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of the delay. He came now to a very important question. Reference had been made in regard to

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A resolution had been passed by the House last session unanimously and he thought the Government ought to have taken some steps in regard to that resolution. From the correspondence laid on the table it seemed that the Government had delayed the matter so long that the Dominion Government had not been able to deal with the matter while the House of Commons was in session. Had the question been taken up earlier the Assembly might have possibly been in a position to have dealt with it during its present session.

In this connection the commissioner of public works had intimated that we had not sufficient money to meet various expenditures. These statements had been made for the last four sessions, and yet the Government had nothing to offer them. The commissioner of public works said it was not within the powers of the Assembly to announce a policy, its only duty was to protect the interests of the Territories as far as it could. This, however, was hardly in keeping with some statements made by the leader of the Government in former years. The hon. leader had said he would be unwilling to agree to the same terms as Manitoba, but in view of the statements made by the commissioner of public works, he was willing to take even worse than Manitoba took, if it was offered. (Mr. Haultain: No, no.) The late commissioner of public works would not agree to terms unless we received a million a year, but the present one would assent to \$400,000.

Premier Haultain said that was not the case. What Mr. Sifton had said was that the worst treatment they could expect on the basis of Manitoba was \$400,000.

Mr. D. H. McDonald continuing said another question was the management of the lands of this country. The commissioner of public works was willing to let the lands go for a consideration, whereas the leader of the Government had said we had a right to the lands and minerals, and that the claim could be successfully presented. There was evidently a division on the point which ought to be cleared up.

The hon. gentleman on resuming his seat was cheered by his supporters. (To be continued next week.)

Mr. D. H. McDonald