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bRANCH RAILWAYS
We ate not in possession of the
details of the plans for aiding braneh lines submittcd by Sir David MacPherson, Minister of the Interior, to the Cabinet, and which
we are informed has been approved we are informed has been approved
of The Manitoba Free Press, few issues ano, concurred in th
plan, so that it must possess cef plain, so thats, though we perceive
tain mere that in a later issue it appears to
have backed out, and it is now have backed out, and it is now
disgranted because the Mirister of disgrunted because the in his plan
the Interior does not
propose lavishly to give free land propose lavishly to give free land
grants to all chartered companies grants to all chartered companes
now in existence or that may here-
after be organized. The scheme after be organized. The scheme
which has been adopted is to give
free free glants South-Western and to the Manitoba and Northwestern. The inghty. These companies, in the first instance, had land allotted to
them at one dollar per acre. Sir them at one dollar per acre.
David MacPherson now proposes
thil that the allonies will have to pay
these covernment ten cents an acre the Government ten cents an acre
to cover the expenses of surveying these concessions go they are com-
mendable but Sir David, it com plains, does not go fa. enough. To
do what is right he should subsidize. every branch road organized or unorganized. Nothing short on
this will suit the "sturdy yeoman this will suit the "sturdy yeoman
of the intelligent prairie province.
The perversity of the Minister of the Interior in this matter is most reprehensible because the
Press asserts most solemnly that there is land enough in the north-
west to spare which cannot be put to a better purpose than , the de
velopment of the country." there is take it for granted that
tion which whom tion which the Mis proposed plan
terior makes in his pider both the
for aiding brarich lines, Boter toads referred to are material acts, while many lines projected by parties
are paper line
whose common name is speculator. We cannıt compliment the
writer in the McLeod Gazette of
the reth inst. on being he 1cth inst. on being a political
fanatic, but he has our unqualified cougratulations on the success
vhich he is achieving as a political
hermaphrodite We can assure the independent ci-devant peeler of the Gazette that his pretensions to
lofty independence come with ex of a court under public pay, and whose bread and butte. for a num
ber of years was drawn from the very Government, whose patronage same time he has been doing his under the fifth rib. Pretensions to as every sensible person knows.
The party now-a-days who preach-
es independence in politics must practice it. The editor of the
Gazette would have his readers but we have the best of reasons for
knowing that what he calls " indedependence "is inexperience, and
what he is pleased to call fanaticic is a long and severe journalistic ex
 Gazette. The very fact that the
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of canadian politice
 McLeod merely shows what pre
sumption a political tyro may
possess, It would be far more Government. of which he is enthis s. whathe evidenty wants courage of his convietions. Per-
haps with him it is a case of volo,
non valeo.

The Otara special correspon dent of the Reesina Leader is author Honorabele Sir John A . Macdonal
it title of Baron Ottawa. No man in
the British Empire is more entitle our Soisteien Luad at the hind its die dis tinguished statesman, who for fort
tears has been identified with the years has aftars of the country, an
whose administrative ability : on years ago ornked him among
feading statesmen of the world . W trust that the statement is true, an
$\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { man' sv sisit to Englandat the presente } \\ & \text { time } \\ & \text { well-merite not duconenetided } \\ & \text { istinction referred the to }\end{aligned}\right.$ Sir David Macphorson at the
head of his department is showng head of his department is showing
commendabie activity
with regard ularly concern the northwest. The Minister of the Interior is most
antious to secure the soundest attxious to secure the soundest
legislation for the people of this
portion of the country, and it is portion of the country, and it it
only a miserable kicker who is heard doubting this. It is some satisfac-
tion for a Cabinet minister to know tion for a Cabinet minister to know
that the hearts of the great majority of the northwest people are in their
right places, and that it is only the remain dissatisfied.
Federal office holders in the
northwest will be pleased to know
that the McLeo Gazette has class-
ified them all as "political vagabonds." The only redeemirg
feature contained in this sweepeature contained in this sweep
ing indictment is the fact that the
editor of the Gazette, who is clerk editor of the Gazette, who is clerk
of the District Court for McLeod, has included himself in the class ification.

The Manitoba Free Press is op
posed to a public celebration in honor of the fortieth anniversary o Macdonald's career as a statesman. The opposition is incomplete with-
out the support of that ultra- indpendent, the McLeod Gazette, and A Pretty sketeh. Honry Muma, Eaq,, of Drumbo, Ont., one
of the Dominion arbitrators who was here a tew đeeks aso has written an alle eand interasting letter to the Brantord (Ont) Daily
Courier, givlng a desoription of his trip to Curier, givlng a deseription of his trip to
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ageer This, of course, does not cover the
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