

Two, One People or Two Peoples.

In my opinion, you cannot have one ^{people} people if you have this hiatus of settlement. In order to have one people you must have a continuous settlement from ocean to ocean, from Quebec to Winnipeg, and on to the waters of the Pacific. We are urged to delay. The First Minister said, and said wisely and rightly—and in saying it he touched the hearts of the people—there is no time for delay.

The Occasion Demands Action.

We have a tide of immigration flowing into Canada to-day exceeding that flowing into any other country in the world. Let this tide of immigration be checked, and how many years will be lost before the movement can be started again?

Now is the Time to Strike.

Hon. gentlemen opposite want us to wait until depression overcomes the land. One would imagine they were praying for depression. Well, we have had depression and may Heaven prevent Canada from its return. Wait, they say, until depression overtakes us. Why, Mr. Speaker,

Canada To-day is a Country of Promise;

And it is because it is a country of promise, because our outlook is so bright, we have been able to make such a satisfactory bargain. Now that we have the opportunity, let us clinch the bargain. Let us strike while the iron is hot, get the railway completed at the earliest moment, and **give permanency to that prosperity and development which now so happily blesses this country.**