

notice. There is no such thing in this country as Liberal or Conservative or Progressive or Labour money; it is good Canadian money, raised by taxation. Men should not be penalized because of their political faith, but I have seen poor settlers refused work simply because they were Liberals. When such a state of affairs is reached then we begin to fear that true democracy has failed. During the last federal election we had the disgraceful spectacle of ministers of the government of Ontario actually distributing political patronage to influence the voters.

Mr. GOTT: That is all imaginary.

Mr. BRADETTE: It is not imaginary; I can give you proofs.

Mr. GOTT: Let us have them.

Mr. BRADETTE: As member for North Timiskaming, in dealing with my constituents I have never regarded them in a partisan way, but unfortunately I cannot say the same of the provincial ministers. I could give details of the political patronage to which I have referred.

Mr. GOTT: Give us one instance.

Mr. BRADETTE: Well, you are responsible for this. Here it is:

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Dear Alex:

Go ahead and fix the road to McIntosh Spring up to \$200 to \$300. I have talked it over with Mr. Ebbitt.

Ch. McCrea.

Mr. GOTT: That is good.

Mr. BRADETTE: Here is another:

Dear Zephyrm:

Was here to see you with Mr. Ebbitt about road; he has the money and wants to give it to you, you to build road. Could you see me to-morrow sure. See me first. Case of beer under bridge at foot of Trembly hill for you.

A. E. Brower.

I have been the member for North Timiskaming for four years, and, I repeat, I will never regard the electors as Conservatives or Liberals; I always regard them simply as my constituents and citizens of this great country. We should respect the political convictions of every man. We are not entitled to force men to vote against their convictions, and we must never forget that the men in our northern country are engaged in building up agriculture and maintaining the standards of civilization there. One's vote, the same as his soul, is a person's absolute property, and no one has the right to interfere with it through bribery or threats. I know a case where hundreds of dollars are being wasted purely and simply because some of my rela-

tives had the audacity and criminality to vote for me during the late election.

An hon. MEMBER: Name them please.

Mr. BRADETTE: My own brother has a gravel pit on his farm, and the provincial authorities stopped getting gravel from him immediately after the election. To get gravel elsewhere will cost the provincial government an extra four or five hundred dollars of the people's money every day that they are using gravel in that vicinity. I take the word of the Prime Minister that not a cent of that money will be politically earmarked—for that is the sense of what he said. And that is only right, because after all the poor man who is working in the ditches for the sum of three dollars a day should not be asked to sell his soul politically; he should not be required to sacrifice his political affiliations, for any amount.

Just a word in regard to railway construction. My constituency is expecting some benefit from the extension of the railway line to James bay through development by the provincial government, and if the government sees fit to subsidize railway construction I hope it will be possible to give some assistance towards the construction of a branch line from Timmins to the new mining district of Kemiskotia, where extensive gold finds have been made. That would help to alleviate the unemployment situation in the Porcupine district. I do not wish to introduce politics into the administration of the Canadian National Railways; far from it. But I would point out that we are situated on the route of the old Transcontinental railway running from Quebec to Winnipeg. The road originally was built to bridge the gap between east and west and it was thought at first that that section of the country could not be self-supporting. As a matter of fact we find today that there is almost enough local traffic to make it one of the best sections of the system. But there are one or two things that need to be pointed out, and in what I am about to say I am not for a moment reflecting either upon Sir Henry Thornton or upon the divisional superintendents, who are energetic and effective. There are, however, some improvements that might very well be made. In the last two or three years, for example, practically no painting has been done; no work has been done in the gravelling of the roadbed, in the repainting of railway stations, and so forth, and a sum of at least \$500,000 should, in my opinion, be devoted to that section of the railways, not as a subsidy or as a donation, but as a necessary