

Sir Robert Perks suggested to the Prime Minister, as he had done to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that the Government should allow the Canal Company to serve the necessary Land Notices for purchase of lands along the route of the Canal, stating that by so doing many thousands of dollars would be saved, owing to the rapid increment in the value of lands, and this would also prevent the creation of vested interests.

To this Sir Robert Borden replied, stating that on his return to Canada he would ask the Minister for Public Works to take into consideration these suggestions.

Mr. Monk's
Speeches on
the Canal in
April and
July, 1912,
before
retiring
from office.

50. Speaking at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, Montreal, on April 25th, 1912, the Minister of Public Works, Mr. Monk, again referred to the Public Works, which it was the intention of the Government to construct or support, and he spoke in some detail of the intentions of the Government in connection with the Georgian Bay Canal in which the City of Montreal was so deeply interested.

Later on in the month of July Mr. Monk, in the course of his tour through the St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes, spoke of the necessity of vigorous action with regard to transportation and the wise and judicious spending of very large sums of money, where, he said, if necessary, Canada's commercial and industrial growth was to be maintained.

Mr. Monk stated that he had traversed 3,000 miles over the inland waters of Canada, and considered the current year's appropriation towards Public Works of \$40,000,000 as quite inadequate to meet the requirements of expansion.

Mr. Monk retired from the Government in October, 1912, and was succeeded by the Honourable Robert Rogers, M.P.

The
Company's
Bill of 1913.
Sir Robert
Borden,
Mr.
Cochrane,
Dr. Pugsley
and Mr.
Oliver

51. Upon the meeting of the Canadian Parliament no reference was made to the policy of the Government in regard to the Georgian Bay Canal, and it became necessary for the Company again to apply to Parliament for an extension of time.

In order to cover any provision that might be necessary for payment on interest during construction on the capital to be raised from the Canal, it was thought desirable to increase the power of the Company to issue Bonds to \$175,000,000.

The Company's Bill of 1913 was discussed at considerable length in Committee on the 3rd and 11th February, 1913, when exception was taken to the Company increasing its Bond powers.