

go to hon. gentlemen like my hon. friend from Maisonneuve or the right hon. gentleman from King's, but when information is wanted on matters relating to daylight saving or roads or anything else touching the life of the farming community, the minister would do much better to consult plain men like the hon. member for Dufferin and myself. I am glad to know that his experience now bears out his foresight and that he was right when he joined the men who afterwards became members of the Progressive group in resisting this retrograde measure. I have hopes if my hon. friend from Dufferin will only broaden out on the tariff, that he will eventually find himself over here altogether, and I can see in him an excellent recruit for the Progressive party. I do not want to prolong the discussion, but can the minister inform us if there are many returned

9 p.m. soldiers employed under this expenditure? I think that was expected at the time the legislation was enacted.

Hon Mr. REID: In localities that I am familiar with, I know the undertaking did furnish work to a large number of returned men.

Mr. CLARK (Red Deer): I am glad to know that, for it is something good. But as he states that only \$20,000,000 has been voted I hope he will be careful on this policy in the future. A speedway has been referred to. There was one speedway my hon. friend from North Cape Breton and Victoria did not tell us about, a certain steep place down to the sea, which was taken by some unfortunate quadrupeds. Well, if the minister and his Government go in for many expenditures of this kind they will find they are constructing a speedway down to the sea.

Mr. COPP: They are on their way.

Mr. FONTAINE: I understand that the ratepayers of Hull and Wakefield have passed a bylaw for a road about fourteen miles in length to be built connecting the two municipalities. Is the Government ready to supply the money for that highway?

Hon. Mr. REID: So far there has been no request from the province of Quebec to spend any of this Dominion money on that particular road.

Mr. BEST: I do not wish to hold up these Estimates, but I think it might be as well to have an understanding now

rather than delay later on. I appreciate what the hon. member for Red Deer has stated, but after the example set us in the province of Ontario in extravagant expenditure it would take a very great inducement to get me to go over to the Progressive party; in fact, I would be ashamed to have anything to do with it.

Mr. CLARK (Red Deer): Not the provincial but the federal men.

Mr. BEST: Nor the federal branch. But, Mr. Chairman, this Government is just as much responsible for the money spent on the highways in Ontario as is the Provincial Government. As the hon. member for Peterborough said, we have heard a lot about one driveway along the central part of Ontario. Personally I would appreciate very much if we had one good driveway, and I am in favour of good roads all over the country, provided we get real value for our money. But should the people of Ontario or any other province take his money from the Federal Government and have it all spent in the one place in the province? The Federal Government has the right to see that the money is spent in various parts of the provinces. We have been told that over 500 miles of road have been approved by the Government. That would cover a highway leading east and west or north and south through the province. But where has the money been spent? Over a quarter of a million dollars has been expended along the lake front, where they have far better road accommodation than up through the central part of the province. All I ask the minister to do is to see that the different parts of the province get fair play, and that somebody see that this money is not squandered, for I do say and believe—and I am not the only one—that the people through Ontario are beginning to realize that the biggest part of this money is being spent for political purposes.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

Mr. BEST: Not that this Government is making anything out of that expenditure. As the hon. member for Red Deer said, I opposed the legislation at the outset. I believe there is too much duplication by the Dominion Government and the Provincial Governments spending money on the same set of works. I believe it should be definitely laid down what the municipality, and the province, and the Dominion are respectively to do, and then let them strictly mind their own business.