ontario, he did not mean it, he was simply making out a case. When he said in 1880 that there were 22,000,000 acres of land in Manitoba which we had a right to claim and administer, he did not mean it at all; if he had meant it, he would have carried it out at that time to its legitimate result. He tells us that by the case made out in his budget speech, he actually made a little better than \$200,000; for, if it had not been for that speech the terms offered would not have been offered to the Province of Manitoba. I submit it is just a pity that we could not adjourn in a few days and give the hon. gentleman whatever fee he thinks he is entitled to—the question of fee is not a great deal—to go down again and make out another case. I have been figuring out a little in reference to these pamphlets and trips to Ottawa lately, and I find that making out that case and submitting it has cost the province something like \$10,000. Still, after all, that was a good investment! \$220,000 is the result of that speech! Now, if this Legislature and the people of this country could only induce my hon. friend, notwithstanding he is not a member of the bar, to accept a retainer, and induce him to go to work to make out another case, we might urge that we have 36,000,000 acres of land, for if we have not we can imagine we have; if we have not 22,000,000 acres we can imagine we have, it is for the laudable purpose of making out a case. I submit it is a pity that any influence could have been brought to bear, and that anything any body of men could offer, could have induced a gentleman of his ability to take a retainer on the other side, which he has evidently done. It appears to me, Mr. Speaker, that it would have been much better to have taken a practical view of the subject upon an occasion of this kind. I beg the pardon of the Legislature for saying that the hon. gentleman made a budget speech the other night; I would not think of insulting the Legislature with any such insinuation. I fancy making a budget speech would consist in taking the figures and undertaking to show the Legislature and the people of Manitoba how, in view of the

fact that a full settlement of the question has been closed, we were going to get along on that amount of money. That I fancy, would have been a practical view which would have interested the people of Manitoba very much, but the hon. gentlemen never undertook for a moment to consider that view of the question. I suggested some time ago that it would have been well if we had taken that view, and undertaken by figures from the past and the present, or by figures from other legislatures, or any figures we could secure, to show the people of this country that we would have a sufficient amount of money to get along on, sufficient for the Government to meet its wants, and provide Manitoba with such institutions as other provinces enjoyed. It appears to me that is the practical view and the practical argument that would interest the people of this country, who it does appear to me do not quite appreciate the efforts of the hon. gentleman notwithstanding some of his remarks. True, he discovered that there was one little meeting held in Manitou composed of I don't know how many individuals, and another little meeting in the city of Mowbray, away down near the international boundary, composed of a little log shanty, and these two meetings endorsed the better terms and declared them to be most liberal. There was another little meeting which I had mentioned on a previous occasion—I was not at the meeting—at which a resolution was passed, which I read, and which my hon. friend was careful not to read, which was put into my hands by a gentleman who attended, for the purpose that I might bring it here and press it upon the Government to induce them to reject the terms. I had a number of resolutions; and I have known of a number of large meetings that have been held, composed of gentlemen of both shades of politics, which did not endorse the terms, but I have yet to find a large gathering met for the purpose of discussing the terms that has said they were satisfactory to the Province of Manitoba. I said the other evening that, as a party man desiring party advantage, I could wish my Conservative friends no greater calamity than that they should ally themselves with those terms as a final settlement of the claims of Manitoba, and I repeat it now. As a further illustration of the incorrectness of my hon. friend's position the other night, I may say that we did not

wish to offer a factious opposition to the Government, but simply wanted the Government to affirm the principle which they said was contained in the report submitted to the House, that the settlement was not final; that was all the resolution asked, which the Speaker ruled out of order. Did that look anything like a factious opposition? The Government contended and their supporters contended, that the principle was already embodied in the document; if that was true, why object to the amendment offered from this side of the House? There could possibly be no force in the objection if the contention of the hon. gentleman opposite was correct. Now it is not surprising, if the Conservative party as a united party, are satisfied with these terms, that we have not heard of some of those large associations which gather in the centres of the Province, meeting together and saying in unmistakable language "We approve of the course the Government has taken in this matter?" But we do not find people with a reputation to lose undertaking to do anything of the kind. It would be too much, Mr. Speaker, to expect my hon. friend there, after having gone to Ottawa a number of times—he has actually gone so often that he thought he had instructions to go about the end of every year to go down to discuss the question; consequently we find him taking a position which would enable him bye-and-bye to open the question, that the population of the Province should not be reckoned at 400,000 souls, but should continue to increase until it corresponded with the numbers of the larger provinces in confederation. We were complained of because we said that, in such a matter as this, it would have been right for the Government to have submitted the whole question to the people, inasmuch as the Government and not only the Government but some of their supporters, were taking an entirely different position in reference to this question from what they took a few years ago. We cannot claim, and we do not claim, that there is so much fault to be found with the settlement that has just been made, except upon the item of the public lands. Now, it was for that reason I contended the other evening, and I contend now, that, on account of the change of front of my hon. friend and his supporters, this whole question should have been submitted to the people of

Manitoba. That, it appears to me, would have been the principle the Government which they should have acted upon if they wished to place themselves in the position of not breaking faith with the people. I referred some time ago to an address of the Premier when he went to the people in 1883. There was no misunderstanding of his views at that time—but I am forgetting that the hon. gentleman was only making out a case, he did not mean it. When he said Manitoba was entitled to the lands within her border for administration for her own purposes, he was only making out a case, that he might be retained in his position. The other Premier undertook to say that the more land a man had in Manitoba the worse off he was. Talk about anti-immigration resolutions and speeches made to injure the country, in comparison with the Premier standing up in the Legislature and saying that the more land a man had in his native Province the worse off he was! I say the statement is not in accordance with facts; the more land a man has in the Province of Manitoba, land capable of producing such crops—

HON. MR. NORQUAY—I did not say the more land a man has in Manitoba, but the more lands he has for money-making purposes the worse off he is.

MR. GREENWAY—I have the revised version of the speech. The words I took were just as I quoted them, but the new version gives them as my hon. friend now states. I say that is not correct. I find that loan companies are willing to advance on good, fertile lands in the Province of Manitoba, as high as \$5 an acre. It appears to me that if some of my hon. friends had lands on which they could get \$5 an acre they would be in a better position. I think a man is in a better position if he has land on which he can get \$2 an acre. I say the statement is not such as should be made, even for the purpose of making out a case, and every well-wisher of the Province should take up and repudiate such a statement.

Another gentleman who was engaged in making out a case with the electors of the constituency out west, that they should him to the Legislature to represent them, if he wanted to keep faith with the people, should be governed by the principle of rights. According to the Premier and his friends, however, it was not a bill of rights, it was making out a case for getting a large amount of money to make the

seats of the hon. gentlemen a little softer. I have got a clause of the address here, which I propose to read, and I hope some gentleman in the House will recognize the wording of the clause: "There remains still a large amount of public land not disposed of, and I am prepared to maintain that these lands should be handed over to this Province." What? These lands that are not worth anything? Why hand them over, and for what purpose? This member in his speech in the Legislature made the other night, joined out and out with the leader of the Government in the idea that \$100,000 a year in lieu of the lands was a most liberal offer, and the whole strain of his speech was to show that we were getting entirely too much. But on the 1st of Jan., 1883, these were his views, that the lands should be handed over to the Province in order that the proceeds derived from the sales thereof might be applied for the general public use. He held that "the remaining unsold lands should be the property of the Province, the same as in the sister provinces." (Hear, hear). That was not compensation for the lands. It appears he does recognize what he said on that occasion. That was the question of handing over to this province the lands remaining unsold. Is this the question the hon. gentleman voted upon the other night? Is that what he was contending for, what he thought right upon that occasion? But then, of course, men must not be bound by what they say on these occasions, if we are to take the teaching of the Hon. Premier. In 1881, and ever since, down to the beginning of 1885. I was studying what I conceived to be the facts. We did not understand until we got the illustration of the hon. gentleman himself, that he did not propose to be bound by anything he said here. We did not understand that at all, we supposed the hon. gentleman was dealing in what he considered to be the facts of the case; and consequently we are to be excused if we thought that last year the hon. gentleman in making that speech was stating what he thought correct—we did not understand that he was merely making out a case. I submit that hereafter we must always remember this in anything he undertakes to show. We must not bind the hon. gentleman too closely; we must remember it is wrong to confine a gentleman of the transcendent ability of which he is possessed to such barren

fields as spoken of a little while ago. He must be allowed to roam everywhere and anywhere, taking even from his opponents what he can get, if he can make out a case for extracting a little more money from the Dominion Government. If the hon. gentleman had spent five minutes out of the two hours and a quarter in showing to the people of the country that the amount of money now at the disposal of the Government was sufficient to meet the requirements of the Province, it would have been satisfactory; but as he did not do so it will be well for that purpose to go into a few figures and try to find out, by the best means at our disposal, what it will take to run the affairs of the Province. The Premier thinks it safe to say there are 100,000 people in the Province of Manitoba; and I think that is nearly what is correct. The Dominion Government was willing to admit a population of 150,000; but after their policy had driven people out, they reduced the number proposed as the basis of capital account to 125,000. On the presumption that the population of the country is going to increase, as we hope it will, and believe it notwithstanding all the barriers that are being continually put in the way, it appears to me well to ask ourselves the question, if it takes, as it did last year, \$500,000 to provide for the wants of 100,000 people, what will it take to provide for the wants of 500,000? The hon. gentlemen said we should base our calculations upon the population of the Province, and I think to a very great extent he was correct, and that in making calculations upon a subject of this kind it would be well to consider the population of the country. It does appear to me that the position taken by the hon. gentleman the previous year was about right when he said that as our population continued to increase, so our wants would continue to increase, and the amount necessary would also continue to increase. We will require various institutions which we have not to-day. The Government have now a little experience in providing for an unfortunate class which exists in all the provinces, and are engaged in building a lunatic asylum; and there are other institutions which, as the wants of the country increase, we shall require. It appears to me an important matter to ask ourselves, before going it blind as some people desire us to do, and try to

understand if possible, how the means are going to be provided to meet the wants of the people. It was said on a former occasion that the Province of Manitoba, with the same population, would require just the same as Ontario and I believe the proposition is correct or that a western country, situated as the Province of Manitoba, would require a little more than Ontario. Let us look for a moment at what we have been doing, and take that as an evidence of what we will require. In 1873, the expenditure was \$86,377.68. The next year, my hon. friend changed the fiscal year so as to make it end on the 30th of June instead of the 31st December, but was two-thirds of the expenditure for the eighteen months amounted to \$96,833.80 for 1877 the expenditure was \$91,273.70 for 1878 \$107,926.37; for 1879 \$146,271.91; for 1880 \$201,751.06; for 1881 \$231,347.84; for 1882 \$325,592.14; for 1883 \$495,612.23, and for 1884 \$501,709.48. Hence we see that the expenditure has gone on increasing in all these years. What right have we to expect that it is not going to continue to do so if our population increases as we hope it will? It must do so. Now, it would be well, perhaps, just for a moment to compare our position with that of other Provinces, as my hon. friend said the other night in discussion that it was well to base these matters on population, and see whether the position he took in other days was correct, when he said it would require as much money to run the affairs of Manitoba as to run the affairs of Ontario. Turn to Ontario, and we find, taking the only thing which is at my disposal, the estimates for 1884, that the people spend \$1.25 per head of the population. Now let us come to the Province of Manitoba, and what do we find under the same head? That last year over \$5 per head was spent, based upon a population of 100,000, which my hon. friend admits the Province contains the Province of Ontario. That is to say, our population, which is one-twentieth of that of Ontario requires four times the expenditure of that Province. Now, does this go to show that we can get along here with less than they do in Ontario? Let us take a couple of items of this expenditure and look at them for a moment. We shall find, if we take the legislation and civil government of the Province of Ontario, and compare it with the legislation and civil government of Manitoba, that in the case of

them, the estimates for these amount to \$43,450. What about this Province of Manitoba? Extracting all the items for 1884 from the public accounts, I find that they amount to \$40,999.21. Does that look like getting along with less money than the Province of Ontario, when it takes within a little more than \$2,000 of the same amount to pay for printing and stationery for Manitoba as for that old and large province? For this year \$31,185 is placed for this estimate; but if it is not exceeded it will be the first time in the history of Manitoba since I have known anything about it. I hope it may be very much less. These figures go to shew that it is not at all likely that the people of Manitoba in anything like a similar position, or with half the population, will be able to get along with less money than the people of Ontario. I think this will show the fallacy of the position taken, when with such undue haste the acceptance of these terms has been fastened upon the country. I would like to hear from some gentleman what might be termed a budget speech, in which he would undertake to show for future years that Manitoba will be placed in a position financially to undertake responsibilities and to assist the people, and to be on the same footing as the other provinces. Does any man believe that the position of Manitoba in Confederation to-day is as good as that of the other Provinces? Will any man hazard his reputation by making such a statement? Notwithstanding all that has been said, I do not think so. I undertook last year, after making a careful calculation, to say I believed the day was not far distant in the history of Manitoba when she would require for the purposes of the Government, if it assisted the people as it ought to do, at least \$1,000,000 per annum. I am of the same opinion now, and I think that at least half that amount should have been derived as compensation in lieu of the public lands. I have the figures the hon. gentleman gave, and which he took exception to the other night, in a little document which was sent out through the Province, showing that we were possessed of 22,000,000 acres of land after deducting the school lands and other lands already disposed of. I never heard anyone undertake to place a value on the lands of less than \$1 per acre. I undertook to say that the lands of Manitoba should not represent less than one dollar an

acre. My hon. friend was much annoyed the other night because I talked of capitalization. The author complains of the results of his own teaching, I believe that was the first place in which I heard it. I heard him one day in May, 1881, make one of his best speeches on that very question; and I obtained some information in reference to the land and in reference to the affairs of Manitoba generally. I am sorry to find the hon. gentleman get up and say, after he had for so many years placed such implicit confidence in his teaching, paid so much attention, was willing to learn and to learn from him, listened to his own voice, heard his arguments, and gained so much information, I believed valuable that he did not mean anything, that was only making out a case. You do not understand how it grieves me that I spent so many years in Manitoba listening and learning from the teaching of the hon. gentleman and believing it to be true, and stood on the stump and was eloquent with the arguments he used, and now to be told, after all these years have passed, that he did not mean a word of it, he was only making out a case. I say, Mr. Speaker, I stand in a deplorable position; I don't know how I am going to retrieve my lost hours and lost years spent in listening to the teaching of the hon. gentleman. I say, Mr. Speaker, with all sincerity, nothing would give me greater pleasure than to stand up and endorse such a statement as the Premier gave utterance to the other night when he said Manitoba had attained to such a position; that he was proud to be able to say that he had been laboring so long to bring her to that position, and had succeeded. Nothing would afford me greater pleasure than to stand up to-night and endorse that statement. I have always had faith in Manitoba. I have made it my home, and I would like to see it the banner Province; and nothing would give me greater pleasure than to endorse the statements of the hon. gentleman if I believed them to be correct. It would afford me the greatest pleasure to go into the country and to the people, after their struggling years, that we have attained the position we were aspiring to and now we can be contented and happy. But it will require more ability than I have to make it a case, and to satisfy the people that they are getting a less amount for themselves is putting them in a better position. The

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 Mr. Speaker—it takes so and so to meet the
 would give needs of 100,000. He admitted upon
 to stand up another occasion, by his letter, that the
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 ould to be ab- 100 souls in the year 1881, when the
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 to stand up the hon. gentleman so often, but I took
 that statement 25,000 souls as the last returned cen-
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 Province; and MR. GREENWAY—I quite understand
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man can figure out what a certain portion
 of the municipality in which he resides is
 worth, and this will show the absurdity
 of accepting \$100,000 in lieu of the lands.
 The hon. gentleman stated the other
 night that some one on this side of the
 House said 'Don't let go of the \$45,000.'
 Certainly not. I said the land was worth
 more than ten times that. Don't give
 that away, but get ten times more. In
 all the calculations ever made who ever
 thought that \$100,000 a year was going
 to be accepted in lieu of the lands? We
 have only to make comparisons to see the
 insignificant amount that has been re-
 ceived; it is there we should have
 received the amount we are now
 short, because when the Confedera-
 tion scheme was brought about the
 fact that the other Provinces had lands
 was taken into consideration when the
 providing of revenue was taken up.
 Does any one believe that \$100,000 a
 year is sufficient compensation for the
 lands? If so he does not understand
 what they are worth. My hon. friend
 undertook to depreciate the value of the
 lands, he now proposes a scheme for a
 land department. He proposes to assist
 railways and to take their lands as some-
 thing of a valuable nature to advance
 money on. He told us it was not desir-
 able to have a land department, that
 there would be no revenue. I wonder if
 this bill is going to hand over the lands to
 be squandered. I believe the lands of the
 country are valuable, and in accepting
 the sum which these gentlemen accepted,
 they gave away, so far as they could do
 so, the only chance we had of receiving a
 sufficient amount to place us in a position
 to administer the affairs of the country
 properly. We can calculate now just
 what we are going to receive. When our
 population reaches 400,000 souls, in view
 of the facts before us, is it too much to
 assume that we will require twice the
 amount we require to-day? If we carry
 out the progressive statement shown a
 few minutes ago it will make \$2,000,000.
 I cannot see how we can get along with
 less than \$1,000,000, but where are
 we going to get it? We will get up
 to \$600,000, or a little over \$100,000
 more than we have to-day, when we have
 a population of 400,000. It is most im-
 portant that people should know how fu-
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 disposal, and from what source our reve-
 nue is to come. These are practical ques-

tions which the people will very naturally ask. I know that the people of the country feel that the Government have not dealt with them as they ought to-day, have not given them the assistance they ought to give; and they will be more impressed when they see the estimates. I think it is quite clear to every one, in view of the value placed upon the lands by gentlemen opposite, and in view of the position they have taken in reference to them, that they ought to have submitted the whole question to the people before ratifying the terms. It is a question that concerns the people, and if affairs are to be administered properly, and they are to derive what they ought, the people are interested and should be consulted before an extensive change takes place. This little pamphlet (Hon. Mr. Norquay's speech) was circulated widely throughout the Province, and I intend circulating it some more. It is very good literature, with some very nice strains in it, and it led people to believe the hon. gentleman was taking up their case, and was to fight for them to the bitter end. His words then were: "Manitoba has been, in fact, the most profitable investment the Dominion ever made in her whole public existence. In point of fact, the revenues accruing in Manitoba and the Northwest have been the principal sources by which of late the credit of the Dominion has been placed on a firm basis in the money markets of the world, enabling the Federal authorities to pay interest on the large and heavy debt thrown on the Dominion by the Eastern Provinces on entering Confederation." Is that sentiment true if for the position the hon. gentleman takes now is true, that as compared with other Provinces Manitoba is receiving more? \$20,000 has made all the difference.

HON. MR. NORQUAY.—It is over \$220,000. That speech was delivered before the terms of the 20th of May were offered.

MR. GREENWAY. The hon. gentleman said again that Manitoba was not in the position she ought to be, or why did he reject the terms? We take the little pamphlet here, prepared with very great trouble, which undertook to show how much more Manitoba paid into the Dominion Treasury than it ought to pay, and how much more the people were burdened than they ought to be; now, if we are to believe the hon. gentleman, these burdens have been taken away.

But it is all explained when we come to the statement that he was simply making out a case; he did not mean what he said, so there is no use in quoting from the pamphlet. After circulating it among the people for the purpose of exciting them, creating discontent, and making them dissatisfied with their position—for what else could the people do—now, because the honorable gentleman has succeeded in getting \$20,000 more; well, everything is lovely and the people should go home and rest in peace. I hope the people of the country will contend for their rights—I hope it as much as I did last session. I do not believe the people are going to be satisfied with the treatment they will now. I know they will not, and I hope they will not, as I want to see Manitoba prosper and become a great province to see my children prosper; and I want to see Manitoba brought up to fill its position in Confederation; and no man take beggerly terms as were pressed upon the House the other day should be accepted as a final settlement. I am willing to go out and discuss that question with the people and submit it to them. If the honorable gentleman had the courage of his convictions and the manliness he ought to have, occupying the position he does, he would have been willing to submit the question to the people and ask their views. But if by any means an expression of the people can be got rid of, if two or three in a corner can be got together to say that the terms are all they ought to take, he takes advantage of the opportunity while the unanimous verdict of the people is that the hon. gentleman has reduced his position since last year. He insults the intelligence of the people by telling them they are not judges of what he should issue in making out his case. I say this whole question, before it is finally disposed of, should have been submitted to the people of Manitoba; they would have been the best judges of what they want and of the position they should occupy as members of the Confederation. These are the sentiments I uttered last year, and am I to change my mind because the Government have at the disposal \$20,000 more? They were circulated by the Government themselves and were cheered to the echo by gentlemen opposite. I took even stronger ground then than to-night, because I said that unless we got fairer treatment

When we come to the demands contained in our ultimatum were considered, we would have a remedy, and go to work out our own destiny. I was congratulated by members of the House for the exciting nature of that speech. There was a gentleman who took exception, but so determined was the Premier that he stood up to his place and undertook the somewhat needless task of keeping that member quiet. I believed I was enunciating the convictions of those I represented, and should go home and believe I am doing so for the people of Manitoba. I believe these are the rights of the people of Manitoba. I did not believe they are less spirited than those of the other Provinces, or that they will submit to a wrong sooner than I do, and I hope people of other Provinces. I do not believe that they claim more than even-ness, and I believe they will continue to contend for it until they are satisfied. Let us be in a position that we can take from the shoulders of the people the burdens they have to bear. If the Government had done its duty we would have been in a position to organize an immigration bureau, and secure for Manitoba a fair share of immigrants; and we would have been in a position to undertake other things to be undertaken in the future. We have different institutions that must be organized if the Province is to be what it ought to be. We have been told before now of the liberal manner in which we have been treated by the Federal Government. We were pointed to the building as an illustration. True it was presented in an unfavorable way as the price of this building, but now the capital account is reduced by the price of this building. Hence all expenditure upon works of a liberal character are to be taken from the capital account. The liberality of the Government does not appear in the light as when these matters were in consideration. I have undertaken to show the unfairness of the Government in charging the Opposition with dishonesty in regard to the terms, between the Confederation we desired to do no more than to put on record what we could not see was to offer a protest against the settlement being made final, in order to be in a position to claim what we ought to have by and-by to have enough to look after our necessities. You may talk about the bill of rights or any other subversive treatment, you please, because back of this, if

we are to remain a member of Confederation, we are entitled to a living, and we must have a sufficient amount of money to meet our wants. Will any gentleman on that side of the House stand up and tell me how, if five years hence our population is found to be 400,000 souls, we are going to meet the wants of that population, and the different organizations and institutions of the country? That is the practical view of the question, and I hope that before we adopt the clauses of the estimates we shall have the opportunity of discussing them in that way, and have some opportunity of showing that the amount of money at our disposal is enough for this year and next year and next and the year after. I leave the subject with the utmost confidence that upon some future occasion we shall have the opportunity if my hon. friend does not disappoint us. I am afraid there must be something of that kind, that in his having taken the opposite side there is an indication that we are to lose the services of that hon. gentleman to his native province, and that he is going to wage war against us. That would be perfectly dreadful. But if we can judge from his arguments, if we are to call them that, if that speech is to be distributed as I understand it will be, it is certain to a very great extent to shut the mouth of the hon. gentleman when he goes down east, if he is to go, to look after not only the interests of the eastern people, but also those of the people of Manitoba. Now he may be able to persuade them as he has persuaded us, that he did not mean it, that he was only making out a case up here. I hope that something will let him out.

HON. MR. NORQUAY—I guess you would like to see me out.

MR. GREENWAY—At a meeting at which the so-called better terms were under discussion, exception was taken to the position the hon. gentleman had taken, and a gentleman said, discussing this little document (the Budget Speech), "I am afraid Mr. Norquay got himself into a hole he cannot easily get out of." That was the conclusion after reading that document. I hope that when he goes east we shall not lose his valuable services, but that he will contend for the rights of this Province, and will be able to impress upon the people that in his speech a week ago he did not mean exactly what he said, that Manitoba had attained her full majority,

and that she was liberally treated, but will, before long, take another tack, and that there were other considerations which ought not to be forgotten. I hope get on the side which contends for the rights of the people of Manitoba. (Loud applause).
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ADDENDA.

Electors of Manitoba, read and consider the following motions and votes thereon as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of the local Legislature.

SATURDAY, 28TH MARCH, 1885.

Mr. Bell rose to move an amendment, and objection having been taken,

Mr. Speaker ruled, That no amendment can be made until the question is proposed from the Chair.

And the question having been put, That the Report of the Delegates of the Manitoba Legislature appointed to press upon the Federal Government the favorable consideration of the claims of this Province be adopted, and that the offer contained therein of a settlement of the claims preferred by this Province, be accepted by this Legislature.

It was moved by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Conklin, in amendment, That while this Legislature re-affirms its position as presented in the Resolutions unanimously agreed to by this House at the last session, as recorded on page 98 of the Journals, it is of the opinion that the Terms now offered by the Dominion Government should be accepted as far they go; but on the condition that the settlement shall not be considered as a final and full settlement of our claims, and that this Province shall not be debarred from again pressing the just claims made in the "Bill of Rights."

And objection having been taken to the proposed amendment on the ground that the mover and seconder of the amendment having already taken part in the Debate, they were thereby precluded from moving an amendment,

Mr. Speaker ruled that no member who has already spoken to a question may rise again to move an amendment, though he may speak to any new question when proposed by other members, and that the amendment was therefore out of order, his decision being given in accordance with May's Parliamentary Practice, page 306.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND, 1885.

The order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the question, That Mr. Speaker do not leave the Chair. (For the House in the Committee of Ways and Means.)

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit till after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning,

THURSDAY, APRIL, 23RD, 1885.

Mr. Bell moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Hay,

That the Speaker do not now leave the Chair, but in view of the rapid increase of the Expenditure of the Province, it be resolved, that the House is of opinion that the terms recently accepted by this Legislature should not be considered a final and full settlement of our claims upon the Federal Government.

And the question being put on the amendment, the House divided and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

YEAS:—Messieurs Bell, Conklin, Gigot, Greenway, Hay, Martin, Winram and Young,—8.

NAYS:—Messieurs Allan, Brown, Davidson, Hamilton, Harrison, LaRiviere, Lecompte, MacBeth, Mawhinney, Miller, Norquay, Prud'homme, Wagner, Wilson, Woodworth,—15.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH, 1888

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Norquay, seconded by the Hon. Mr. LaRiviere,

Ordered, That the Resolutions reported from the Committee on Ways and Means be now read a Second time.

The Tenth Resolution being read a Second Time,

Mr. Martin moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Winram,

That the Resolution be not now concurred in, but that it be resolved, That this House is of opinion that owing to the existing depression and consequent reduction in salaries of employes generally a very material saving in expenditure could be effected in the respective Departmental offices of the Government.

And the question being put on the amendment, the House divided and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

YEAS:—Messieurs Bell, Conklin, Greenway, Hay, Martin, Winram and Young,—7.

NAYS:—Messieurs Brown, Cyr, Davidson, Douglas, Hamilton, Harrison, LaRiviere, Lecompte, MacBeth, Mawhinney, Miller, Norquay, Prud'homme, Tennant, Wagner, Wilson, Woodworth,—17.

The Fourteenth Resolution, being read a Second time,

Mr. Bell moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Young,

That the Resolution be not now concurred in, but that it be resolved:

That this House is of opinion that the selection of the site for a Lunatic Asylum was a most injudicious one, and on account of the nature of the ground will cause a serious loss to the Province:

And be it further resolved:

That on account of the increased amount at the disposal of the Government, the sums placed in the Estimates for aid to Municipalities is entirely inadequate to meet the wants of the people.

And the question being put on the amendment, the House divided and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

YEAS:—Messieurs Bell, Conklin, Cyr, Greenway, Hay, Martin, Tennant, Winram, Young,—9.

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