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# "PROTECTION FOR CANADIAN LABOR"

## SPEECH

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### Grand Trunk Pacific Railway

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Wednesday, May 25th, 1904.

In the House of Commons, Ottawa, on Wednesday, May 25th, Mr. Geo. A. Clare, M.P., South Waterloo, resumed the debate on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway scheme. Mr. Clare spoke as follows:

Mr. Speaker,—A few evenings ago I gave notice to the House that I intended to move an amendment to the Bill which is now before the House, and in the few remarks I have to make I intend to speak as closely to the question as possible. A year ago, when this measure was before the House, I placed myself on record as opposed to the contract made by the Government with the Grand Trunk Pacific Company. I also had the pleasure of making a few remarks in opposition to the measure. I was and still am in favor of the extension of the Intercolonial Railway to the Georgian Bay, and also to the Northwest and Pacific Ocean. The Government would then be in a position to control for all time the freight rates from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and vice versa. I believe it would be in the interest of the whole of the people of Canada to have government ownership of rail-

ways in this country, just as many other countries have it. The amended Bill which has been under discussion on this session has postponed the government ownership of railways for fifty years longer than the Bill of last year. Under that Bill the Grand Trunk Pacific Company had the privilege of running the proposed road for fifty years. The amended Bill of this year gives them the privilege of running it for fifty years longer if they see fit; so that this company will have control of the road for the next hundred years, and the public ownership of railroads will be put off for that length of time.

#### Settlement of the Northwest.

Before saying anything directly upon the question of the Alien Labor Law, I wish to state that I am in favor of a good immigration policy. I am in favor of bringing good, honest people from European countries to settle in our Northwest and to assist in developing the immense territories we have there. On the 13th of May last we had a discussion in this House, brought on by the hon. Minister of Labor (Sir William Mu-

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