

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN (De Lanaudière)—I had intended only to add my humble quota to what has already been said of those members of this House who died since last session and less than one year ago, but before going into that painful matter, I shall endeavour to answer some arguments brought up by those gentlemen who have not confidence in the government of the day. In reply, in the first place, to the hon. gentleman from Monck, I have nothing but praise and thanks to offer him for the very kind words he has said of the ex-leader of the government in this House, Mr. Mills, now Judge Mills of the Supreme Court, and I am sure if he had been as good and kind to him when he was leading the Senate he might even have supported some of the government measures he presented to the Senate. As to the Liberal party taking the Pacific Railway under its wing, as the hon. gentleman said just now, some years ago many members of the Liberal party recognized that the Canadian Pacific Railway had become a national work, built with Canadian money, part of it, money coming both from Liberals and Conservatives, and from every province of this Dominion, and therefore we have as good a right, we of the Liberal party, as any others, to claim it as a national work of Canada today. As to the enormous public expenditure—the hon. gentleman from Monck even said we were going crazy over it—he must remember that members of his party in another place where they have much greater control over the expenditure than we have here, have not objected to it—in fact, did not object to more than a very few paltry amounts. I do not believe you can find that they objected to votes aggregating more than \$100,000 out of the millions and millions that have been spent.

Hon Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Has the hon. gentleman forgotten the general resolution condemning the whole expenditure, moved by Mr. Borden?

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—I am glad that the hon. gentleman has put me on the right track. In generalities they condemn expenditure, but when we ask them to point out the items of expenditure they object to, not a man rises, because that patronage might

be distributed in the counties that some of them represent. The leader of the opposition in this House, in his speech on Monday, had some fault to find with the management of the Intercolonial Railway, and one of his grievances was that while the Minister of Railways and Canals was buying locomotives for the Intercolonial Railway he was at the same time loaning locomotives to the Canadian Pacific Railway. I have not seen the report of my hon. friend's speech but I think that is the remark he made.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—The hon. gentleman is correct.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—If the Intercolonial Railway had been following that policy, it would not be the only great railway in this country that is doing the same thing. Mr. G. B. Reeves, general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, told me that his company had been buying, as every one knows, new locomotives, and had loaned to the Canadian Pacific Railway no later than last November twenty-six locomotives, and that for a period of at least three months, and perhaps more, and the purpose of loaning these locomotives was to enable the Canadian Pacific Railway to move eastward that abundant crop which providence has given to us in Manitoba and the North-west this year. If the Intercolonial Railway, a government road, had consented to loan some locomotives for that purpose to the Canadian Pacific Railway, I would certainly, for one, not have found any fault with them for doing so. It is a rather awkward task for me to contradict the hon. leader of the opposition, but the information I have gathered—and I say this with a great deal of diffidence—was that the Intercolonial Railway did not loan locomotives to the Canadian Pacific Railway. I am sorry to contradict the hon. gentleman, but that is the information given me.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—The hon. gentleman may have received that information. I said in my speech that I had read the statement in one of the newspapers, and had asked a prominent official of the Canadian Pacific Railway if it was correct, and he said they had borrowed both from the Grand Trunk Railway and Intercolonial Railway. Whether that is correct