

Member for the district, and that if the Government had not sufficient confidence in the Member they should send an engineer in to investigate and report. Mr. McDonald resumed his seat amidst applause.

The Premier's Reply.
Premier Haultain was received with hearty applause on rising to reply.

We were all glad to learn that the Dominion Government has recognized the necessities of the Territories in the unprecedented increase to our grant, which for the first time is the full amount asked for. There is no Member in this House I feel safe in saying who has not time and again felt the pinch of poverty in our public finances. I do not suppose that the present remarkable increase will anything like meet all the requirements of the country, for as usual the "supply" will create a "demand." But I think we should all recognize one fact evidenced by the large increase in our grant. We have all heard the small grants we have had in the past attributed to the difficulty met with by the Dominion Government in interviewing Members of Parliament from Eastern constituencies in western affairs. The fact that such a large grant has been given for this year without any criticism shows, to my mind, that that difficulty has been done away with. Though we have not been successful in obtaining provincial institutions, yet I am hopeful from the fact I have just mentioned, that we are within a reasonable distance of it.

Mr. Speaker, it is with much pleasure I second the resolution before the House.

The Opposition Leader.
Mr. D. H. McDonald, leader of the Opposition, followed.

Taking up the question of provincial autonomy, Mr. McDonald said he sincerely hoped that when they next met together, whether at a legislature of the North-West Territories, or as a provincial legislature, that at that time the provincial question would be settled. I believe, said the speaker, that we should have this question settled by this time. (Hear, hear.) I am sincerely in favor of getting autonomy, but I understand this Government has made it a consideration that there must be one province. As you know, we of the Opposition do not agree to that. I believe a majority of this Legislature is now getting to that way of thinking. All we have to do today is to keep plugging at the Government and they will come around on this as they have done on many things. I do not believe there is anyone in Canada who believes that the whole North-West will be formed into one large province. This is a matter in which we are not the only people interested. When we become a province or provinces we enter into confederation with the other provinces and they will have something to say about our size. During recent years we have been growing in population, our representation in the House of Commons has been increased, and we now have a larger force at our back and should therefore be in a position to obtain better terms than we could four or five years ago. I do not know, therefore, but that we have been actual gainers by the matter of provincial autonomy being postponed for a few years. However, I believe the time has come for the granting of provincial institutions and I hope the Government will have better success before the House meets again.

Poked Fun at Bennett.
Although not informed officially, we have reason to believe that a number of members in this Assembly are endeavoring to secure seats in the House of Commons and, we trust, if any are successful that they will represent the views of this Assembly. (Hear, hear.) I have always thought that it would be a very good thing if certain Members of this Legislature were in the House of Commons. (Laughter.) Of course there are some members you cannot recommend for that position. (More laughter.) But I think we all ought to be agreed that if any man resigns his seat in this House and attempts to secure a seat in the House of Commons and is defeated he should not endeavor to come back here. (Loud laughter, during which Mr. E. H. Bennett interjected some remarks.) Mr. McDonald—I am sorry that I have hurt the feelings of the Member for West Calgary, but he has given up all idea of ever securing a seat in the House of Commons. (Laughter.) Aside from political considerations it would be a good thing if some of the Members of this Assembly were amongst those representing us at Ottawa.

Mr. McDonald in referring to the Governor General, said he would prove a good friend of the North-west and in bringing our great agricultural resources before the people of Great Britain would do us a great service as, after all, it was to the mother country we looked for the great number of people we expect to have in this country.

DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

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Resolved Full Amount Asked For.

I quite agree with the Government in expressions of pleasure that this year we have received all the money we asked for.

Dr. Patrick—Possibly they did not ask for enough.

Mr. McDonald—Well, then it is up to them.

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to our Parliamentary vote and I am very glad that such is the case, and we will have no difficulty in knowing where to put it. This increased vote will be, as one of the speakers said this afternoon, only a temporary alleviation of our position and will only go to meet accumulated needs which have increased from year to year under insufficient grants.

So far as the provincial question is concerned, we in this House are one on that. I regret that the leader of the Opposition sounded even the one discordant note this afternoon of that question rests with Ottawa. What we want is provincial institutions and the right to

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manage our own affairs. I have opinions, and others have strong opinions possibly, as to the area within which these institutions should be put in operation, but I consider that an unimportant item in any discussion raised in this House. We should drop that and be united on this question so far as possible, and I believe we can continue to be united so far as we have been in the past, that is to say that this country should have provincial institutions. We have required them for the past three years and if we require them then, we require them much more today. (Cheers.)