

everything they want. There is no legislature in this country to-day doing anything for the people, but every one of them is turning handsprings to distribute the resources of the country among the great corporations. That has got to come to an end. Perhaps the word 'Conservative' and the word 'Liberal' have passed out of usefulness in this country. Perhaps the day has come for a true national party—a party that believes in Canada, in the people, in the nation, and is prepared to do for the nation instead of doing for the corporations. If we are to take on true national greatness in this country, if we are to appreciate ourselves, we must use the resources of the country and the money of the people directly for the good of the people themselves, and not for making rich men and great corporations, who grind down the people. The day has arrived for bringing all that to an end, as you will find if you go about the country. The opposition in this House has declared in favour of public ownership in connection with the Intercolonial and its extension, and the people of the Northwest recognize that there is no solution of the transportation question except on national principles and they are all nationalists in that sense. The phrase is growing, and those who believe in it are increasing in numbers; and I believe to-day, as I have believed for some years, that the only way to solve these problems and to grant relief to the people is to move on national lines. Let us have a national tariff, let us have a national system of transportation, let us maintain the integrity of Canada on this North American continent. National propositions such as these will command the support of the Canadian people. It is on these lines that I have been appealing in my own constituency and my own province, and the people respond; and it is the men in this House who approach public questions on these lines who will be sent back here by the people. They cannot go on the old cries, because the people will not have them. The people are at last alive to the fact that so far the governments and the parties of this country have been working for the corporations, have been throwing away the resources of the country and have been doing nothing for the people directly. This, I trust, is coming to an end. I hope we can see the beginning of a great national movement on this side of the House. If the opposition start to educate the people on these lines, and oppose them to the lines proposed by hon. gentlemen opposite, the day of real relief and improvement will soon come for the people. I hope that day is at hand; and whether the election comes this year or next year, hon. gentlemen will find that it is only on these great national lines that they will com-

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mand the support of the people of Canada.

Hon. Mr. HAGGART. At this late hour, with the consent of my right hon. friend, I would move the adjournment of the debate.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I have no objection, but I hope we will be able to keep later hours in the future. I would move in amendment that the following words be added to the motion:

That the order for the consideration of the motion for an address to be presented to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to his Speech, have precedence over all other business, except the introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion (Hon. Mr. Haggart) agreed to, and debate adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT—GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILROAD SURVEYS.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Before the House adjourns, I would call the attention of my right hon. friend to the fact that since last session we have had announcements in the government press, which I assume to be authentic, that the line of the new Grand Trunk Pacific between Abitibi and Winnipeg, a distance of over eleven hundred miles, has been surveyed and the surveys turned over to the government by the Grand Trunk Railway Company. I am quoting from the Montreal 'Herald' of November 17th or 18th last, and that journal goes on to say:

Last spring, when the Grand Trunk first brought their scheme before parliament, which was then for a road from the west to North Bay, they sent in parties from Winnipeg to Abitibi to work east and west. They have now completed this work, and have placed the information in the hands of the government, which will greatly expedite the commencement of construction.

I would like to know whether any such surveys are in possession of the government, and, if so, whether the government will have any objection to laying them on the Table at an early date, so that they may be of assistance when we come to discuss the measure concerning certain amendments to the agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. The government is not in possession of any such surveys.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 10.30 p.m.