

The History
of the Village
of the Small Huts
Part IV

Canadian Pacific
Scandals
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Herbie Barnes	Temperance Son, Louis Riel, Hugh Allan
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IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 93
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MAP OF CANADA WITH TITLE THAT READS "CONFEDERATION 1870"

MACDONALD ENTERS HOLDING A BOTTLE

Macdonald I am John A Macdonald, Prime Minister of Canada
Prime Minister of Everything.
In one word, Prime.

CARTIER ENTERS

Cartier My name is George-Etienne Cartier.
My great great ancestor Jacques Cartier
discovered Canada and that means I own it.
I am Co-Prime Minister of this wonderful country
with the wonderful John A.
Why is he wonderful, you ask.
I'll tell you.
Because, because, because, because.
Because of the wonderful things he does.
I'm a whore I'll say anything.

Macdonald If Confederation is in the gristle,
then what's in the bone.
Me, me me me, me me me.

Cartier I'm a whore, I'm a bore, I am a lawyer.
Doesn't rhyme but I could care less.
I'll do anything for money.
Anything.
You think I'm joking.
Wait till you see me in action.

Macdonald Mister Cartier, you have something you want to say.

Cartier Yes, John A
 Now. in the aftermath of the Red River Rebellion, here is what this colony looks like.
 Tiny Manitoba is now a province, the rest of it, we are now calling the North West territories.

Macdonald The little colony that grew.
 Getting bigger and better every day.
 Thats worth a belt, Mister Cartier

MACDONALD DRINKS FROM A BOTTLE

Tache V.O. I must see the Prime Minister, I must

BISHOP TACHE ENTERS

Cartier Bishop Tache from the Red River.
 He is the mentor to Monsieur Riel

Tache Mister Prime Minister.
 The Metis have been forced to leave Manitoba, forced to leave their wives and children.
 I can see the larger problems are of no interest. Perhaps the smaller ones are?
 The amnesty.

Macdonald What amnesty.

Tache For Louis Riel.

Macdonald Promises given gain no strength by being repeated.

- Tache Au contraire, promises gain a great deal by being repeated.
- Macdonald I never promised Riel an amnesty.
- Tache You did. This ear heard it.
- Macdonald This mouth never said it.
- Tache This ear heard it and this one too.
- Macdonald What's said is said.
And what's written is written.
If I give Mister Riel an amnesty the Orange Lodge will have my head on a stick.
In order to be the master of the best, you have to be a slave to the worst.
The nature of politics, Bishop.
- Cartier In 1837 with Papineau, I, George-Etienne Cartier took up the gun. I was a rebel.
- Bishop And you were given an amnesty.
- Cartier That is what political careers are made of.
- Tache Exactly.
With an amnesty Louis Riel will be a statesman, without an amnesty he will be an outlaw

MACDONALD HOLDS UP CASH

- Macdonald See that Bishop. Thats cash.
Cash can solve a lot of problems.
Give this to Riel and tell him to go away for a year.

MACDONALD GIVES TACHE THE MONEY

Tache This is a bribe.

Macdonald No. This is compensation for going away and
being quiet.

Tache But this ear.

Macdonald When things cool down we will talk about
amnesty.

Cartier Good day. This way.

BISHOP TACHE AND CARTIER EXIT

Macdonald Got him for a thousand dollars.
Am I good or am I good.
We will now put paid to Mister Louis Riel

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA **SC # 94**
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

Tache If you will go away for a year I am authorized to
 give you this.

TACHE HOLDS UP CASH

Riel This is a bribe.
 I can't take a bribe.

Tache You must.....for Peace.

Riel If you command me to take this money and leave
 my country I will do so.

Tache I command you in the name of God,
 the Holy Spirit, and Jesus Christ to take
 this money and leave this country for a year.

Riel Well if you're going to put it like that.
 Come mother, we will go to Pembina

Mrs Riel Oh Pembina

Riel And start a new life.

Mrs Riel A new life.

Tache This way.

RIEL AND MRS RIEL EXIT

THE LIGHTS FADE

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 95
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

ARTHABASKAVILLE

LAURIER AND ZOE ENTER CARRYING SUITCASES

Laurier Zoe, Zoe, this way Zoe.
 A little bit of Arcadia in the Province of Quebec.
 Who would believe it.
 Certainly not me.

Zoe Oh I am so happy, I can not think.

JOSEPH LAVERGNE ENTERS

Lavergne Welcome to Arthabaskaville.
 I am Joseph Lavergne.
 Your welcoming committee.
 Your reputation Monsieur Laurier precedes you.

Laurier Call me Wilfrid.
 How do you do.

LAURIER AND LAVERGNE SHAKE HANDS

Lavergne I am honoured to meet you.
 I know you are Rouge de Rouge.
 A real radical.

Laurier Yes, but too radical, I hope.

Lavergne Here we will fight the good fight.
 Wait till you see what the priests are like
 here.

Lavergne And this must be the wife.
 How are you, wife.

Zoe Very good, Monsieur.

Lavergne I'll have a wife one day, god willing.

Laurier Yes.

Lavergne But enough of my blathering.
 Let me take your bags to my house.
 Follow me.

LAVERGNE PICKS UP THE SUITCASES AND EXITS

Zoe Oh I love it here, love it.
 I can grow roses and lettuce
 and radishes too.
 Oh I will become a big roly poly one here.

Laurier So this is where It will all begin.
 My political career.....and

Zoe A big roly poly one Wilfy

Laurier Yes.
 This way, Zoe.

LAURIER AND ZOE EXIT

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 96
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

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CABINET MEETING

MACDONALD, CARTIER AND ALEXANDER GALT AT CABINET TABLE

Macdonald	First order of business. Elections in Manitoba. Speak Galt.
Galt	The new province of Manitoba will be represented by 2 Members of parliament in the next general election.
Macdonald	Good. Second Order of Business
Cartier	Delegates from British Columbia are petitioning to join Canada if the Canadian Government will build a railroad to link BC to Eastern Canada
Macdonald	Our American friends always talk about annexing Western Canada unless we assert our sovereignty
Galt	I think Americans are wicked. wicked. WICKED
Macdonald	Thanks Galt. Mister Cartier, I authorize you to negotiate the terms of entry of British Columbia into Confederation.
Cartier	With pleasure.

Riel God will bless us and deliver us from the United States. Americans are to be feared. They have no morals, no faith, no heart. They are dirty dogs, filthy jackals, ravenous wolves. Stay away from them they scare me. I have faith in democracy. Oh democracy. Bliss laden word. Democracy is God's will. Democracy allows apes to elect angels to lead them. That's democracy. I am going to run for Parliament. I will be the first Metis MP in Canada. God's dream come true.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA **SC # 98**
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MACDONALD AND CARTIER ENTER

Cartier And then I said to the Premier of British Columbia, Amor de Cosmos...

Macdonald Make a long story short.

Cartier I have negotiated the terms of British Columbia's entry into confederation.

Macdonald And.....

Cartier Toot, toot. The key condition is that we build a railroad to connect them to the rest of the country.

Macdonald The little colony that grew and grew and grew.

GALT ENTERS

Galt Getting bigger all the time.

Macdonald You should know, Galt.
If they want a railroad, we'll give them a railroad
Do it.
All right Galt, spill your guts.

Galt We need money for the election.

Macdonald Oh you're in top form Galt.

Galt The opposition has two dollars for our one.
And this railroad is going to cost money too.

Macdonald Galt.

Cartier I know how we can kill two birds.
I know how we can kill two birds.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA **SC # 99**
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

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THE LIGHTS FADE IN

GEORGE BROWN, ALEXANDER MACKENZIE & EDWARD BLAKE ENTER

Brown In this country one must declare where one stands
 or others will declare it for you.

BROWN HOLDS UP A COPY OF THE GLOBE NEWSPAPER WITH THE
HEADLINE "BROWN RESIGNS"

Brown Thats why I founded this political journal.

Blake But Mister Brown, Mister Brown.
 I stand on principle.

Brown No Blake, just stand before me.
 Now, this is Alexander Mackenzie.

Blake And I'm Edward Blake

Mackenzie Aye

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

Macdonald Well, look who it is.
 George Brown and his Brownies.
 My Opposition.
 The Liberal Party of Canada.

Mackenzie Look Mister Brown.
 John A, the corruptionist himself.

Blake What do you think of John A, Mister Brown

Brown I hold in more esteem the cavities in my teeth

Mackenzie Aye

Brown Mister Mackenzie, I am resigning as leader of the Liberal Party.

Mackenzie But-

Brown But no but, Mackenzie
I think you should lead the Party

Blake But-

Brown But no but, Blake.
Since my marriage my life is wife and baby.
Oh wife and baby.

Mackenzie Aye

Brown I will devote my life to the Globe.
In this country, journalism governs.

Mackenzie Aye

Brown Lead well

Blake Aye.

Mackenzie Aye, aye.

BROWN, MACKENZIE AND BLAKE EXIT

Macdonald Like lambs to the slaughter

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 100
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL ENTERS

V.O. #1 When we get hold of you we're going to skin
you alive and feed you to rats.

V.O. #2 We're going to saw your head off and put it in a
sack and give it to the Orange Lodge, you rotten
French Catholic half-breed bastard, we hate you.

V.O. #3 We're going to put you on a meat hook and gut
you with an axe.

Smith V.O. Bring me the head of Louis Riel.

Riel I'm sick, I'm ill.
I can't stand it. I can't stand it.

MRS RIEL ENTERS

Mrs Riel What's the matter with you.

Riel I'm under a lot of pressure.

Mrs Riel I know.....so.

DONALD SMITH ENTERS

Smith My name is Donald Smith.
I own the Hudson bay Company and the Bank of
Montreal is my personal piggy bank.
Who doesn't understand what that means.
Now we are going to have elections.
Two MPs for Manitoba.

Smith Since I am the landlord of the NorthWest Territories., I, of course, will be one. But the other MP, who will it be? Let me think.

Mrs Riel Louis Riel.

Smith If Riel sets foot in this country he will be arrested.

Mrs Riel We'll elect him anyway.

Smith He'll be shot.

Mrs Riel We'll elect him anyway.

Smith Bring me the head of Louis Riel. I offer five thousand dollars in gold coin to bring me the head of Louis Riel.

SMITH EXITS

Riel I can't stand it.

Mrs Riel You have to be a man, boy.
A man.
Like your father.
he was a man.

Riel Oh Mama, these rebukes burn a hole in my soul. I love it. Pour it on.

Mrs Riel You have a mission, boy.

Riel Yes, I have a mission.

Mrs Riel To protect your people.

Riel Yes, like Moses I will lead my people
out of the wilderness and into the promised land.
I have a dream.

Mrs Riel Speak it.

Riel Freedom, Equality and Justice for the Metis
The half-breeds want full citizenship.

Mrs Riel Sing it.

Riel Freedom.

Smith V.O Bring me the head of Louis Riel.

Riel You can have it.
I will be Louis Riel.
The first Metis MP in Canada

Mrs Riel Praise God.

Riel Praise God.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAIN AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

SC #101

LAURIER AND LAVERGNE ENTER

Laurier How would you like to be my partner-in-law.

Lavergne I feel like breaking into song.

Laurier Does that mean yes.

Lavergne Yes.

Laurier Excellent.
Look at that man over there, milking a cow
as if it were the most important thing in the
world.

Lavergne For him, it is.
They are all peasants here, all of them.
But they love life.

Laurier What do they think of the church.

Lavergne It depends if the church is full of priests or not.
God damned priests.

Laurier Monsieur Lavergne please, your language.

Lavergne Monsieur Laurier, you are new here.
You will find out that there are priests and
then there are god damned priests.
Wait till you meet the god damned priest that
lives here.
Speak of the devil.
On no. its worse than the devil

BOURGET ENTERS

Lavergne Its Bishop Bourget
 He scares me, I'm leaving.

LAVERGNE EXITS

Bourget Peasants, Listen.
 We are inaugurating the Programme Catholique.
 It is your duty to vote only for those who
 are willing to conform entirely with the
 teachings of the church.

Laurier Bourget.

Bourget If you have a choice between two
 Conservatives, vote for the one that
 subscribes to the Programme.

Laurier A theocracy.

Bourget Between a Conservative and a Liberal,
 Vote Conservative.
 Between a Conservative who rejects the
 Programme and a Liberal.
 Abstain.

Laurier Bourget.

BOURGET AND LAURIER SMILE AT EACH OTHER

Bourget Furthermore

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 102

THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MACDONALD AND HUGH ALLAN ENTER

Allan My name is Hugh Allan. My motto is 'what's good for me is good for everybody'.
I own Canada Steamship Lines.
I an rich, rich, RICH.

Macdonald Would you like a drink from the bottle that likes to sit beside my arm. Mister Cartier tells me that you have a 160 thousand dollars available for a..... campaign donation.

Allan Maybe I do.

Macdonald 160 thousand dollars.
That means 50 thousand, 60 thousand votes.
Voting day means money day.
Move 'em in, move 'em out.

Allan If I give you 160 thousand dollars, what do I receive?

Macdonald The power of government will be exercised by making you president of Canada's first railway

CARTIER ENTERS

Cartier You will be president of the Canadian Pacific Railroad.
And of course my law firm will handle all legal aspects of the company.
You make a little here, you make a little there.
Why not?

Allan Exactly.

Macdonald Bought and sold.
 Let's drink to that.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 103
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

DONALD SMITH ENTERS

Smith I started working for the Hudson Bay Company,
 counting rat skins in some foul, smelly hole
 that defies description.
 After five years of that, I was promoted to
 counting beaver skins in some foul, smelly hole
 that defies description.
 Now I own the company.

HUGH ALLAN ENTERS

Allan I'm going to be rich, Mister Smith, rich.
 It's what young men dream about, Donald,
 what young men dream about.

Smith You are all ready rich.

Allan I'm going to be richer.
 The richer the richer.
 I got the CPR contract in my hand.
 There it is.

ALLAN HOLDS UP THE CPR CONTRACT

Allan Waiter, garcon, boy, boy.
 Champagne and caviar.
 Toot, toot, toot, toot

Smith And how did you secure this contract.

Allan I bribed the Prime Minister.
I got the proof in my safe.
I got Sir John in my pocket
and I can squeeze him any time I like.
Toot toot.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 104
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

TWO MEN ENTER

Man #1 Who ya voting for?
Macdonald right.
Drink this.
Here you, take one of these.
You're voting Macdonald right?

Man #2 Right.

MACDONALD ENTERS

Man #1 It is a shame that a good man can only vote once

Macdonald Yes it is.
But a good man on a fast horse can vote 6 times.

MAN #1 EXITS

Macdonald I remember you.
How's your father and your pretty daughter?

Man #2 He's getting older and she's getting prettier.

Macdonald That's what we like to hear.

MACKENZIE AND BLAKE ENTER

Mackenzie I can stoop to small talk too.
You there, I remember you.
How's your mother.

Man #2 She's still dead.

Mackenzie I'm sorry to hear that.

Man #2 You were sorry the last time too.

Blake Pitiful.

Mackenzie Thanks Blake

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 105
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 105
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

SMITH ENTERS

Smith Stand fast, Craigellachie, stand fast.
I think only good thoughts.
Good thoughts give me inner happiness.
My good thought for the day.
How can I off Hugh Allan and get the
CPR contract for myself?
That's my good thought for the day.
Thirty years in Labrador makes a man
dream about power.
Power.
Stand fast, Craigellachie, stand fast

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 106
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MACDONALD AND CARTIER ENTER

Cartier We need more money.

Macdonald Oh balderdash.

Cartier We need more money.

Macdonald This campaign is making me sick

Cartier We are going to lose the election.
We need more money.

Macdonald And you make me sick.

Cartier Money.

Macdonald I am so depressed.
BOY.

TELEGRAM BOY ENTERS

Teleboy Call for John A. Macdonald.

Macdonald I like the way you say that.
Boy, write this down
and then send it by telegram.

TELGRAM BOY TAKES OUT PENCIL AND NOTEBOOK

Macdonald To Hugh Allan.
I must have another ten thousand dollars.
Do not fail me.
Answer today.
Signed John A.

Teleboy I'll send it right off.

TELEBOY EXITS

Macdonald You do that.
That should solve a problem.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN TWO PLAYING AREAS
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

SC # 107

THE LIGHTS FADE
 IN TWO PLAYING AREAS SC # 107
 THE LIGHTS FADE IN

CARTIER, MACDONALD AND GALT ENTER

Cartier/Galt To a great victory, John A.
 To a great victory.

RIEL ENTERS

Riel Hiding in a haystack, I celebrate my victory
 as Member of Parliament for Provencher,
 Manitoba.

Cartier To a great victory, John A.
 To a great victory.

V.O. Riel, when we find you, we're going to kill you.
 You may have won the election but you'll
 never take your seat.

Riel Men use their reason only to outdo the beasts
 at being beastly.
 But I have faith in democracy.

V.O. Riel, when we find you, we're going to kill you.

Car/Galt To a great victory, John A.
 To a great victory.

THE LIGHTS FADE
 IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 108

Mackenzie I know Blake. But we can't prove it.

SMITH ENTERS

Mackenzie Ah, Mister Smith.
This is Mister Blake. My trusty lieutenant.

Blake And future leader.

Mackenzie But not now. The future is tomorrow.

Blake And tomorrow.

Smith Gentlemen, I have something that you may
find interesting.
This pertains to the most recent election.

SMITH GIVES MACKENZIE THE TELEGRAM
BLAKE GRABS IT OUT OF MACKENZIE'S HANDS

Mackenzie Really Blake.

BLAKE AND MACKENZIE LOOK AT THE TELEGRAM AND GASP

Smith From an anonymous friend.

SMITH EXITS

Blake/Mac Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 110
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 110
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MACDONALD AND HUGH ALLAN ENTER

Macdonald You didn't destroy the telegram.

Allan I never destroy anything that involves a
financial transaction.
Especially when it involves giving out money.
I keep my records straight.

Macdonald Of everything.

Allan Everything.

Macdonald I recall 160 thousand dollars or thereabouts

Allan I gave the Conservative Party 400 thousand
dollars

Macdonald I beg to differ with your figures.
We initially agreed upon-

Allan I have signed receipts.

Macdonald Signed receipts.

Allan Damn right.
I'm a businessman, not a fool.
if I am going to speculate in a risky venture
you can bet every drop you drink that
I am going to cover my you know what.
I secured 200 thousand dollars from my friends
in the United States

Macdonald All signed for.

Allan Of course.

Macdonald It will look like I am in the employ
of the Americans.

Allan Not my problem.
I learned early the importance of getting
a pound for a penny, and I got your pound
in my hand, and I'm going to squeeze.

ALLAN HOLDS UP THREE PIECES OF PAPER.

Macdonald Who signed for this.

Allan Your friend Cartier.

Macdonald Fool.
The first rule, fool.

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 111

CARTIER AND MACDONALD ENTER

Cartier I've got a kidney as big as a pumpkin.
I am full of black-

Macdonald I never begrudged you taking money

Cartier You never begrudged me anything I appreciate it

Macdonald Why did you put it in writing.

Cartier The syphilis was attacking my brain.
I was out of my mind.
I'm not responsible for my actions anymore.

Macdonald Oh, what am I going to do?

Cartier Face up to it.
My story is over, yours is ending.

Macdonald Because of you.

Cartier Let an old crook die in peace

Macdonald Give me your hand.

MACDONALD GRABS HOLD OF CARTIER'S HAND

Cartier Don't squeeze it off. I am going to visit
his Infernalness. Oh God the black hole is coming

Macdonald He's dead.....What am I going to do?

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 112
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MACDONALD AND GALT ENTER
WITH THE DEAD BODY OF CARTIER

Macdonald Is it in?

Galt It's in.

Macdonald Now give me the pen and paper.

MACDONALD PUTS THE PEN IN CARTIER'S HAND
SMITH ENTERS

Smith What are you doing?

Macdonald He's signing a confession.

Smith But he's dead.

Galt We've just put a fly inside his mouth.

Macdonald So it was signed while there was life
inside him. Come on Georges.

Smith No John A.

Macdonald Dead men tell no tales.
It wasn't me, it was him. HIM.

Smith I have no idea where they received it but they
have a telegram with your request for ten
thousand dollars to be sent to you immediately

Macdonald It's a plot, it's a plot.

Smith Mackenzie and Blake are all ready calling it the Pacific Scandal.

Macdonald Calumnies, libels, lies. I'll stonewall it, they'll never get it. These hands are clean.

LADY MACDONALD ENTERS

Lady Mac Let's see them.

Macdonald Ah Agnes, how pleasant to see you.

Lady Mac Where's this finger been?

Macdonald Oh stop.

Lady Mac I just came by to remind you about the garden party with the Smiths. They are putting on promenade their Pekinese dogs, and they have a giant Chihuahua that they have named in your honour. Sir John A they call him

Macdonald How delightful

Lady Mac Are things going well today

Macdonald Just the usual.

Lady Mac Till later.

Macdonald Till then.

LADY MACDONALD EXITS

Macdonald Jesus wept. Jesus wept.

Macdonald What am I going to do?

Smith You're going to have to resign.

Macdonald No. Never.

Smith It will be a brutal session in the house.

Macdonald As long as the ranks are loyal, Donald,
as long as the ranks are loyal.

MACDONALD DRINKS FROM A BOTTLE

Macdonald Oh mercy.

Smith There will be none.

Macdonald As long as I have friends like you with me,
I ask for no quarter

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA **SC # 113**

THE LIGHTS FADE IN

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 113
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL ENTERS

Riel The madness of parliament defies description
 They will not let me take my seat.
 This criminal government says I am a
 criminal
 The English
 They want to turn this country into one big
 Ontario.
 I was born here.
 My mother and father were born here.
 My grandmother and grandfather were born
 here.
 My great grandmother and great
 grandfather were born here.
 And their ancestors were born here.
 But they're not Canadians.
 Then what the hell is a Canadian?

Riel If you're an Englishman and you arrive right
 off the boat, five years later you're a
 Canadian.
 But if you've been here hundreds of years,
 you're nothing.
 And if you've been here thousands of years,
 you're less than nothing, you're an animal.
 Well to hell with that.
 We have only just begun the fight

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 114

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 114
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

PARLIAMENT

SPEAKER, MACDONALD, SMITH, BLAKE AND MACKENZIE ENTER

Speaker Order, order.

Macdonald I am going to appoint a Royal Commission.

BLAKE AND MACKENZIE GROAN

Macdonald To investigate

BLAKE AND MACKENZIE GROAN

Macdonald These charges that have been
 leveled against me

Blake The accused gets to investigate and prosecute
 himself.

Mackenzie What kind of government is this?

Macdonald This is an honest government.

Mackenzie Mister Speaker, Mister Speaker.
 I have this telegram.
 Quote “ Send me another ten thousand dollars
 Do not fail me. Answer today”

Blake Now I ask you, who would perpetrate such a
 dastardly deed?

Macdonald Shut up.

Blake You just spoke the language of hell.
I feel violated.
You have violated my person.

Macdonald Shut up

Mackenzie Has the Prime Minister been drinking?

Macdonald Shut up

Blake Did the Prime Minister take a bribe?

Macdonald What I did, I did for the good of the country.

Blake Are you saying you took a bribe for the good
of the country?

Macdonald These hands are clean.

Mackenzie But is the rest of you?

Macdonald Pot calling kettle.

Mackenzie Kettle calling pot

Blake I think we should move for a vote
of non-confidence.

Mackenzie Thanks Blake

Smith Mister Speaker.

Speaker The House recognizes the member for Winnipeg

Smith Mister Speaker, before the House votes on an issue of confidence in the government, I wish to make a few remarks.
Parliament should be incorruptible, clean and pure. Only honourable men should be members of Parliament.
This dishonourable man has made this house an unclean house.

Macdonald You stencher, you stink pot.
I should slap your chops, slap your chops.
I could lick you any day, Smith, lick you any day.

Mackenzie We demand an election
Blake NOW
Mackenzie We demand an election
Blake NOW

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #115
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL ENTERS

Riel What form of government is this.
If they can't bribe the voters, they intimidate them, they try to stop them from voting.
That's an election.
And if you win, they threaten to kill you if you take your seat
That is democracy.
The hypocrisy of it all.
I can't stand it. I can't stand it.
I CAN'T STAND IT.

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

SC #116

LAURIER AND LAFLAMME ENTER
ZOE SPOON FEEDS LAURIER

LaFlamme John A. MacDonald got caught with his hand
 in the till and resigned.

Zoe Open.

LaFlamme The Ontario Reform Party and the Clear
 Grits or whatever they call themselves and
 our Parti Rouge have been asked by the
 Governor-General to form a government.
 Obviously they can not, so there is going to
 be an election.
 The Conservatives will be annihilated.

Zoe Open.

LaFlamme You are the chosen one.
 We have the organization, the campaign workers,
 and more important the money and the muscle.

LAVERGNE ENTERS

Lavergne And I have canvassed the riding.
 It is no contest.

Zoe Open.

LaFlamme You see, a fait accompli.
 If you run, you win.

Lavergne And don't worry about the law firm of Laurier
and Lavergne

Zoe Open.

LaFlamme You'll have to jump on a stump and talk
about this, talk about that.

Laurier Yes.
I love Liberty more than my country.

LaFlamme And as long as you don't say things like that.
It'll be a walk.
Put you in Ottawa and fight the bastards.

Laurier In the name of liberty.

LaFlamme Why not.
Yes, in the name of liberty.
Well.

LAURIER LOOKS AT ZOE
ZOE NODS HER HEAD

Laurier Done.

LaFlamme All right.

Lavergne All right.

Zoe Open

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA

SC #116A

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #116A
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL ENTERS

Riel I will run for Parliament again.
 After everything I have said,
 I have faith in Democracy.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #117
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA

SC #117

LAURIER, ALEXANDER MACKENZIE, AND EDWARD BLAKE ENTER
BLAKE HOLDS A BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE

Blake To the new Prime Minister of Canada.
 Alexander MacKenzie

MacKenzie The demon juice will never touch my lips.

Blake Speech.

MacKenzie I promise to do an honest job for an honest
 day's wage.

Blake To an honest man.

MacKenzie Because there is no sand in me.
 I am Clear Grit.

Blake Clear Grit.
 Down with John A. MacDonald and the Conservative
 Party means down with organized hypocrisy.
 This is a great day Alexander MacKenzie.

MacKenzie Call me Sandy.

Blake Sandy it is.

MacKenzie And now I will meet the members of my caucus.

Blake This is young Wilfrid Laurier.
 The Member for Drummond-Arthabaska.

Laurier How do you do.

MacKenzie I have heard of you. The young Rouge who likes to fight Priests and Bishops.

Laurier Hopefully I will not become an Old Rouge fighting Priests and Bishops.

MacKenzie This is Edward Blake, my trusted lieutenant.

Blake And future leader.

MacKenzie But not now.

Blake Yes. And this is....

LAURIER EXITS

HUGH ALLAN ENTERS HOLDING THE CPR CONTRACT

Allan Am I still the president of the Canadian Pacific Railroad?

Mackenzie Railroad. What railroad?

BLAKE TAKES THE CPR CONTRACT FROM ALLAN

Mackenzie May you live the rest of your life like a whipped cur. Cur.

Allan But I have lost so much money.

Mackenzie The beast can leave the room.

Blake This way.

HUGH ALLAN GROANS AND EXITS

Blake Well done, Sandy.

Mackenzie Mister Mackenzie to you.

SMITH ENTERS HOLDING A SUITCASE

Smith Mister Prime Minister

Mackenzie Mister Smith

Smith I represent a syndicate that wants to
secure the CPR contract.

Mackenzie I will leave the railway as a national legacy
to this country.
No private company will own same.

Smith I found this suitcase full of money on
your doorstep.

Mackenzie Hard granite grinds true,
if it's clear grit, Mister Smith.

Smith And what does that mean?

Mackenzie That means get out of this office.

Smith If you no touch me, I'll nay touch you.
But if you claw me, I'll claw you.

Mackenzie Wheresoever the carcass is,
there will the eagles be gathered.

Smith Aye.

Blake How rude.

Mackenzie Now get out of this office.

SMITH EXITS

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 118
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL ENTERS

LaFlamme V.O. The member for Provencher, Manitoba,
is going to sign in.

Riel What form of government is this?
If they can't bribe the voters, they try to
intimidate them.
And if they can't intimidate them,
they try to stop them from voting.
This is an election.

LaFlamme V.O. The member for Provencher, Manitoba,
is going to sign in.

Riel And if you win, they threaten to kill you
if you take your seat. This is democracy?

LAFLAMME ENTERS

LaFlamme The member for Provencher, Manitoba,
is going to sign in.

RIEL SIGNS THE PARLIAMENTARY REGISTRAR

Riel The member for Provencher, Manitoba,
has signed in.

LaFlamme Good. Now come quickly.

V.O. #1 If you take your seat, we'll kill you.
This is Thomas Scott country, Frenchman.

Riel You. Demon go change your shape.

V.O. #2 I am going to put a price on your head, halfbreed.
 Ten thousand dollars for the head of
 Louis Riel.

RIEL HAS AN EMOTIONAL MOMENT

LaFlamme Come I know a place.

LAFLAMME AND RIEL EXIT

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 118A
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 118A
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MACDONALD ENTERS

Macdonald “Get thee glass eyes and like a scurvy politician
seem to see the things thou dost not”.
Impotent and useless I continue.
I owe money to everybody.
What would a man do without his debts?
My debts are my little darlings.
I would expire on the spot without them.
Debts are like flies.
They disappear and then new ones arrive.
Politicians have to live.
You make a little here,
lose a little there,
then make a whopping fortune,
then lose a little,
why not,
then make the score of all scores,
then lose a little,
what the hell.
Is that a crime?
What’s done is done.
There is no use crying over spilt milk.
Life is just one piece of bunkum after another.
Bunkum.
Master of the grand bunkum.
Bunkum good.
Bunkum till they can’t stand it anymore.
Then bunkum again.
Bunkum good.

LADY MACDONALD ENTERS

Lady Mac John, what is the matter?

Macdonald Just the ravings of a drunk.
Go back to sleep

Lady Mac Only if you will stop talking to yourself.

Macdonald Never.

Lady Mac Oh my anxious wifely heart pains me so.

Macdonald It's a cheat, a fraud, a lie.
I'll not be cheated.
I'll not be cheated.
I'll not be cheated.

THE LIGHTS FADE

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #119
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

LAURIER, MACKENZIE AND BLAKE ENTER

Blake I resign, Again.

MacKenzie Blake, how many times have you resigned
from my Cabinet.

Blake Twice.

MacKenzie I will not forgive you thrice.
Now, Riel has been elected again in Provencher.

Laurier Provencher.

MacKenzie Exactly.
We keep refusing him his seat
but they keep electing him.

Blake And now he has signed the Rolls of Parliament.
A fugitive from Justice is a Member of Parliament.

Laurier Yes, the choice of all criminals.
Parliament or Jail.

MacKenzie Mister Laurier, really.

Blake Call the police Mister Prime Minister.

MacKenzie No Blake, we do not want to apprehend Mr. Riel.
He could say many things that are best left unsaid.
We just wish he would go away, but he won't.

Blake So arrest him.

MacKenzie Thundering lizards.
Blake, you try my patience.
I am tired of this Riel business.
And I am going to end it.
We will arrange with the Governor-General,
an amnesty for Louis Riel, conditional upon Riel
.....becoming an exile from Canada for 5 years.
Yes.
Then we'll have some peace and quiet in this village
Any comments, remarks, Blake.

Blake No.

Mackenzie Good.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 120
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 120
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL ENTERS

Riel I have to leave this country.
 But I have an amnesty.
 But if I come back to Canada, they'll kill me.
 So what kind of amnesty is it?
 The hypocrsisy of it all.
 I can't stand it.
 I can't stand it.
 I can't stand it.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 120
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

SC #121

LAURIER AND LAFLAMME ENTERS

LaFlamme The man of the hour is here
 The Founder of Manitoba,
 the hero of the Red River Rebellion,
 the one and only, Louis Riel.
 Remember him.

Laurier Oh yes.

LaFlamme But we can not tell anyone he is here.

Laurier Because

LaFlamme Because there is a warrant for his arrest for
 the murder of Thomas Scott the Orangeman.
 He is a fugitive from justice.
 We are giving him shelter.
 He is coming to your picnic.

LAVERGNE ENTERS

Lavergne I feel like bursting into song,

Laurier Why.

Lavergne I have met the most beautiful, wonderful woman.

Laurier Nothing is what it seems.

LaFlamme Joseph, Monsieur Riel is coming to our picnic.

Lavergne Oh can I bring Emilie

Laurier Is she a Liberal.

Lavergne Oh Rouge de Rouge and sophisticated too.
She has just returned from 10 years in Paris.

Laurier Yes, show her how the other half lives.

Lavergne Oh, Emilie Barthe, she stole my heart.

LAVERGNE EXITS

LaFlamme Lavergne in Love.
What a squalid story that will be.

LAURIER LAUGHS
ZOE ENTERS

Laurier Madame.

Zoe Monsieur.

NOISES OFF STAGE

LaFlamme Ah, I see our guest of honour is arriving
Now, two things not to discuss with him.
Politics and Religion.

Laurier The only things worth discussing.

RIEL ENTERS

LaFlamme Louis, Louis, Louis.
How good to see you.
Do you remember young Wilfrid.

- Riel Yes, I once saw you speak at the Institut-Canadien. It changed my life forever.
- Laurier You have changed.
- Riel So have you. I was a boy now I am a man.
- LaFlamme How is your love life.
- Riel The love of my life is fighting the English.
I hate them.
I detest their dishonesty and I hate their honesty
The hypocrisy of it all.
I can't stand it. I can't stand it. I CAN'T STAND IT.
- LaFlamme Louis calm yourself.
I told you not to talk politics with this man.
You calm down.
- Riel Sorry.....I just can't stand it, sorry.
- Zoe Would you like to see my lilies.
- Riel Yes.
- Zoe They have huge pistils, Huge.
- RIEL AND ZOE EXIT
- LaFlamme Oh he is Rouge de Rouge.
- Laurier The genuine article.
When he speaks I realize I have changed.
- LaFlamme You are now a Liberal, you are no longer Rouge.

Laurier Yes.

JOSEPH LAVERGNE ENTERS

Joseph Her hand.
 It is the only part of her body she will give to me.
 I am obsessed with her hand.
 I want to hold it, kiss it, slap my face with it.
 Put it in my mouth. Stand on it.
 Oh here she comes, here she comes,
 here she comes.

EMILIE BARTHE ENTERS

Joseph I am going to make her my wife, god willing.
 Emilie. Oh Emilie.

Emilie Ah Joseph, how lovely it is to see you again

Joseph Yes. I want you to meet my dearest, closest friend.

Joseph Wilfrid Laurier. Miss Emilie Barthe
 Miss Emilie Barthe, Wilfrid Laurier.

Laurier Enchantez Mademoiselle.

Emilie Enchantez, Monsieur So, you are a politician.

LaFlamme Oh yes, he is a politician.
 He is a politician to end all politicians.

Joseph And I am his law partner
 ZOE ENTERS

Zoe And I am his wife.
 Emilie Indeed.

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 123
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL AND LAFLAMME ENTER

Riel I am envious and ignorant,
 vain and stupid,
 corrupt and decadent.

LaFlamme Doctor Barnabe.

DOCTOR FABIEN BARNABE ENTERS

Barnabe I am Doctor Barnabe.
 What can I do for you.

LaFlamme My friend is seriously disturbed.

Barnabe I can see that.
 I will calm him down.
 I am a phrenologist.
 I have dedicated my life
 to studying the mind inside the brain.

LaFlamme He is an expert in what is called Bumpology.

Barnabe I am going to hypnotize you.
 Look into my eyes.
 You are getting very sleepy.
 Besides being a Doctor I am an Oblate Father.

Riel No oblations here, priest.

Barnabe Look into my eyes.
 You are getting very sleepy.
 I am not a priest.

Barnabe I have made an obligation to God,
 but I have not taken priestly vows.
 I am not worthy.
 You are getting very sleepy.
 I live a life of pious seclusion with my sister,
 the beautiful Evelina.

EVELINA ENTERS

Barnabe She is chaste and pure and even though Satan
 lusts after her body she is divine and good,
 innocence incarnate.

Riel She is like a Madonna.

Barnabe Like Monsieur? She is a Madonna

Riel Evelina.
 The name of an angel.
 I think I want to smile.

Evelina Then you should smile.

Barnabe We'll take care of him. Come.
 This way, Monsieur Riel.

Riel Where are you taking me?

LaFlamme Don't worry, Louis.

Evelina Don't worry, Louis.
 You're in good hands.

Barnabe This way.

THE LIGHTS FADE

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 123A
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

EMILIE BARTHE ENTERS

Emilie I live in a democracy but I can not vote.
 I live in a society that hates the
 extraordinary woman
 As Flaubert says, " To be bourgeois is to be
 mean spirited
 This country is so bourgeois
 It is full of Ideophobes. I hate them.
 If I could make myself into a man I would
 settle my account with society in the tried
 and true manner.
 Alas, I can not.

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

LAURIER ENTERS

Emilie But Caesar can change all that.

Laurier You are like.....Cleopatra.

Emilie And you are like.....Napoleon.

Laurier Then you will be my..... Josephine.

Emilie Yes.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 124
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 124
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

BLAKE AND MACKENZIE ENTER

Blake These policies are going to create bad relations with the United States, exhibit disloyalty to the British Empire, and ruin this country.

Mackenzie Blake, I haven't got time for this.

Blake What do you have time for?
You have time to destroy the external and internal worlds as we understand them, but no time to discuss the error of your ways.

Mackenzie Blake, I haven't got time for this.

Blake We are trying to give the people decent honest government. Decent government. Can the people ask for more?

Mackenzie That's enough Blake.

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

SMITH ENTERS

Smith Just thinking good thoughts.
My good thought for the day.
What can I do to get rid of these two?

THE LIGHTS FADE ON SMITH

Blake Administering this country is a soul destroying

experience.

Mackenzie We all make sacrifices, Blake.

Blake No one values my intellect and integrity here

Mackenzie If you say so, Blake.

Blake I find that when I am arguing with someone,
I notice that my finely drawn distinctions
are not appreciated

Mackenzie That's right, Blake.

Blake I feel insults keenly.

Mackenzie Good.

Blake I suspect that you secretly do not approve of me

Mackenzie That's right, Blake

Blake Then you earn my contempt.
You earn it.

Mackenzie Thanks Blake.

Blake This colony aspires to nationhood.

Mackenzie That's right, Blake.

Blake Very well then.
I am beginning to have my doubts about the
importance of the imperial connection.
What do you think about that?
That gets your attention.

Mackenzie What do you want, Blake?

Blake That gets your attention, Sandy.

Mackenzie Call me Alex.

Blake That gets your attention, Alexander.

Mackenzie Mister MacKenzie to you.

Blake Oh how rude.
I resign.

Mackenzie Blake.

Blake I resign.

THE LIGHTS FADE

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA Sc #125
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

BARNABE, EVELINA AND RIEL ENTER
EVELINA HOLDS UP A PHRENOLOGICAL IMAGE OF A MAN'S HEAD

Barnabe I read heads for fees.
 But you I will do for nothing.
 May I read your head.

Riel All right.

Barnabe Ready Evelina.

Evelina Hump and gump, rump and dump.
 Hump and gump, rump and dump.
 Hump and gump, rump and dump.

Barnabe Bodily functions are localized in the brain.
 This hemisphere controls emotion,
 this hemisphere controls rational thought.
 Before phrenology all we knew about the brain
 was now to slice it.
 Now we massage it.
 Make it better.
 The shape of the skull is defined by the shape
 of the brain.
 The brain is comprised of various organs.
 I have never seen a head like this.
 Look at the size of his cranium,
 and the shape of his forehead, Evelina.
 His hippocampus is huge.

Evelina Thats good Louis.

Barnabe Evelina, put the clampers on him and measure the
the square root of his hypotenuse

EVELINA HOLDS UP A CALIPER

Evelina We're going to put the clampers on you, Louis

Riel No.

Barnabe These lumps and bumps indicate organs
of benevolence live inside his brain.

Evelina That's good, Louis.

Barnabe Here lives veneration and wonder.

Evelina Good, good, good.

Barnabe But these lumps and bumps.
Oh Evelina.....this man is evil.
He has a homunculus living inside his brain.

Evelina Oh no.

Barnabe Here is my diagnosis.
You have the body of a man,
but the skull of a monkey.

Riel What.

Barnabe Definitely mixed blood.
Not French-French like me and Evelina.

Evelina Ah poor Louis, but we love you anyway.

Barnabe But I can help you.

Barnabe There is a cure.
 Radical surgery.
 Evelina, get a white sheet and prepare the
 kitchen table and get my scalpel

Riel Wait a minute.

Barnabe We're going to operate on you.
 Get rid of these lumps and bumps.

Riel Wait a minute.

Barnabe I am a scientist.
 I am here to help you
 Trust me.

Riel All of my lumps and bumps are mine.
 I want them.

Evelina But some of them are evil, Louis.

Riel I don't care.
 I want them.
 All of them.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 126
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MACKENZIE ENTERS

MacKenzie I'm praying to you Jesus, I'm praying.
I am trying to give the people decent,
honest government.
Decent government.
Can people ask for more.
Help me all mighty father of Jesus.
You are the supreme architect of the universe.
I am a humble stone mason.
But I will build my monument to you.
In the next election I want to prohibit
the sale of the Demon Rum in this country
It will not be a popular decision.
But it is the right decision
Guide me.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 127
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #128
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

LAURIER AND LAVERGNE ENTER

Laurier There is going to be an election and
MacKenzie is going to run on a Temperance
Plank.
The prohibition of alcohol.

Lavergne Who is going to vote for that.

Laurier Exactly.
Especially in this province.

Laurier But we will hold our own.
Look at them.

Laurier Pretty as a picture.

Lavergne She is going to marry me,

Laurier Congratulations, Joseph.

Lavergne I want you to be my best man.

Laurier I am honoured.

ZOE AND EMILIE ENTER LOOKING AT A PICTURE BOOK

Emilie Oh that one brings back memories.
I love to travel.
I have been to London, Paris, Berlin, Rome,
Athens.
Oh Athens.
Have you ever travelled.

Zoe We've been to Rimouski.

Emilie Oh Rimouski.
 What is that place like.

Zoe It's like Montreal, only smaller.

Emilie Really, or is Montreal like Rimouski,
 only bigger.

Zoe Oh yes, definitely bigger.

LAURIER CLEARS HIS THROAT

Emilie Ah, the member of Parliament.
 I am going to form a salon combining the
 agreeable and the useful, for you.

Joseph And me too.

Emilie And you too.

Zoe And I can play the piano.

Emilie Yes, you can play the piano.

EMILIE SMILES

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

SC #128A

BOURGET ENTERS

Bourget The date for the election has been set.
 September 17th, 1878
 If Laurier is elected, he could become the High
 Priest of the Liberal Religion.
 He must be destroyed
 But he is difficult.
 He is honest, he has integrity.
 He is a man of principle.
 We must make him feel disgust with public
 life.
 Therefore Lie, lie, lie, and lie again.
 Something will stick.
 I can't wait to get at him.
 In this election even the dead will vote Bleu.
 I will pray for his failure.
 But prayers don't win elections.
 But I will pray anyway.

THE LIGHTS FADE

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 129
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MACDONALD AND SMITH ENTER

Macdonald But the national Policy, the high tariff
will protect Canadian manufacturers.

Smith The business community likes the policy
but they will not contribute to the campaign.
You are a tainted man, John A.

Macdonald Because of you.

Smith I'm a Hudson Bay man, John A.
I have no time for sentiment.
I want that CPR contract.

Macdonald What you want is what you want.

Smith Thats right.
I can make you, I can break you.
And you know it.
Now, how much do you want to be Prime Minister?

Macdonald Show me what you found on the doorstep

SMITH HOLDS UP A SUITCASE

THE LIGHTS FADE

THE LIGHTS FADE
 IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA Sc #130
 THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL ENTERS

Riel May is month of Mary.
 May is month of Mary.
 The blessed are those with pure minds
 and bodies.
 My fiance is my life
 But death is my wife.
 Mother Mary, I have been praying to Jesus
 but he's not listening to me.
 Mary, tell him to help me.

Oh Saviour mine, through Mary's tears,
 I beg of you to give me help, that I may live
 In grace throughout the years.

I am drowning in a flood of love.
 Pretty heads are full of ugly thoughts.

THE LIGHTS FADE
 IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA Sc #131
 THE LIGHTS FADE IN

Evelina Do we have to do this.

Barnabe Yes we have to do this.

Evelina Oh all right.

Barnabe Look into my eyes.
 Look at me, look at me.
 Do not disobey me.

Barnabe Or I will have to punish you.
I do not want to punish you,
but if I have to, I will.
You know it.
Do you want me to punish you

Evelina No.

Barnabe Then look into my eyes.
You are getting very sleepy.....very sleepy.

EVELINA GOES TO SLEEP
BARNABE SNAPS HIS FINGERS
EVELINA AWAKENS WITH A START

Barnabe Go, and do what needs be done.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN TWO SEPARATE PLAYING AREAS SC #133
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

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IN TWO SEPARATE PLAYING AREAS SC #133
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

THE 1878 ELECTION

LAURIER AND BOURGET ENTER

Laurier In this election, to be an enemy of the Liberal Party
is to be an enemy of Liberty.
To be Liberal is to believe in Liberty,
Tolerance.

Bourget Don't listen to Liberals
Liberals are friends of excommunicated devils.

Laurier Tolerance is knowing that one is not always
right.

Bourget Everywhere he goes his friends renounce
their faith and become Protestants.
The church wonders if you convert them.

Laurier I think the church converts them.

Bourget How can you believe this man.
His private life is a disgrace.
He does not baptize his children.

Laurier I don't have any children.
What a fanatic.

Bourget Are you a good catholic

Laurier Can a Liberal be a good Catholic.

Bourget Non.

Laurier Bourget says when we are born, we are born
as criminals.
He is wrong.
My friends, listen

Bourget I will not allow the anti-christ to speak.
He is a serpent in paradise.
Vote for the Liberals and you will go to Hell.
Vote for the Conservatives and you will go
to Heaven.

Laurier Bourget

THE LIGHTS FADE

You will be Horus so you can adore us

Barnabe Her placid beauty, Louis, is a masquerade for the vultures of passion that consume her soul. Her beauty delights and appalls me. She is fearless. Death without terror will come to this woman. Her wild desire for life. My passionate devotion makes me idolize this woman. Blessed and cursed. She is consumed with Madness and sin. Look at her orbs. The face, the hair, the tresses of an angel, and the nose which is not like a nose at all, more like a medallion of beauty. And her mouth. Oh what that mouth is capable of doing, kissing, caressing, oh you..... And then, dare I say it, her buxom bosom and hourglass figure. She has been made the perfection of beauty for only one reason. So she can die.

Riel yes.

Barnabe Look at her orbs, Louis. Drink deep if you dare.

Riel yes.

Evelina You will be Horus so you can adore us
You will be Horus so you can adore us

Riel yes.

- Macdonald Parties for votes equal votes for party.
- Mackenzie John A. Macdonald's National Policy is the corn laws all over again.
- Macdonald The National Policy. Canada for Canadians.
- Mackenzie It is protectionism, pure and simple.
- Macdonald Free Trade is evil.
- Mackenzie Protectionism is evil
- Macdonald We will protect our industry with tariffs.
- Mackenzie Protectionism is designed to raise the price of the working man's crust while increasing the power and wealth of the few and mighty.
- Macdonald We will not be trampled upon and ridden over as we have been in the past by the capitalists of a foreign country.
- Men We'll be ridden over by capitalists of this country.
- Macdonald You're on the mark tonight, sir.
- Mackenzie We are going to change that. We are going to initiate free trade with the United States.
- Men We'll all be thrown out of work, you dog.
- Macdonald A fair day's wage for a fair day's work.
Think about that while you're eating your shoo fly pie.

Mackenzie And we are going to make it against the law to
 drink liquor in this country.

Men Get lost.

Mackenzie The story of liquor in this country is all over.

Men All over for you, you mean.

Macdonald The story of liquor is just beginning

Mackenzie In the next election everyone will take the pledge.

Men Like hell we will.

Mackenzie Woe unto him who giveth his neighbour drink.

Men Woe unto you.

Mackenzie It's me or John A. the bag man himself.

Macdonald Do you prefer Alexander Mackenzie sober
 or John A drunk.

Mackenzie Think about that, that quietens you.

Men We're thinking.

Macdonald He isn't long for this world.

Men We're for Macdonald.

BLAKE ENTERS

Blake Pitiful.

Mackenzie Thanks Blake

THE LIGHTS FADE
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THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL AND EVELINA ENTER

Evelina Life is a mystery, Louis.
 No one knows who creates it
 and no one knows why we live it.

Riel God knows.

Evelina Who dat.

Riel Will you come with me to the west.

Evelina Lets sit on this park bench
 Look at me Louis
 What do you see.
 I'll tell you what you see.
 You see a big beautiful voluptuous woman
 who is full of goodness

Riel Yes.

Evelina A woman who wants to experience everything
 that a woman can experience.
 Everything that life has to offer.

Riel Yes.

Evelina I can not live in a little house on the prairie
 But I love you and I want to.....

EVELINA WHISPERS IN RIEL'S EAR

Riel Oh Evelina.
I don't know how to say this.
Will you join loins with me.

Evelina Oh Louis, that evil.
Do we dare.

Riel Yes.

BARNABE ENTERS

Barnabe Is satan in this room.

Riel He is now.

Evelina Everything's fine Barnabe.
Just fine.

BARNABE MAKES A GESTURE
BARNABE EXITS

Evelina Tonight, when I go to bed I will dream about you.

Riel I will visit you in your dreams.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 135B
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 135B
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

BARNABE ENTERS

Barnabe I am going to watch the beautiful Evelina
 make love to Monsieur Riel

BARNABE FACES THE OFFSTAGE AND OPENS A PEEP HOLE.
BARNABE LOOKS TROUGH THE PEEP HOLE
BARNABE TURNS TO THE AUDIENCE

Barnabe OH, schnookey, schnookey, schnookey

BARNABE LOOKS TROUGH THE PEEP HOLE
BARNABE TURNS TO THE AUDIENCE

Barnabe OH, schnookey, schnookey, schnookey

BARNABE LOOKS TROUGH THE PEEP HOLE

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 136
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #136
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

LAFLAMME AND LAURIER ENTER

LaFlamme Twenty-four Votes, twenty-four votes.
 It's incredible. You squeaked in.
 Bourget is trying to destroy the Parti
 Rouge.

Laurier There is no trying about it,
 he has destroyed it.

LaFlamme You are now the Parti Rouge.

Laurier Yes.
 How did Mackenzie do in Upper Canada

LaFlamme Don't ask.
 John A. MacDonald is back in power.

Laurier Gentlemen, we are no longer members of
 the Parti Rouge. We are Liberals.
 We must remember the words of the master.
 That which is difficult to secure is easy to
 maintain.
 When we come into power we will come into
 it forever.
 Mark my words.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 136A
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 136A

RIEL AND BARNABE SIT AT A CRYPT THAT IS USED AS A TABLE

Evelina V.O. Help, help, let me out.

Riel Do you hear voices.

Barnabe No.

Evelina V.O. Help, help, let me out.

Riel Wait a minute. There's someone in here.

Barnabe Pay no attention.

Evelina V.O. Help, help, let me out.

RIEL LIFTS THE LID OF THE CRYPT

EVELINA STEPS OUT OF THE CRYPT

Evelina He buried me alive...again.

Barnabe Quiet child.

Evelina I really hate it, Barnabe, really hate it.

Barnabe You are impertinent and impudent.

Evelina I'm sorry, but I really hate it.

Riel This is monstrous. You poor little-

Barnabe Manchild.

Evelina Its all right. He scares me.

Barnabe Manchild. Take your hands off my sister.

Barnabe Beauty becomes ugly

Evelina Now you know our secret.
Now you know our secret.

Riel No

Barnabe Did not the messiah say
we should love each other.

Riel But this is abomination.

Evelina Its just love, Louis. Love.

Barnabe By raping her body, I rape her soul.

Riel Exactly.

Barnabe But it is a holy rape.
I fill the void in her soul with Jesus.
Oh Jesus.

Riel This is monstrous. You are a villain-

Barnabe Doing God's work.
In this world we are all villains.
Now, are you ready to renounce this world.

Riel No. I will save this woman.

Evelina I'm all ready saved, Louis.

Barnabe She is mine, Monsieur Riel, mine.

Riel No.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 137
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MACKENZIE, BLAKE AND LAURIER ENTER

MacKenzie We gave them honest, decent government.

Blake And we were trounced for our efforts.
Humiliated.
You had your nose rubbed in it.

Mackenzie That's enough Blake.

Blake You had your nose rubbed in it.

Mackenzie I have lost the confidence of the country
and confidence in myself.

Blake And you have lost the confidence of the
Party.

MacKenzie Thanks Blake.
Would the Liberal Party kick a man
when he is down.

Laurier They are lining up.

Blake You're finished, I'm taking over.

MacKenzie Blake.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 137A
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA **Sc #137AA**

THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL ENTERS

Riel Birds.
 Look at them.
 Singing their little hearts out.
 They are so happy.
 They can fly away any time they like.
 Free as a bird
 Free to do what they like,
 say what they like.

BIRD SOUNDS

Riel What.....speak clearly.....I can't understand you.
 What language are you speaking.
 What.....

EVELINA ENTERS

Evelina See my garden.
 How beautiful it is.
 This is where I grow my flowers.

Riel I see snakes

Evelina They too are God's creatures.

Riel Yes.
 Thats what I am.
 A creature.

Evelina The flowers and the trees,
 the birds and the bees.

Riel I saw a Robin this morning,
 singing its little heart out,
 then it looked at me
 and started speaking in Greek.

Evelina And what did God's creation say.

Riel The Lord said that the Metis are the chosen
 people with a sacred destiny.

Evelina Good.

Riel They have a special covenant with God.

Evelina Good.

Riel The Lord God has given me a mission.

Evelina Good.

Riel To start a new religion and make me the priest-
 king prophet infallible pontiff of this religion.

Evelina Good.

Riel Therefore I will form the Catholic, Apostolic and
 Living Church of the New World.

RIEL BELLOWS LIKE A BULL

Evelina Good. Good. Good
THE LIGHTS FADE

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 137B
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

SMITH ENTERS
MACDONALD ENTERS HOLDING THE CPR CONTRACT

Smith Its the "Great am I" Himself.
 The new Prime Minister of Canada.

Macdonald Mister Smith.

MACDONALD GIVES SMITH THE CPR CONTRACT

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 138
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

THE LIGHTS FADE
 IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
 THE LIGHTS FADE IN

SC #137C

PARLIAMENT

BLAKE ENTERS

Speaker V.O. The House recognizes the Leader of the Opposition, the Member for West Durham, Edward Blake.

Blake Mister Speaker, Mister Speaker..
 The CPR is a fiasco.
 It is the story of corruption, bribes, gifts.
 GIFTS.
 Gifts of money,
 gifts of land, and loans.
 The loans.
 I hate the loans.
 Interest free loans,
 non-repayable loans.
 The loans are so crooked.
 The CPR is a story of corruption.
 The Government says to this Syndicate,
 " We will give you everything and half as much
 again, and then you will own it.
 We will make you landlords of the NorthWest".
 Well I say to the Government.
 God damn the CPR.

THE LIGHTS FADE
 IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
 THE LIGHTS FADE IN

SC #137D

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 137D
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

BARNABE AND EVELINA ENTER

Riel V.O. I have been named David, David, David.

Barnabe And how is our guest.

Evelina Oh he gets happier everyday.
 In fact he's about to burst.
 Look.

RIEL ENTERS WITH HIS FACE COVERED BY A HANDKERCHIEF

Riel I am so happy.
 I don't want anyone to see how happy I am.
 I am so happy.

Evelina Let's see how happy he is.

EVELINA TAKES THE HANDKERCHIEF AWAY FROM RIEL'S FACE
RIEL IS REVEALED TO BE BEAMING GROTESQUELY
EVELINA LAUGHS

Riel Everyone's looking at me.
 Why?
 Stop looking at me, stop looking at me.

Evelina We're not looking at you.

Riel Stop looking at me.
 I hear voices.

Evelina He hears voices.

Riel I am a prophet.

Evelina He is a prophet.

Riel I have a mission.

Evelina He has a mission.

Riel Gaganagagaga

RIEL STEPS FORWARD
BARNABE AND EVELINA EXIT

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THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL ENTERS

Riel I am a prophet.
 God has spoken to me
 Here is my revelation.
 God wants to rename the universe.
 The Big Dipper will be called Fabien Barnabe.
 Venus will be renamed Maria.
 Mercury will be called Anna.
 Mars will be Julia.
 And Uranus, thats right Uranus,
 will have a new name.
 Josepha.
 Think about that.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA **SC # 138**
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 138
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

LAURIER AND ZOE ENTER
LAURIER READS A BOOK

Zoe I had a dream about you last night.
 I went to kiss you, and seven snakes
 came out of your mouth.
 Bit me here, here, here, here, here, and here,
 and here too.
 I liked it better when you were just a lawyer
 in Arthabaska, not in Ottawa.
 Don't like Ottawa.
 I want to move back to Arthabaskaville

LAURIER LOOKS UP FROM HIS BOOK

Laurier What.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 139
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 139

BARNABE, RIEL AND NUN ENTER

Barnabe This man is seriously ill.
 He is speaking in tongues.
 He likes to refer to himself as David.

Nun I am happy to see you, Mr David.

Riel Why do you call me that?
 I am Louis Riel.

Nun Sure.

Riel I am.

Nun Come with me.

Riel Where are you taking me?

Nun To a place where you can be what you are.

EVELINA ENTERS

Evelina I will write you, I promise.

Nun Come. This way.

Evelina I love you.

Nun This way.

Evelina I love you.

Nun This way.

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LAURIER ENTERS HOLDING A TEACUP

LAURIER MONOLOGUE ABOUT HIS POLITICAL AMBITIONS

EMILIE ENTERS

Laurier I am the Quebec Lieutenant for Edward Blake.

Emilie All Lieutenants want to be Generals.
 And all generals should wear gloves.

EMILIE HOLDS UP A PAIR OF WHITE GLOVES

Emilie One day you will be a great man.
 Perhaps a Cabinet Minister, who knows,
 perhaps a Prime Minister.
 Time and table manners will tell.
 Now let's pretend, I love to pretend, that
 you are having tea with a big stone-faced
 Englishman.
 You hold your cup like this.
 No like this.....See.
 Always remember that in the end,
 everything warm becomes cold,
 everything fast becomes slow.
 Love is not immoral.
 Society is.
 My conscience is not subject to the
 decisions of priests, or men. Is yours?

Laurier No.

Emilie I am a Liberal.
 I do not mind sharing you with your wife.
 Now you hold your cup like this.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 142A
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL ENTERS

Riel A constitutional debate with the government
 of Canada.
 I could do that in my sleep. Lord.
 Challenge me, put me to the test.
 I dare you. Do with me what thou wilt.
 I am your tool, your instrument.
 Sharpen me like a pencil.
 At least point me in the right direction.

THE NUN ENTERS HOLDING A LETTER

Riel Nun, I'm in love. Did you hear that, in love.

Nun I have this letter for you.
 Do you want me to read it to you?

Riel I want to kill you so much.

Nun It is from Mademoiselle Evelina Barnabe.
 Do you know this woman.

Riel I'm in love with her.
 I want to kill you so much.

THE NUN OPENS THE LETTER

Nun Dearest beloved.

Riel Oh sublime sentiment.

Nun I am alone in my bedroom thinking about you.

Riel Cock-a-doodle-doo

Nun That's enough, you control yourself.
"I am in love with your goodness"

Riel She's in love with my goodness.
Turn it into rapture.

Nun Quiet. I won't read this section to you.

Riel I love the way you read letters to me.
I want to kill you so much.
I want to kill you so much.

Nun And it ends with " And so I cannot see you
ever again".

Riel What. She's in love with my goodness and
can't ever see me again. Why?

Nun Go to sleep.

Riel What are you doing?

Nun I'm taking away your bible.

Riel No.

Nun Because it makes you insane.

Riel No. Beat me with clubs, whack me till I'm black
and blue but don't take away my bible.
She took my bible. Give that to me.
God wrote that. Give it to me.

Nun No, because it makes you insane

Riel Don't talk to me about insanity, you devil's vixen.
Give me a hair shirt and a scourger and I'll show
you why they were invented, sister.

Nun Quiet you evil crazy person. Quiet.

Riel The Bishops, the priests, the nuns.
They work for the English.

Nun Quiet you evil crazy person. Quiet.

Riel Jesus, Jesus, Oh Jesus.
I am the ox of god.

RIEL BELLOWS LIKE A OX

Nun Quiet.

Riel Corruption is everywhere.
You have sold your soul to the devil for no
reason, you evil crazy woman.

Nun Quiet

THE NUN BEATS RIEL WITH A CLUB

Riel Jesus, Jesus, Oh Jesus.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

SC #143

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

SC # 144

LAURIER AND ZOE ENTER

Zoe You were with her for 12 hours.

Laurier We were talking. Do you dispute that.

Zoe No. I am sure you talked.
 What else did you do.

Laurier You were not present therefore you have no
 right to make insinuations.

Zoe I hate you so much.
 I gave you fresh vegetables.
 What a waste. Go read a book.

LAURIER PICKS UP A BOOK AND READS

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

LAVERGNE AND EMILIE ENTER

Lavergne Infidelity is a weakness, but duplicity is a vice.

Emilie Joseph, do not play the intellectual with me.

Lavergne Are you having an affair with my best friend.

Emilie Joseph, please.

Lavergne The peasants in the village. They say-

Emilie Oh yes, the peasants.
 They say this, they say that.
 Who has time to listen.
 You. You and your useless life have all
 the time in the world.
 When an angel falls in love with an angel.
 Do they copulate, fornicate, Rut.
 Of course not. That is too vulgar.
 Your good friend, who admires you greatly,
 is not like you, Joseph.
 You are a man and the thoughts of a man are
 like those of a beast.
 But your friend is a pure spirit.

Lavergne Enough.
 Are you having an affair with my best friend.

Emilie Joseph.

EMILIE TURNS TO LAVERGNE
 LAVERGNE EXITS

Zoe Put your hand here.

Laurier I'm reading.
 Don't look at me like that.
 You know that I think life is an experience of
 the mind and reality is a figment of the
 imagination.
 It's elementary Plato, don't argue with me

Zoe There's more to life than that, Wilfy

Laurier Don't call me that.
 Don't you ever call me that.

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

SC #146

MACDONALD AND MAN #1 ENTER

Macdonald You're on the mark tonight, sir
 What's my name?

Man #1 John A

Macdonald What's my game.

Man #1 Being John A

Macdonald You're on the mark tonight, sir

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

LAURIER AND BLAKE ENTER

Blake Look.
 The Corruptionist at work.

Laurier It is amazing how he manages men.
 Amazing.

Blake A suitcase full of money will do wonders.

Laurier He keeps the Jesuits from Quebec and the
 Orange Lodge from Ontario united in one
 party.
 Only he can do that.
 The Conservative Party is a house of cards.
 After him, the deluge.

Blake After him, me. A hard rain is going to fall,
 Wilfrid, a hard rain.

Laurier Yes.

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA **Sc #147**

THE LIGHTS FADE IN

Riel I am master of the universe.
 I know everything.
 I will now tell you the secret name of God
 It is Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga
 Now you know something you didn't know.

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA **SC #147A**

THE LIGHTS FADE IN

ZOE AND JOSEPH PLAY CARDS

Joseph Zoe, give me all your Jacks.

Zoe Go Fish.

JOSEPH GROANS

LAURIER ENTERS

Zoe Now my turn. Give me all your Queens.

JOSEPH GROANS AND GIVES ZOE 3 QUEENS

Zoe I win.

JOSEPH GROANS

EMILIE ENTERS AND WHISPERS INTO LAURIER'S EAR

Laurier Are you sure?

Emilie Yes.

Zoe Go Fish.

Emilie Joseph, I want you to sleep with me tonight.

Joseph Why.

Emilie Its time to make a love baby.

Joseph A love baby.

Laurier Happy day.

Zoe Go Fish.

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA **Sc #147B**

THE LIGHTS FADE IN

BLAKE ENTERS

Blake I am now permanently irritable.
 Permanently irritable.
 Everything bothers me. Everything.
 My underwear does not fit properly.
 It annoys me profoundly.
 Words can not express my discomfort.
 When I look in the mirror do I see my
 handsome face. No. I see nose hairs.
 I pull out each follicle with my fingers, and it hurts.

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

SC #148

LAURIER AND EMILIE ENTER

Emilie Great news. Bourget is dead.

Laurier That is proof that God exists.

Emilie One less priest makes a better world,
but a bishop.

Laurier As you know I do not drink.
But tonight we will have champagne.
Great things are now possible.

ZOE AND LAVERGNE ENTER
ZOE MAKES THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

Laurier What do you think you' re doing
Don't you ever do that again.
If you must pray to Gods.
Pray to Greek Gods. Gods that fart and belch.

Zoe Joseph has something to tell you.

Lavergne We're going to have a baby.

Laurier We, Joseph?

Lavergne Emilie is going to have a baby.

Laurier Congratulations Joseph. Well done.
Lavergne Yes.

THE LIGHTS FADE

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IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #150
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

BLAKE AND MACKENZIE ENTER

Blake I am now permanently irritable.
 Everything bothers me.
 Everything.
 I crave for books like he craves for naked women.

MacKenzie That's a good one Blake.

LAURIER ENTERS

Blake I detest my position as Leader of the Liberal
 Party. Absolutely detest it.
 But I am irreplaceable. Right Wilfrid

Laurier Yes, Blake.

Blake I think I am going to resign.

Laurier Every man should do what he thinks he should do.

Blake Who could replace me.

Laurier Make a list starting with A, Blake.

Blake You.

Mackenzie No A.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #151
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #151
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL ENTERS

Riel God has spoken to me again.
 God wants this country, this Canada,
 to be Catholic and multi-cultural.
 God wants immigrants to come to this country.
 God wants Quebec to once again be New France.
 God wants Ontario to be New Ireland.
 God will send all the Irish to Ontario.
 Good, they got it coming.
 Manitoba will be Metis land.
 The west will be New Belgium, New Bavaria,
 New Poland.
 The nations of the world will comprise the
 nation of Canada.
 God has spoken.
 So be it.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #152
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

SC #152

LAURIER AND ZOE ENTER
EMILIE AND LAVERGNE ENTER
EMILIE HOLDS A BABY

Laurier What have you named him.

Joseph Armand.

Laurier Armand.
 Armand Lavergne.
 Gou-gou. Gou-gou

Emilie Ah, he bit you

Lavergne He doesn't like you.

Laurier Yes.
 He will know how to dance before he knows
 how to walk.
 He looks just like you.

Lavergne Really.

Laurier Yes.
 Little Armand

LAURIER SMILES

THE LIGHTS FADE

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 154
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL ENTERS

Riel People, people.
 Oh French Canadians are the luckiest people
 in the world.
 They are blessed by God.
 They are the chosen people
 with a sacred destiny.
 They have a special covenant with God.
 Oh you lucky French-Canadians.

NUN ENTERS

Nun We are discharging you from this hospital

Riel Nut house, you mean.

Nun You have been here two years.

Riel How time flies.

Nun I want to give you some good advice.

Riel That's a first.

Nun Live a quiet life.

Riel After two years with you.

Nun Live outdoors

Riel Like a beast.

Nun And avoid people that disturb you.

Riel Starting with you.
Sign me out, sister, sign me out.
I think I'll go to Nebraska, Lord.
I'll become a farmer.
I think I'll grow carrots, yes, carrots.
And after they're grown, I'll wash them
four times a day because I want clean carrots.

Nun Sign this.

Riel On second thought, Lord.
I think I'll go to Saskatchewan and hunt buffalo.
Yes, hunt buffalo.....in Saskatchewan.

THE LIGHTS FADE

THE LIGHTS FADE
 IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC # 155
 THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MACDONALD ENTERS
 GALT AND TORIES ENTER AS A CHORUS
 THEY SING A LA GILBERT AND SULLIVAN

Macdonald I am the nation's chief MP
 The ruler of the whole country
 Whose praise Great Britain loudly chants

Chorus And we are his toadies and his sycophants

Macdonald And they are my toadies and my sycophants

Chorus And we are his toadies and his sycophants.

SMITH ENTERS HOLDING CPR CONTRACT

Smith Right.
 Now here is what we want.
 We want a subsidy to 25 million dollars.
 Plus 25 million acres,
 plus possession and complete ownership
 of everything that has been built to date.
 An absolute railway monopoly in western
 Canada for twenty years.
 Exemption from taxation on al property,
 plus the right to set tariffs at whatever
 rate we see fit.

Macdonald Done.
 Oh, I am the nation's chief MP
 The ruler of the whole country
 Whose praise Great Britain loudly chants

Chorus And we are his toadies and his sycophants

Macdonald And they are my toadies and my sycophants

Chorus And we are his toadies and his sycophants.
 His toadies and his sycophants,
 His toadies and his sycophants.

THE LIGHTS FADE