

he can dispose of his produce? That is the condition of things throughout the Northwest Territories and a portion of Manitoba. Farmers have had to pile up their grain. To-day in the town where I live and at Indian Head and other places, there are twenty thousand bushels of wheat piled up in farmer's wagons and other places, while the owners are off for another load. In the town of Wolseley there are a hundred warehouses built by the farmers which cost thirty-five dollars apiece and hold a thousand to two thousand bushels of wheat. The same thing applies to all the towns along the railway. It is a serious state of things to the farmer to have two or three thousand bushels of wheat that he cannot dispose of and get the money to buy what he requires. If he cannot dispose of his grain promptly, he must take the time when he should be seeding next year, and that is why farmers have built these granaries. They want to prepare for next year's farming operations and have to provide granaries to save time in shipping later on. The whole point of my remarks is this: that I want the government to take time by the forelock, and I should be derelict in my duty if I did not call their attention to the lack of accommodation for farmers for the sale and transportation of their wheat. I am no advocate for the Canadian Pacific Railway, but I admit they have done marvels to get out the grain as they have got it out. But we have the land, we understand the business and we are able to produce in that country, under ordinary circumstances, great crops. We will have more settlers, and the farmers have made greater preparations so that with a much less acreage we will be able to produce quite as large a crop next season as we produced last year, and we must have ample facilities to take it out, or the country will sustain a serious loss.

Hon. Mr. CLEMOW—I did not intend to speak on this occasion, because, as you are all aware, I have been ill for some time; but I could not allow the remarks of the hon. Secretary of State to pass without some contradiction from me. I am a living witness to the position occupied by that hon. gentleman since his first advent to the city of Ottawa, then the town of Bytown. He came here a young lad, was taken hold

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of by the Conservative party in a masterly manner, was afforded every facility to make himself heard in the country, and, as far as I am personally concerned, I did for that gentleman what very few men have done under similar circumstances. I have actually supported the hon. gentleman at times when it was contrary to the opinions of my political friends, and the Protestants of this country. At that time there was strong political and religious feeling in this town, and I can assure the House that it required a great deal of perseverance on our part to continue the support he received from a few Protestants in Bytown through whose influence he was elected to parliament. It seems to me very extraordinary that he should now come forward at this late date and refer to his record of the past. In my opinion it would have been far better for him to have allowed the matter to remain in oblivion, as it has been for forty years. At the time he took a seat in the Blake government, he wrote to his supporters here to ask their opinion respecting the position they were offering him. He wrote to me. I replied that if it was a coalition government I should have no objection, but otherwise, the people supporting him would not agree to it. However, he allied himself with the Blake party. He came down here and remained quiet until the day of nomination. When the day of nomination came, he addressed the electors and at the hour of one, these words were uttered by him: 'I am in perfect accord with the Blake government.' If he had said those words before that hour, I had a gentleman present ready to become a candidate for the constituency. Therefore, I contend that the hon. gentleman secured that position under false pretenses. His friends were never advised that he intended to support the Blake government as a Grit government, but that he intended to go into a coalition and that is why his friends gave him an opportunity to do so. Since then he has become a violent Grit and a strong supporter of the Grit government, and we find him at the present time occupying that position. I contend he acted very unfairly and discredibly in deceiving his friends at that time and entering the government with Mr. Blake, which he knew perfectly well at that time his friends, the Conservatives of this city, would not agree