

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. Do all the naming you like.

Mr. SPEAKER. Order.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. Pshaw.

Mr. FOSTER. What will happen if you are named? Will he call out: 'Colonel Sam. Hughes'?

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. My opinion is, and I take the full responsibility for saying it, and I intend to say it from one end of this country to the other, that the government of this country is to-day due to two things. The government of this country is to-day due to a combination between a solid Quebec and a corporation interest in this country, which is centred in Toronto. And what happened here the other night in regard to the municipal rights of the city of Ottawa is one instance of it.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. Yes, it is one instance where the municipal rights—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Nonsense.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. Yes; the municipal rights of the people of Ontario were in question here the other night, and there was a vote of eighty against them, and forty-one of that eighty came from the province of Quebec. And this legislation which is brought here to-day, this proposal to put fetters on the people of the west in regard to their educational authority, is a contribution to the demand from a solid Quebec that the people of the Northwest shall be deprived of their educational rights. The people of the Northwest are here asking for educational freedom, and I do not believe they will get three or five votes from the province of Quebec. It is evident that the province of Quebec is going out of its way—

Mr. BELCOURT. Nonsense.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. It is evident that the province of Quebec is going out of its way to put fetters on and manacle the people of the west and deprive them of their rights under the constitution.

Mr. BELCOURT. Why don't you march on Quebec right off?

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. Just let me bring out an instance that shows it. The province of Manitoba has been denied an extension of her boundaries at the instigation of the province of Quebec.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh.

An hon. MEMBER. Prove it.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. I will prove it in this way: that a solid Quebec within two or three members will vote for this iniquitous proposition in regard to the autonomy of the Northwest.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh.

Mr. SPEAKER.

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK. Will the hon. gentleman allow me to put a question to him? Speaking of the demand of the province of Manitoba to extend its boundary easterly to Hudson bay, does he say, or does he not, that the province of Ontario should be heard before such a request is conceded?

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. I will not deny that.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. And when the Postmaster General said that the province of Ontario ought to be consulted in regard to a few waste acres, what about the people of the west, and the minister from the west, and the government of the west, not being consulted in regard to their civil and educational liberties? What is a bit of land to a man's educational rights? What is a bit of land to a man's freedom and religious liberty? Coming back to the other issue. When the little province of Manitoba asked for an extension to the west, 'Le Soleil' of Quebec denied that request, and gave as a reason—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. Let me give you another reason which also comes from the province of Quebec. If Manitoba were allowed to extend her boundaries to the west, that portion of the new territory brought into Manitoba would have no separate schools and that portion of the Territories which remained in the new provinces would have the right to separate schools under this legislation.

Mr. TURRIFF. I beg leave to ask a question.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. TURRIFF. The province of Quebec has not the first thing to do, one way or the other, with the extension of Manitoba to the west—

Mr. SPEAKER. I understood the hon. gentleman to say he wanted to ask a question.

Mr. TURRIFF. I want to ask what evidence he has that the province of Quebec would prevent the extension of Manitoba to the west? It is the people of the Territories who object to the extension of Manitoba westward.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. The province of Quebec made the statement here through one of its members that they helped to pay for that land in the west, and they have as much to say about it as the hon. gentleman (Mr. Turriff).

Mr. INGRAM. Which land?

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. I am not going to discuss private ownership of land in this House. Now, Mr. Speaker, I have made it clear—