

is incapable of going to Washington to ask for favors, I simply say to them that I have here in my hand the words delivered on the floor of the House of Commons by Mr. Foster—yes, our own George Eulas Foster—in the month of January last. Mr. Foster had made the welkin ring with his denunciation of the want of Canadian patriotism shown by the Liberals. I have here the report of Mr. Foster's speech, saying that he went to the Interstate Commission begging them—not as we did—openly asking favor for favor and term for term, but with his hat in his hand he asked the Interstate Commission to please give them permission to carry the Canadian crops to Minneapolis and Duluth upon terms equal to the terms on which the crops were carried from Winnipeg to Port Arthur and Fort William.

I do not know if there are any of you who remember the meeting held at the Monument Nationale, the day before the elections I think, yes, in fact, it was the twentieth of September. Our old friend, Sir William Van Horne, spoke on that occasion. He has been punished enough for it since, so I will not deal very harshly with him.

WENT HAT IN HAND.

Sir William Van Horne told you that he was not a politician, but rather a business man. He objected to Reciprocity because it would take the trade from the west and east route and deviate it to the south. I would like to know if any of you could then imagine that the Government, which was to be installed after the defeat of the Laurier Government, would be forced by the natural condition of things to go to Washington, hat in hand, and ask the Interstate Commission to grant it the special favor of carrying our crops to Duluth and Minneapolis, instead of Fort William and Port Arthur.

Here is what Mr. Foster said on the subject, on the 23rd of January: "As a means of relief something has been done——" Mind you the crop was there, rotting on the ground. Neither the C. P. R., the Canadian Northern, nor the Grand Trunk Pacific could take it to Fort William or Port Arthur. Something had to be done. What did Mr. Foster do?

"I took it upon myself to ask the representative of the three great railways to meet here in Ottawa," (Mr. Foster could not do anything