

leave nothing undone to impress upon the officials of the company the necessity for proceeding with this work.

I propose when the bill is in committee to offer another amendment which refers to an additional security. It must not be understood that there is any hesitancy on the part of the Government in accepting the road as full and ample security for every dollar of guarantee, but as a splendid evidence of its own determination to make its operations successful we are to have from the Canadian Northern Railway Company securities to the extent of a million dollars in addition to the mortgage we shall have on the road.

I have detained the House longer than I intended, but I felt that this was a splendid occasion upon which I could mark the great progress made along the line of our policy made some years ago. It is all very well for my opponents, whom I see from day to day to be ready and willing at all times to blame Sir William Mackenzie and Sir Donald Mann for all the troubles and ills of British Columbia, and to paint them, as they do, in lurid colors, and to bring down upon them year after year all kinds of denunciations because of what they have been doing in British Columbia, but, Mr. Speaker, I believe that my friends are fair enough to acknowledge that these men in the construction of their railway have given considerable employment to thousands of workmen, and have assisted in settling in this country thousands of men who would not otherwise be here, and that all these men are white men and are paid the standard wage that is current in the country. I sometimes marvel at the position my

friends take on the floor of this House. One moment they are condemning the Government for not providing work for the laboring classes, and the next they are up in arms because we have done it upon a large and permanent scale. This, however, is but another manifestation of the eccentricities of the Opposition, I suppose, and we will have to put up with it as best we can.

For my part I would not seek to detract from the credit of Sir William Mackenzie and Sir Donald Mann, who are so closely associated with the Canadian Northern Pacific and the splendid undertaking that is now drawing to a close. As a Canadian I would like to pay a small tribute from the Province of British Columbia to these men for the faith they have shown in the Province in financing this undertaking, and in adding to the railway services of Canada another transcontinental line. Every dollar of money invested in this system must be safely invested. If the security of the transcontinental road means anything at all it means the best kind of an investment; and when you come to measure the seasons we are approaching in the Dominion, the great expansion we look for and must have, throughout Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, who is there in the country, if he proposes to be honest with himself, and even if he be the most miserable of pessimists for that matter, who can question the great future of the land, the great volume of trade, and profitable trade as well, that must come as a result of the stimulating influences of the proposition now before you.