

The Budget—Mr. McIvor

carrying on as we did during the war. At that time we had a program entitled, "Canada Carries On". We shall carry on until these railroads are built. As I said, they were contracted for. What would you think of a man in business or of a firm or corporation who made a contract, signed it, and then under stress arranged with the other party to cancel the contract? You would say that man does not keep his word. You would look upon him as a quitter and say that you would not do business with him. Are we, the people of Canada and the government of Canada, going to give that kind of reputation to the Canadian National Railways. I say no. I make my plea to you gentlemen of the House of Commons this afternoon. My days in politics may not be long. There is not much for a man of my age to hope for except the last trip which will be a happy one I believe because of the love I have for my fellow man. When I was a young fellow in Alberta I had great faith in the destiny of that province. I saw a vision for the province. I knew—I do not know how I knew—but I knew there was oil under my feet. I knew of the wealth of its soil. I knew of the great ranches, of the cattle and the hogs, and of the wealth that would be taken out of the soil of Alberta. Later on when it was taken out of its bosom, as it were, I felt like a conqueror. I decided in my humble capacity to do my share to bring about development and progress. I thought that, when I had climbed one hill, I had reached the top, but it was only the beginning of the climb, and there were vast fields for development. Then I realized that we never reach the top. If we carry on with faith and loyalty to our country we pass on our vision to our younger people, many of whom I see in front of me this afternoon.

I have a vision of the mighty Rockies standing loyally as a sentinel. They are loyal because they never move from their post. They are guardians, as it were, of the wealth of the western prairies. It seems to me that God in His wisdom placed them there as a barrier to anyone who might invade the wealth of these great plains of western Canada. Perhaps He never overlooks anything, but did He foresee that the evil genius of humanity would find an instrument of war to fly over these mountains and bring disaster to humanity? I say that the people of Alberta have the Rockies as a guardian against war. If some modern enemy should try to cross the Rockies as Hannibal crossed the Alps, do not fret, the government of Canada, the Liberal government served by young men of vision and courage, will see that every protection is afforded. From the generous breasts of the buxom woman that symbolizes the western prairies we shall have the milk of abundance,

the warm milk of abundance, of power, of oil, of grain, of everything to give to the rest of Canada and to the world. All that we are asking from you this afternoon through my humble instrument is to come to the help of this pioneer population and see that they are given all the advantages of production and transportation.

Mr. Daniel McIvor (Fort William): Mr. Speaker, like the hon. member for Athabaska (Mr. Dechene), who has just taken his seat, I too have something to say. When the budget was first introduced in March I said it was a good election budget. Today I think it is even better than that: it is a good after-election budget.

Before a budget is brought down there is a good deal of uncertainty. Only two parties know what is in it, and neither of them will tell. One is the Minister of Finance (Mr. Abbott), and one often has to talk to the Other silently. Neither the right hon. member for Port Arthur (Mr. Howe) nor I used the election budget in our campaigns, because we had so many good things to talk about we never got that far down the list. The worst they could say about me was that I was an old man, just like the government. I came back and thanked them for that splendid tribute, because they could not have paid a higher one. Even though a man be up in years, if he has common sense and a Christian character to back up what he says, he is not afraid anywhere.

I should like to congratulate the hon. member for Dufferin-Simcoe (Mr. Rowe). I pitied him before he rose to speak, because he had a heavy task ahead of him. It was a man's job, but he measured up to it splendidly. We at the head of the lakes know him in industry as a man among men, a man who leads his executive to play fair with the workers in the big plant up there.

I know he said we should have more trade with Great Britain. We should; but I should like him or anyone else in the house to say how we are going to get it. How can we sell to anyone who has not the dollars to pay? Let me tell the hon. member how we can sell to Great Britain without receiving dollars in return. Let us do what the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Gardiner) did during the depression, when there was too much butter. He did not dump it into the lake; rather, he sent it out to the various relief centres throughout Canada. A resolution was passed, about which I have some knowledge, thanking him for that splendid gift.

We can sell our wheat to Britain if we offer it on a loan basis, or give it to them free of charge. After all there is nothing wrong with that. We know what the plan