

from them, to which I wish to address myself for a moment or two before I sit down. I refer to the

Removal of the shareholders' disqualification for seats in Parliament.

Does the hon. gentleman think the shareholders of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company are not powerful enough in this House as it is? Does he think it absolutely necessary to give them the additional power which would be involved in the members of this House being shareholders in this company? This has also been pressed for some time past upon the Government by the company. *This company is going for some years to come to have questions between it and the country for settlement, questions connected with its tariff, very important questions connected with its capital account, questions connected with the monopoly policy, questions connected with the extension policy, questions connected with the grants of various kinds, and all these questions have to be settled, I hope, upon just and equitable terms between the*

country and the railway company; but *they are not questions a just or equitable adjustment of which will be facilitated or furthered by making this a Parliament of Canadian Pacific Railway shareholders.* I do not believe that this is at all a time to relax the stringency of the laws regulating the independence of Parliament. If any change were proper to be made in those safeguards, it would be one to increase them very largely. Our institutions in this regard are very much upon their trial; **AND FOR MY PART I SHALL NOT RECORD A VOTE TO DIMINISH IN ANY DEGREE THE PRESENT SECURITIES FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF PARLIAMENT BY AGREEING THAT THE SHAREHOLDERS IN THIS GREAT CORPORATION, WHO WILL FOR MANY YEARS HAVE SO MUCH TO DO OF AN IMPORTANT AND VITAL CHARACTER WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF CANADA, SHALL SIT IN PARLIAMENT AND VOTE UPON MATTERS IN WHICH THEY ARE SO MUCH CONCERNED.**

transfer to
the Canadian
000,000 or
hon. gentle-
man, and he
been able to
homesteaders
at mile belt
way up to
as he cannot
cannot give
ge in some
and back at
This is so
the country,

larger share
0,000 a year
have to pay,
ld have to
y them. * *
was contem-
hon. gentle-
and for sus-
to persuade
ic Railway
ffered us,
ty for the
They got
then asked
per cent.

on some of
on. gentle-
anations in
me that the
on of the
the condi-
this com-
ada should
of acres of
e, and incur
and this in-
e, IS ONE
COMMEND
E OR TO

not imme-
r topics con-
ough flow-
s opinion,