

money is absolutely essential for the carrying on of the affairs of the country. The moment they go beyond that, the moment they take upon themselves the power to use money that is not absolutely necessary for the carrying on of the country's affairs, that moment they become extravagant; that moment they become criminally responsible for the financial position which is rapidly coming upon Canada. To-day there is only one financial market in the world to which Canada can go for financial aid. To that country the Finance Minister has gone for money and has been compelled to make a loan at a rate of interest and subject to charges greater than ever before. We are making a daily expenditure of \$850,000 on the war, and when the Minister of Finance goes to the United States for another loan the bankers to whom he submits his claim for credit will not be insensible of the financial position of this country and of the record of the Finance Minister in respect of expenditures both ordinary and special. He will not be able to get another loan on the terms upon which he got the last one; he will have to pay more interest, more commission, more deductions than those which obtained in respect of the last one.

Hon. gentlemen are not honest with the people of this country when, after imposing taxation for the purposes of the war, they divert the money to building unnecessary works like the Hudson Bay Railway, or give it to Sir Rodolphe Forget in connection with the Quebec and Saguenay Railway, or spend it on some of these other items in the Estimates which are of a very extravagant and unnecessary character. If the House agrees to the proposal submitted by the Minister of Railways and votes \$3,667,745 for the Quebec and Saguenay Railway, will the Minister of Finance deny that every dollar of that amount was taken from the pockets of the people of this country under the guise of taxation which was necessary to carry on the war? What possible right has this or any other government to divert money obtained from the people for war purposes, to an unnecessary work such as the one I have mentioned, or the one to which my hon. friend from St. John referred? Of what use is it to appeal to the patriotism of our people when they see that the money that has been taken from them under the guise of being necessary for war purposes is being absolutely diverted without any justification whatever to these various items involving expenditures which are absolutely unne-

sary, and which in a great many cases show a reckless disregard of conditions in this country at the present time. Is there any limit to hypocrisy in this country?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

Mr. MACDONALD: What do my hon. friends mean by saying "hear, hear"?

Sir THOMAS WHITE: You will find out in a few minutes.

Mr. MACDONALD: The minister smiles, but I defy him to deny that the money he is giving to Sir Rodolphe Forget was obtained from the people of this country under the guise of war taxation.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order.

Sir THOMAS WHITE: The reason hon. gentlemen on this side of the House said "hear, hear," was because we agreed with the hon. member that there was no limit to hypocrisy.

Mr. MACDONALD: The statement I have just made in connection with the Quebec and Saguenay railway—

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. The motion before the Chair is that a resolution of Friday, July 13, shall be concurred in. That resolution contains no reference to the Quebec and Saguenay railway, and therefore it is not in order for the hon. member to discuss that matter.

Mr. MACDONALD: I am sure, Sir, that on reflection you will not say that I have not the right to present reasons why it is not in the interests of this country that this motion should be concurred in, in view of the present financial condition of the country and the demands which have been made upon the treasury in connection with the Quebec and Saguenay railway and other matters.

Mr. SPEAKER: It is, of course, competent for the hon. member to refer to the Quebec and Saguenay railway by way of illustration, but he should not enter into a discussion on it.

Mr. MACDONALD: I have not done so. I was simply referring to it in connection with other items in the Estimates, to show that the Government were improperly diverting money that had been obtained under the guise of war taxation, and I said they had no right to do that. That is why I asked, is there a limit to hypocrisy? Hon. gentlemen opposite who talk about winning the war and bearing the burdens of it, raise money from the people of this country os-