

first time he gets on his feet as a member of the opposition, asks this government to build railways in eastern Nova Scotia in his own constituency. I have not a word to say against the building of railways in Nova Scotia; on the contrary I believe that if there is one part of the Dominion more than another that needs and is entitled to railway development it is that province of Nova Scotia. But Sir, for the last fifteen years we have needed railways, and during part of that time we have had a solid phalanx of eighteen Liberals from that province supporting the government, but what railways have they been able to get their government to build? The Eastern railway from Halifax to the Eastern part of the province has been made to do service at every election, and yet, to-day, the hon. member from Cape Breton has to rise in his place and plead with this government for railways when, for fifteen years, the government which he supported denied to the province the railway development to which it was justly entitled. Sir, the people of the maritime provinces have borne their share in the unbuilding of the northwest and we are proud of the great Canadian heritage we have there; we are proud that we produced men to send to the great Northwest to till its fertile fields and to help to consolidate into one great whole a Canadian nation under the folds of the Union Jack. We glory in the privilege of being able to do that in the province of Nova Scotia. I submit that that province has a right to make a demand on the men of the west and the centre of this Dominion and that these men will recognize that right and will come back and help us as we have helped them—reciprocity within the empire.

We have heard something about a scientific tariff. Some fun was poked at the scientific tariff mentioned by the hon. mover of the address in reply (Mr. Bennett, Calgary). I think on reflection it will be seen that the people of Canada said very clearly on September 21 that they did not like the scientific tariffs that were being dealt out by the late administration. The speech of my hon. friend (Mr. Macdonald) yesterday, was similar to one delivered in this House some eight or nine months ago. He repeated himself at least seven or eight times in his endeavour to make a case from very little material. He declared that the country was not satisfied that this alliance should take place between these two differing parts of the cabinet, the country wanted to know why and upon what terms an agreement was reached, what one had sacrificed and what the other had sacrificed. I would ask the hon. member for Pictou (Mr. E. M. Macdonald) if, when

he was running his election in Pictou, he laid down a plank in his platform, and placed it before the Conservative electors, that in the event of Mr. Borden being called on to form a cabinet no man from the province of Quebec should be included in it? Did he ask the electors to vote upon such a question? Assuredly not. If he did not submit that to the will of the people, I ask what right he has to say that his constituents or the people of Canada want to know what was done here or there in the formation of the cabinet. I believe that what the country wanted to know was something of far greater importance than the remarks of my hon. friend, which were made for the sole purpose of stirring up hatred and placing one faction against the other. Is that the great ideal which my hon. friend from Pictou has been enunciating? I think the people of Pictou will be far more interested to know what the hon. the First Minister (Mr. Borden) has placed in the speech from the Throne, whether or not he has inserted in it those things which he promised to the people when he was in opposition. They will not ask us to plunge hastily into various problems that need some consideration, we have had too much of that sort of thing in the last fifteen years. They want to know if the Prime Minister is going to do what he has promised and whether he has announced that he will do so on the first opportunity that presented itself. The whole tendency of the remarks of my hon. friend from Pictou is to place one section of the community against the other. That is not the ideal for which we have been striving in Canada, that is not the ideal of the right hon. the leader of the opposition whether such statements are borne out by fact or not his constant effort was to coalesce all the various elements of the Dominion of Canada to the end that they may be united in one happy and contented people. In that, I think, the hon. member from Pictou may well copy the attitude of his leader, the right hon. the leader of the opposition.

But, if we look at the campaign in his own constituency, we find the hon. gentleman himself appealing to the sectional ideals and elements. He had printed a pamphlet setting forth the various things that would appeal to different parts of his constituency. One of his appeals was: See what I have been able to obtain for this county from the Liberal government. How much do you suppose he was able to obtain from the Minister of Public Works in the late administration for the county of Pictou? One million and fifty-eight thousand dollars' worth of public works. If you look at the next county, or the county beyond