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No. 12, for the East, leaves at 10.00
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CARMAN BRANCH

No. 122 arrives..... 9.55
No. 121 departs..... 10.10
No. 124 arrives..... 18.35
No. 123 departs..... 18.50

Local and General

The Starkey House, Carman.
Reserve next Monday for the C.O.F. concert.

Mrs. J. A. Thomson is spending a few days in Winnipeg.

Jas. Larimore went to Winnipeg on Monday.

Harry Barager has joined the Bank of Hamilton staff.

Carl Anderson went to Winnipeg on a business trip on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sills, of Carman, spent Sunday with W. C. Soole.

Mrs. McArthur left on Tuesday on a visit to friends at Duluth.

It is the duty of every elector to record his vote on March 7th.

Don't throw away your shoes—buy a home repair outfit—80¢ and \$1.50.—J. A. Thomson.

Call and see our linoleum in the six and twelve foot widths.—R. H. Staples

Inspectors Sproat and Anderson of the Bank of Hamilton, were in town on Tuesday.

MARRIED.—In Winnipeg, on Saturday, February 23rd, by Rev. Archdeacon Fortin, William E. Payne to Lydia Minnie Cooper.

To refinish old rusty stovepipes try Sherwin-Williams' Stovepipe Enamel. No smoke. 15 and 25c.—John A. Thomson.

Rev. Mr. Davis, of St. John's College, Winnipeg, conducted service in the English Church on Sunday last.

Fines to the amount of \$11.50 have been collected by the Ontario Government from blind pigs in Cobalt.

Tickets for Monday's concert are on sale at the drug store. Miss Nannie Strachan and Mr. Gavin Spence are sure to draw a big crowd.

A Conservative rally will be held in Whitlam's Hall to-night at 8 o'clock. Hon. R. P. Roblin will address the electors. Everybody welcome.

The Calgary Eye Opener says:—"Thin Red Line" Leach, Dominion Inspector of Land Offices appeared on the platform one night last week with Crossley and Hunter. This is the limit.

It is rumored that an Alpine club is to be formed in our town to practise climbing over where the sidewalks used to be. By the time the next snowstorm is over we shall be walking in at the bedroom window.

Last Friday afternoon a football match, schoolboys, vs. the town, was played on the school ground. The boys came out on top by two to one. It is probable that another game will be played to-morrow afternoon.

A Chicago professor declares that woman is not man's intellectual equal. That professor is treading on dangerous ground. How many of us would care to admit that our mothers were not as intelligent as the fellow who chews tobacco by the grocery store day after day, and owes every man in town, from the preacher to the undertaker?

Starbuck

(Too late for last week)

It feels good to be alive these fine days.

G. M. Millar is visiting friends at Brandon.

Miss Kate Dunlop has returned home from Keewatin, where she was visiting her brother.

Talk about sidewalks! Starbuck sidewalks are unequalled in the province.

Robert Burns has sold his property two miles east of here, and intends building a house in Starbuck.

Gunter Johnson, carpenter and builder, is a busy man these days, preparing for spring work. He expects to do a lot of building this year.

We regret to hear that John Powers has been very ill for some time past, and hope this fine weather will help him on the road to health again.

There will be no fuel famine in Starbuck this year, as Messrs. Halland & Corneliusen have unloaded two cars of good coal and a car of cordwood.

Mrs. Hannah Wrixon, wife of William Wrixon, died on the 11th inst. in her 58th year. Mrs. Wrixon had been ill for a considerable time. She was originally from Ireland and was one of the first settlers in this district. She leaves a family of seven sons and five daughters to mourn her loss. The affection and esteem in which the deceased lady was held, and also the sympathy felt for the family, were testified by the large attendance at the funeral service, held in the Presbyterian Church by Rev. J. W. Beattie, of Winnipeg, and the large procession which followed the cortege to the cemetery.

Liberal Meeting

A well-attended meeting in support of Mr. August's candidature was held in Whitlam's Hall on Monday night, presided over by Mr. A. Chard.

Mr. August addressed the meeting and made a very able speech which was listened to with marked attention, by Liberals and Conservatives alike.

Mr. Heaney, a lawyer of Winnipeg, also spoke, but did not create nearly such a good impression as did Mr. August. On his own admissions he was a sit-on-the-fence politician, sometimes supporting one party, sometimes the other, and sometimes neither. His speech amounted to practically nothing, and the general impression was that Mr. August's cause had not been advanced by Mr. Heaney's eloquence. The proceedings were very orderly throughout.

What Our Cousins Think

Commenting on our remarks anent showing respect to another nation's flag, which appeared in our issue of February 14th, the Rainy River Region, published at Baudette, Minn., says:

"We believe Brother Lemmon is right in this, and off goes our hat whether you sing the 'Maple Leaf' or 'Star Spangled Banner.' The better class of people on either side of the line will honor their neighbors' institutions and flag, and those who cannot do this are misguided and unfortunate beings to whom might be accorded some sympathy and a great deal of pity."

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Holliday & Simpson
ELM CREEK, MAN.Which Financial Record
Meets With Your Approval?The Seven Years of Liberal Rule or the
Seven Years of Conservative Rule

LIBERAL DEFICITS			CONSERVATIVE SURPLUSES		
1893	DEFICIT	\$348,162	1900	SURPLUS	\$ 11,056
1894	"	104,037	1901	"	49,444
1895	"	1,774	1902	"	289,686
1896	"	101,504	1903	"	148,777
1897	"	123,902	1904	"	249,358
1898	SURPLUS	98,715	1905	"	465,123
1899	DEFICIT	248,136	1906	"	518,399
A TOTAL DEFICIT OF			A TOTAL SURPLUS OF		
\$831,800			\$1,631,843		

From a Financial Standpoint, WHICH of the
two political parties merits your support?

WEEKLY REPORT OF THE WHEAT MARKET

**Thompson, Sons & Co.'s Report of
Local and World's Markets
February 21, 1907.**

WHEAT.—There has been considerable activity in the wheat markets during the past week, and a good deal has transpired to strengthen the wheat situation, but there have also been some things to cause easiness, and the speculative trade has been more influenced by the latter than the former, and consequently, although the prospect cannot be considered otherwise than strong, a decline in prices has to be expected amounting to 1c to 1½c on the week. One influence tending to weaken the markets has been larger world's shipments last week than expected, these being 12,304,000 bus. against 10,653,000 bus. the previous week, and 12,512,000 bus. same week last year. Also there have been almost two full weeks of mild calm weather over the Dakotas and Western Canada, which has allowed a great improvement to be made in railway traffic, and the increase in car receipts, with the expectation of the increase continuing, has caused a decidedly easier feeling for the time being at least. A greater number of holders of wheat have therefore been buying, and securing what profits they could, so that it is possible they may be forced to realize a considerable loss by markets declining further, and others with bearish views have helped the weakness by selling short, and we think, had it not been for bullish influences which could not be passed without recognition the decline in price would have been much larger. The chief element of strength which has developed this week has been the open buying of grain for Russia. We have no doubt that purchase of rye, oats and wheat for importing to Russia by the Baltic ports

has been going on in a quiet way for some time, for there can be no doubt that Russia would not desire to publish her grain situation until she had provided breadstuffs for a considerable portion of her people to prevent them starving. But this was not there is no secret about it, and large quantities of lower class wheat have been bought in American markets, partly for direct export to Russia, and partly for shipment to certain European ports for transshipment thence. It is also reported that Russia has bought Argentine wheat and oats, and also wheat from the United States, the latter being doubtless for immediate delivery. In the face of the present liberal world's supplies the importation, not to say seriousness of the Russian situation does not seem to be fully appreciated by the trade and will, it probably be so for several weeks yet. For in the meantime the Argentine and Australia being at the floodtide of their exporting season, and with the help of Danube, Baltic, and Indian Sea Europe fairly well supplied, it is not surprising that it is probable that the Russian famine has only just begun in earnest.

without taking into consideration the quantity she may actually require. We submit that the spectacle of the largest individual exporter during the last three years turning to the importer, will before long exert much larger influence on market sentiment than it has done yet, and just as soon as these large shippers slacken in their exports, the bulkhead meaning of what the world is up against will find expression in higher prices. And should it happen that any serious damage develops in any of this season's crops, very high prices might ensue. Notwithstanding the large world's shipments last week the quantity of wheat on ocean passage stands at 4,266,000 bush, less than a year ago, the total quantity this year being 39,752,000 bush against 4,048,000 bush last year. The American visible supply decreased 1,860,000 bush against a decrease of 531,000 bush the same week last year, and the aggregate is 45,585,000 against 47,525,000 bush a year ago. Very soon now the

condition of the growing winter wheat crops in Europe and America may have considerable influence on markets. There is every year some damage by winter killing and about the time of season damage stories become common, but until the real growing season comes around it is difficult to judge definitely the extent of damage. From such a general comparison of the weather and condition of the crops over Europe and the U.S. during the last two months as have come to our notice, we consider that prospects cannot average high, and it is quite possible that developments in the next two months will show them to be the reverse high.

Manitoba wheat in our Winnipeg market has been steady, and rather dull for immediate delivery, but features have been active. Owing to improvement in the weather and

tions the movement, on railroads shows a gratifying increase, although during the week it has only risen about 20 per cent. larger than on some days last year, which is not much, considering the number of cars which have been standing loaded on track for days and weeks, and we do not expect any further improvement in the extent of the movement in the near future. Prices today are: 1 Hard 76c, 1 Nor. 74 1/2c, 2 Nor. 73 1/2c, 3 Nor. 70 1/2c, for immediate or Feb. delivery. Futures on our option market closed Feb. 1 1/2c, May 77 1/2c, July 77 1/2c. All prices are based on in store Fort William and Port Arthur.

Long Trip in an Open Sleigh.
Edmonton, Alta.—Alexander Monahan and family arrived here from Grand Prairie. They made the 60 mile trip to town in an open sleigh. They left Grand Prairie on Jan. 1 and have been travelling ever since. All are well and not a frost bite the party.

The Hague.—The house, in Leyden, in which Rembrandt, the celebrated Dutch painter and etcher, was born 300 years ago, was destroyed by fire recently. The building had for long been a place of pilgrimage for lovers of art.

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Advertisements in local columns, 10 cents per line for each insertion.
All changes of advertisements must reach this office not later than Tuesday noon for insertion in the current week's issue.

C. H. LEMMON, Editor.

ELM CREEK, FEBRUARY 28, 1907

Monster Conservative Demonstration at Carman

The annual convention of the Dufferin Conservative Association was held in Victoria Hall, Carman, on Thursday last, and was one of the most enthusiastic and unanimous affairs ever held in the province. A large number from Elm Creek, St. Claude, and other points, were there, as also were the "boys in blue, with gold buttons too," from Fannystelle. The chief business of the convention was the nomination of a candidate to contest the constituency at the forthcoming election, and election of officers for the ensuing year.

It was a foregone conclusion that Hon. R. P. Roblin would receive the nomination, which he did amid the vociferous applause of those present, no other name being suggested. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. Thomas Kernighan (mayor of Carman); vice-president, Mr. George Hexsmith (reeve of Dufferin); vice-president for Grey, Mr. J. A. Storey; vice-president for Carman, Mr. S. D. Staples; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Frank McCoy; auditor, Mr. H. E. Robinson.

The following unanimous resolution was passed by the meeting: "Resolved, That the Conservatives of the electoral division of Dufferin, in annual convention, desire to express their continued confidence in the government led by Hon. R. P. Roblin and pledge themselves to use all legitimate means to secure a continuance in power of the most progressive government which has ever been entrusted with the control of the affairs of this province."

In the evening a great public meeting was held, the hall being crowded to suffocation some time before eight o'clock, and many were unable to gain admission. A fair sprinkling of ladies was noticeable, and those present showed their approval by frequent and hearty applause during the able speeches of Mr. W. Sanford Evans and Hon. R. P. Roblin. Space does not permit us to reproduce the Premier's speech, but the main point upon which he spoke was the extension of the boundaries of Manitoba showing how the Laurier administration had for years juggled with the question and opposed such extension. In a masterly oration he recounted the progress made during the Conservative administration, and pointed with pride to the fact that not a single act had been passed to the detriment of the province.

Premier Roblin's Address to His Electors

"To the electors of Dufferin: Gentlemen.—The legislature of the province has been dissolved and the 7th day of March next selected as the date for the people to elect new representatives."

"I have had the honor of being your representative for the past four years, and again present myself for your suffrage, with perfect confidence that I shall be favored with a continuation of your support."

"The present is a fitting time for me to give you an account of my stewardship, and indicate, as head of the government, the policy to be pursued in the future if again entrusted with the administration of the affairs of the province, as I have no doubt will be the case."

"I assert the fact to be that the administration of public affairs has been prudent and progressive, and in strong contrast with that of the preceding government. Abnormal development has replaced stagnation, confidence has taken place of unrest and disquietude, huge annual deficits have been changed to large surpluses, transportation facilities, at largely reduced rates, have been provided in almost all portions of the province, municipalities instead of being practically starved, as formerly, have been fostered and assisted, new and necessary public buildings have been erected, the capacity of the several public institutions, to meet growing requirements, have been materially supplemented, grants to hospitals, charities, agricultural societies, farmers' institutes and other similar objects, have been increased, threefold, school grants have been substantially added to, and in various other ways the needs and necessities of a thriving and growing province have received thoughtful attention, and all has been accomplished while maintaining the administration of the affairs to a high standard of efficiency, and to the credit of the province to a most enviable degree. I have every reason, therefore, to claim that the policy of the government is worthy of approval and feel confident that the same will commend itself to all fair-minded people of the province."

Railway Accomplishments

"The railway accomplishments of the government, which consist of providing an independent outlet for the commodities of the province, the construction of over a thousand miles of new lines, without the expenditure of a single dollar, and with an absolute control of rates, are, I claim, worthy of commendation, and in marked contrast with that of the preceding government, which presented a million dollars to railway corporations, procured absolutely nothing as an equivalent, and left the province with a disjointed system, no outlet, no control of rates, absolutely nothing but an annual legacy of forty-five thousand dollars to pay as interest on the amount given away. I am proud of the railway policy of the present government. The saving to the people of the west by the reduction of oppressive freight charges, effective on all lines of railway in the province, is gigantic, a conservative estimate of the saving for the year 1906, being over two million dollars."

Schools and School Lands

"The school policy of the government has been, and will continue to be, to maintain the schools at a high standard of efficiency, and to assist them to the utmost financial ability of the province. I am also of the view that the time has arrived when higher education should be still further promoted and aided by the government."

"I also maintain that the administration of the school lands and school lands fund, should be transferred by the Dominion authorities to the government of Manitoba. The province has now sufficiently enjoyed provincial status as to be safely entrusted with the administration of this highly important educational endowment."

"The 'flag policy' of the government which involves the flying of a British flag on the school houses, is, I submit, wise and patriotic and cannot fail to inculcate feelings of patriotism and materially assist in blending together the various nationalities in the province into one common citizenship, irrespective of race or creed."

"I charge the government of Canada with gross unfairness in its administration of the swamp lands. At the time of the 'Better terms settlement' in 1884 it was estimated that between seven and ten million acres of swamp lands would fall to the province and constitute a most valuable asset. What has been the result? After a lapse of nearly a quarter of a century but a trifle over one million and a quarter (1,250,000) acres have been transferred to the province; large areas, reported to be swamp lands, have been withheld; others have been appropriated to purposes of the Dominion; and to all and frequent protestations of the province, not even an acknowledgment has been forthcoming or appears possible to procure."

A Fair Election Act

"I claim for the government, what is even conceded by opponents, the credit of giving the people a fair Election Act. The franchise is respected and protected, and it is now impossible to procure."



Manitoba's Premier, Who Stands for the Square Deal

able, as formerly, to rob any man of this most sacred right, or perpetrate such outrages as occurred at the last Dominion elections in this province, whereby thousands of names were struck off the list of electors by or at the bidding of cowardly political henchmen, afterwards rewarded by places of emolument within the gift of the crown."

"I also claim credit for the government in supplementing the annual revenues of the province by the taxation of railways and corporations, and devoting the money derived therefrom in lightening and ameliorating the conditions of the people by assisting the various municipalities in the construction of roads, bridges and drainage works. I say it is the incumbent duty of any government to devote the largest possible portion of the revenues in this direction, and my policy in the future, as in the past, will be to increase by every legitimate means expenditures of this character, believing such a course to be a wise one and one which will commend itself to the people of the province."

"I am, also, particularly gratified to state that the government has been able to erect and fully equip an Agricultural college, thus placing the acquirement of valuable knowledge respecting agriculture and other kindred subjects within the reach of young men intending to pursue this vocation as a means of livelihood."

"It is my policy to supplement the work now being done at this college by the establishment of a school of domestic science, whereby the daughters of farmers may have the advantages to be secured in such a place of learning."

"It gives me pleasure to submit to your judgment the telephone policy of the government, which is, that the public shall construct, own and operate its own telephone system or systems independent of the prevailing monopoly, thus affording to the people of the province the use and enjoyment of this most necessary and convenient utility at a reasonable figure. The action of the government has already been endorsed by the Union of Manitoba municipalities, and I am confident will also receive your approval."

"These and other questions I hope to be able to discuss before you on the public platform."

The Boundary Issue

"Far transcending and overshadowing, however, all other issues and questions for your consideration, is that of the enlargement of the present cramped and inadequate area of Manitoba. It strikes at the very heart and vitality of the province, and a verdict of the people, will, undoubtedly, irrevocably determine whether Manitoba is to become a great and important portion of confederation of Canada, or remain a mere speck on the map of the northwest. The question is one above party considerations and ambitions, and calls for immediate and patriotic action."

"The request for enlargement has been incessant for many years; has been admitted to be a reasonable one, and yet is unheeded, and obstacles are placed in the way of its consummation by the Ottawa authorities, and devices and trickery are employed to that end. Other provinces are invited to lay claim to the territory to which Manitoba is entitled. The province of Saskatchewan has even been promised all the Keewatin territory north of the Nelson river. Ontario claims the inclusion of a large tract of territory on the other side, and the intention appears to be to lose to Manitoba the remaining fragments, if any, and to shut it out from a portion of Hudson's Bay."

"The treatment that the province is receiving at the hands of the Dominion authorities is absolutely incompatible with any other hypothesis than that of the existence of a conspiracy to deprive it of that expansion to which it is fairly entitled. I am not ignorant of the insidious methods of the Dominion authorities, but I warn them that the time is past for the future development of this province to be longer dependent upon the caprice and machinations of political satellites and intrigues, prompted by rancorous purposes. No favor is asked or desired, simply honest and fair treatment founded on principles of right and justice. If there is one principle of political ethics more universally acknowledged than another, it is that governments should vindicate and uphold the rights and liberties of the people, not trample them down, and that when those who hold authority of government in their hands behave in such a manner as to put these rights and liberties in jeopardy, it is the duty of the people to rise and overthrow them. Otherwise history would be a fable and political philosophy a delusion. It is to be conceded that the autonomy of a people is to be dependent upon the efficiency of designing politicians."

Federal Hostility

"The Ottawa authorities have violated all fundamental rules and principles regarding the application of Manitoba for enlargement, and I impeach them before the bar of public opinion. I charge them with designedly depriving Manitoba of that to which it is entitled, with barring the way to its further growth and development with despotism and deceit. These are strong words, but when, as in the present case, the consequences are so serious, so far-reaching, so great a departure from the structure and spirit of our constitution, when the effect is to fetter and degrade the province, and to subject it to derision, when it in fact changes the whole theory of the relations of local and federal governments to each other, no apology for their expression is necessary, but on the contrary it is high time to ask the people to rise in their might and strike the blow for provincial equality."

"The situation is so alarming, the danger that delay will afford further opportunities for intrigues, to the detriment of the province, that I deem it my duty at the present time to make this final constitutional appeal to the electors before the rising of the parliament of Canada, now in session."

An Appeal to Manitoba

"I appeal to the people of the province, to the people of Manitoba, and ask their support and assistance, even at the sacrifice of personal convenience and party affiliations. All the hope of the future greatness of Manitoba depends upon the decision. Supplies have been exhausted. Let your sentiments be outspoken and your verdict be a mandate to the Ottawa authorities that you will no longer tolerate the violation of constitutional liberty."

"While I submit, the government on its general policy is worthy of the highest praise, and to a renewal of confidence, I say most unequivocally that the question of the enlargement of the province is so transcendently important, so vital, and has become so acute, that I am prepared to assume the responsibility of making it, as it is the paramount issue before the electors. It is for the people to say if they desire Manitoba to take its proper place among the provinces of Canada, or whether it shall continue to be mocked and derisively referred to by the Ottawa authorities and other arch conspirators, as the 'postage stamp province' of the Dominion."

"Men of Dufferin, people of Manitoba, I leave the issue with you. Your votes will decide whether our boundaries are to remain as they are, or whether we are to have equality in the sisterhood of confederation. I have the honor to be gentlemen."

R. P. ROBLIN.

Feb. 16, 1907.

GRAND VIEW HOTEL

Having purchased the Grand View Hotel from Mr. W. T. Kennedy, I venture to hope for the support of the town and district, and take this opportunity to assure my patrons that the house will be conducted equal to the best hotels in Winnipeg. Special attention will be paid to the comfort of guests, whether permanent or transient. A full line of Pabst and other beers on draught and in bottle. Wines, liquors and cigars not to be excelled.

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E. H. Staples, Esq. Culture

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Campaign Comment

WINNIPEG, Feb. 22.—Elections and politics! These are the chief topics of discussion in the city and in the country. Less than a fortnight now intervenes till polling day, the 7th of March, when the people will by their votes decide upon the merits of the controversy now being carried on.

Both parties are apparently well organized for the contest. Such tactical advantage in the way of holding public meetings as the Liberals claim by reason of having been free to go about the country while the government and its supporters were engaged in their legislative duties is offset by the splendid effect the ventilation of the government's policy received during the session so recently closed. The unsatisfactory financial statement made one of the hardest nuts the Opposition ever had to crack. Henderson's declaration of a large surplus was answered by the government's statement that it did not exist or had been by some trick of acrobatics, created purely and simply for campaign purposes. But as the annual savings increased, until the cash in the treasury was estimated at over eight hundred thousand dollars, the time had to be changed and changed it was by attempting to demonstrate that the surplus existed because of enormous sales of public lands in what is known as the old Manitoba and Northwestern land grant. The complete answer to this proposition is found in the public accounts. The Manitoba and Northwestern land account still shows a balance in favor of the province, that is to say more money has been paid out on account of these lands than has been taken in from the sale of them. In the Balance due Dec. 31, 1905, \$25,550,000; Interest 1906, 25,550,000; Com. Int. to Dec. 31, 1906, 25,550,000.

Less land sold from sales \$21,500,000
Balance still owing \$14,050,000

A notable feature of the campaign during the week was the magnificent deliverance of the Hon. R. P. Roblin at a public meeting at Carleton Place, his headquarters in the Conservative of Dufferin. In a speech of some length the premier touched upon nearly every important subject necessary to be debated for public information, laying more particular stress upon the achievement of the Conservative government in the policy pursued for the future, which included further railway construction until the province is covered by a network of main lines giving service to every point where the requirements demand, the construction of a public school system, which would give the power of the land monopoly and give increased facilities at reduced rates, the enlargement of the Agricultural College and last, but not least, the extension of the provincial boundaries.

The premier's reference to the agricultural college brought again to the front a promise of a grant undertaking fulfilled. The extent of the benefit conferred upon the farming community by this institution is hard to over-estimate. Its popularity is attested by the fact that its present capacity is taxed to the utmost, and that the government proposes to immediately extend the scope by adding a school of domestic science, and also to increase the dormitory accommodation so that about 500 students can be taken in residence. As the premier has pointed out, this institution will forever remain a monument to the Roblin government. It has been built out of the savings, not one dollar of bonded indebtedness being incurred on its account, and the \$200,000 now proposed to be spent on it in addition will come from the same source. The annual cost of maintenance, about \$20,000, is charged against the annual revenue of the province and incidentally it may be remarked that this is one of the increases in the cost of running the machinery, which opponents of the government so glibly discuss in the opinion of the administration, and they ask the electorate to incur such an increase in rather a matter for pride and satisfaction than for condemnation.

Some day before very long the public will fully realize the vast importance of the adoption by the Roblin government of the most important principle of making the great incorporated bodies, which have hitherto been exempt, pay up their full share of the cost of carrying on the public administration. Under this system

they have already paid something over \$450,000, and the amount is slowly but surely increasing. Last year the C.P.R. paid some \$75,000, and the C.N.R. some \$11,000. It will be a very short time until the Great Northern, now building in Manitoba, and the Grand Trunk Pacific too, come under the same assessment. And as the years roll on the annual increase will be enormous. By way of illustration of the benefits thus conferred, it may be said that in his message to the legislature a few years ago the governor of the state of Minnesota made the prediction that in ten years time a corporation tax in that state would yield a sufficient revenue to carry on the whole administration. A like condition of affairs in Manitoba, would surely be a happy one, and is well worth striving for. In fact if the policy of the Roblin government with respect to corporation taxation and boundary extension prevails with the people who are now asked to endorse it, the financial position of the province, already excellent, will be enormously improved. It is of the utmost importance that every citizen should understand and appreciate the direct financial benefits to accrue from the boundary extension. This is no mere sentimental matter. It involves immediate financial results in the increase of the annual subsidy from the federal government in the increased amount of interest upon capital account, and in the increased annual payments in lieu of land taxes. The best illustration of a comparison of the amounts received by the new provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan with what Manitoba now gets, in each case the annual payment in support of the government is the same, \$50,000, but under the other heads the difference in favor of the other western provinces is very marked. Alberta and Saskatchewan with a much less population than Manitoba, have each an annual subsidy of \$200,000, as against our \$250,000. For interest on capital our \$250,000, and in lieu of account they get only \$100,000, while we get only \$100,000, and in lieu of \$275,000 each, as against our \$100,000, a total difference over and above Manitoba's grants of \$415,152, which represents the annual income on over ten millions of money so that taken even on this low plane, the extension of our boundaries can be figured out as worth at least ten millions in cash to Manitoba. In addition there is the political advantage of the larger representation this province will have in the senate and house of commons, and when the time comes, as it surely will, that the western provinces of Canada predominate in the great Dominion council, the importance of Manitoba having her full and proper representation will be appreciated. It is regrettable that the Ottawa government, true to the Ottawa government's hostile to Manitoba. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's own personal newspaper in Quebec voiced his sentiments when it declared that Manitoba should, as compared with the other provinces only be a large and unimportant county. But if the people of this province present a united front as they did in 1898 on the disallowance question, no government, no leader at Ottawa can resist the demand for what is just and fair, and equitable.

It will be remembered that in 1898, when the interests of Manitoba were threatened by the Ottawa government, local party differences were for the while forgotten, and Conservatives and Liberals alike showed their patriotic and loyal province by joining hands and hearts against the encroachments of the Dominion upon provincial rights. At that time the Conservative association of Winnipeg went boldly upon record as opposed to this feature of the policy of the Conservative party in Ottawa, and in a memorable resolution declared that the time had passed when personal or party ties should stand in the way of Manitoba's progress, refusing to submit any longer to the unjust treatment. Their action, then was loudly applauded by the Liberals, more particularly by the Free Press, the chief party organ, which said that the example then set should ever be remembered and ever followed, and now Premier Roblin in appealing for the united support of the people in his demands for boundary extension is asking for nothing more than the Conservatives of that day were willing to give and did give to the Liberals in the common interests of their country. Public duty was party duty then, and public duty should be party duty now, and it is the thorough belief in the patriotism of the people as a whole that the premier now lays his case before them.

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