

the Government could not appropriate that amount of money to a better purpose.

HON. MR. POWER—We could turn over the printing building to them.

HON. MR. McINNES (B.C.)—No; I have no desire to turn over the printing building here in Ottawa to them. I contend that where the precious metals are found in such quantities is the place where the mint should be. It should be established in the very town that had the honor of having the first and only mint that ever existed in a Canadian Province. However, that is a matter of detail. I am anxious to see a mint established, no matter where we have it, in the Dominion of Canada. If we have it out in British Columbia so much the better. But let us show the world what we are doing here, and that we are assuming the proportions and responsibilities of a nation. By endorsing the resolution that I now submit to the House you will contribute very largely to that end.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I was asked this morning by my hon. friend from British Columbia to second his motion, and I have done so. At the same time, there is an objection to increasing any further the Government departments or institutions of the Dominion, and more especially with regard to a mint, which requires, no doubt, very great safeguards. It would involve not only great safeguards, but supervisory powers and the employment of highly skilled labor. If established at all, it should be under the supervision and control of the Government. Our paper notes are printed by contract, and the work is done, I believe, in a satisfactory way; but coinage could only be done properly under the supervision and responsibility of the Government. My hon. friend suggested to me the question whether this was a subject that ought to come up in the Senate—whether it might not come more appropriately from those who have more to do with the money of the country. But it is before us now, and I am in favor of the suggestion that my hon. friend makes, that we should have in this great country, which produces the precious metals in such abundance, a coinage of our own. Anything that will tend to advance the price of gold in this country shall receive my hearty support. My hon. friend has done justice to his own

Province in describing the production of gold there, but he has not done equal justice to Nova Scotia. I have figures here to show that last year Nova Scotia produced more gold than British Columbia. We know in our Province that there is a great loss, not only in the transshipment of the gold to the United States, where all of it goes, but in passing through the hands of brokers and others on the way. The loss to the gold-producer is about 5 per cent. If the gold could be coined in Canada it would be a saving, not only to the Province, but also to the miner. If it is true, as the report of the Deputy Minister of Finance states, that the saving to this country on the coinage of silver is \$53,000 a year, that is an advantage which ought to be well considered by our Government in deciding whether we should establish a mint. I agree with my hon. friend that nothing will confer a greater advantage to Canada and prove a better means of advertising the importance of this country abroad than the establishing of a mint. It will show that we are not only able to produce our own metals but to coin them ourselves. It will greatly increase the importance of this country. I am glad that my hon. friend is coming to share our views of the importance of the resources, the capabilities and the future prospects of Canada, and that he is to some extent a strong supporter of the National Policy. I thought my hon. friend was wavering on that question of late years, but I am glad to see that he is returning to his first love. I hope he is sincere, and that by his actions he will prove his fidelity to the sound policy on which the prosperity of the country is based. The hon. gentleman has put this question before the House in a clear and forcible manner, and I hope that his views will prevail. I admit that it would be more appropriately brought up in the other House, but since it has not been forced upon the attention of the Government where it should have been, I am glad that it has been introduced here. The Finance Department should have moved in this matter and suggested some policy, and I shall therefore support the motion.

HON. MR. BOULTON—I should like to endorse the motion of my hon. friend from British Columbia in so far as it relates to the admission of mining machinery free of