

Mr. FITZPATRICK. That is absolutely intended, and if the Bill falls short of that intention, I make the declaration now that I would meet any suggestion of my hon. friend in the direction of improving the Bill so as to make that absolutely clear.

Mr. INGRAM. When the Bill was before the committee, the hon. member for Ottawa moved to insert a clause guaranteeing certain rights which the city of Ottawa had. Has the promoter of the Bill satisfied the member for Ottawa on that point ?

Mr. E. M. MACDONALD. I believe the hon. members for Ottawa are perfectly satisfied with the assurance given to the committee by the representatives of the Grand Trunk Railway, which I repeat that it was the intention of the company, within a short period of time—as soon as they possess themselves of the proper rights, as an inevitable result of the development of business conditions, to proceed with the erection in Ottawa of a modern station of a size and capacity such as will be eminently satisfactory to the citizens of Ottawa.

Mr. INGRAM. What has the hon. member for Ottawa (Mr. Stewart) to say ?

Mr. E. M. MACDONALD. Allow me to say—

Mr. INGRAM. Let the hon. member for Ottawa (Mr. Stewart) answer for himself.

Mr. E. M. MACDONALD. Yes ; but I trust I may be permitted to say that the senior member for Ottawa (Mr. Belcourt), who is not present just now, desired me to say, in the event of any question being raised, that the statement which I made, being similar to that which was made by the representative of the company before the committee, was satisfactory to him. It was the senior member (Mr. Belcourt) who moved the amendment before the committee, and it was supported by the junior member (Mr. Stewart).

Mr. INGRAM. The members of that committee who supported the member for Ottawa in that motion are entitled to know from the member for Ottawa what has been done to satisfy him. Perhaps the hon. member for Ottawa will tell us ?

Mr. STEWART. I did not catch all that the hon. member for East Elgin said ; but, as the hon. member for Pictou has said, the senior member for Ottawa took charge of the matter in the committee, although I supported him, and I believe he is satisfied with the assurances given by the hon. member for Pictou, who has charge of the Bill, and, speaking for myself as a member for Ottawa, his assurances are satisfactory to me, and I think they ought to be satisfactory to the city. I believe that the promises he has made will be carried out.

Mr. INGRAM. Will the hon. gentleman be good enough to say what the arrangements are ?

Mr. E. M. MACDONALD. My hon. friend heard the statement of the solicitor before the committee. If he was there, and I understand that he has the delightful quality of always being there, I have no doubt he heard it.

M. INGRAM. I was there, and it only goes to show how easily satisfied the hon. member for Pictou is.

Mr. E. M. MACDONALD. I am always reasonable.

Mr. INGRAM. If my hon. friend always accepts the promises of railway promoters in the Railway Committee room, and takes for granted that they are going to be carried out, the session will hardly finish before he will change his mind. Will my hon. friend from Ottawa please state to the House—and it is due to us who stood by him in the committee that he should state—what the arrangements are with respect to the union station ?

Mr. STEWART. As I have said, my colleague took charge of the matter in the committee, although I supported him. An assurance of promise was given by the assistant solicitor of the Grand Trunk Railway Company that as soon as the arrangements could be made for securing a title to the property, the station would be started within a reasonable time and pushed to an early completion. That is also in substance the assurance given by the hon. member for Pictou who has charge of this Bill. That assurance, I think, ought to be satisfactory both to my colleague and to myself, and to the citizens of Ottawa.

Mr. INGRAM. If that be true, and the hon. gentleman is satisfied with that, will he please explain how it was that after that statement was made in the committee he voted for an amendment against the proposition made by the solicitor of the Grand Trunk, and called on us to sustain the Ottawa members in taking that position ? Yet he comes to this House, where he can be put on record, and changes his methods ; showing that he fooled and humbugged the members of the committee who supported him, and the senior member for Ottawa has not a word of explanation to offer. An hon. member suggests that probably my hon. friend has handed over his proxy to the senior member for Ottawa or to the promoter of this Bill to act for him in this instance. If my hon. friend desires support in the Railway Committee after this, he will have to be charitable enough to give to those who are helping him the information that will be necessary to enable them to do so effectively. If the citizens