

within the last six years the Government has spent an extraordinarily large sum of money in St. John.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: That is all right, but my honourable friend from Halifax (Hon. Mr. Crosby) says that there is \$15,000,000 in the estimates now.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: I said they had been spending it.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: I leave it to the House. The honourable gentleman said there was \$15,000,000 in the estimates.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: I did not say that. I object to my honourable friend saying that I did.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: It does not make any difference what the honourable gentleman says; it cuts no ice here; nobody cares anything about it.

I am in favour of this resolution, but I object to it being stated that the Government is putting up twenty-five berths at St. John. That is incorrect. Admitting all this great expenditure in Halifax, and admitting the value of that port to the representatives from there and I have the greatest appreciation for them I say that Courtenay bay is still standing without anything having been done, everything closed down on account of the Norton Griffith contract. Where are the twenty-five berths? A promise is like a pipe, it is made to be broken.

With all due deference to my honourable friend from Grandville (Hon. Mr. Choquette), I ask him how is grain going to be shipped from Quebec in the winter? The port is closed. St. John is an open port. Perhaps I am taking up too much of the time of the House, but this is a burning question. We in St. John have stood quietly by. We know the disadvantages of Halifax, that on account of the long haul grain cannot be carried as cheaply that way as by St. John.

Hon. Mr. McMEANS: Soon it will all go by the Hudson Bay railway.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: I do not know about that. That is only my honourable friend's opinion. The honourable gentleman from Grandville has expressed the opinion that whatever can be sent by way of the lower provinces should go to Quebec in the summer time. We in St. John have no objection to that; but when winter comes we have a right to hope, a right to expect nay, a right to demand—that the port of

St. John should not be held up as it is to-day.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE: Before five years have passed, Quebec will be an open port all the year round.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: I may not be here to see that day. I suppose we cannot agree on everything, but we agree in the main. Halifax should get something; it has been struggling for years. The railway through New Brunswick was built to give a short line to Halifax, and I think it is 17 miles longer than the Intercolonial. Why should St. John be held up? Nothing has been done for Courtenay bay unless it has been done in the dying hours of Parliament. The Government may have had a change of heart, and may have thought that if they did something it would influence St. John in their favour. Time will show whether St. John will resent that or whether they will allow themselves to be passed over. Of course, it is natural that St. John should occupy a commanding position, with its short line to Montreal and the West. All that the people of St. John ask is a fair share of the trade. They do not ask to be bolstered up here and there, with walls and things of that kind such as Halifax has, but they ask the Government to give them, as is given to the rest of the Dominion, such aid and facilities as will place them in a position to do the business to which they are entitled. My friends who will read what I am saying now will know that in my humble way I am speaking on behalf of the city of St. John. It is nearly forty-five years since my honourable friend (Hon. Mr. Landry) and myself came into Parliament. I have had a chance of judging of the merits of various questions without losing my temper in differing from the views of others. We are asking for our rights. My honourable friend the leader of the Government has pointed out that now is a good time to call the attention of the Government to what may be done. My honourable friend from Halifax (Hon. Mr. Crosby) will admit that anything which builds up St. John is going to help Halifax, and anything which builds up Halifax will help St. John. We do not object to the development of the West by the construction of railways, etc., for which we must pay our share, but by this motion attention is called to the needs of our eastern ports. I suppose it is now too late in the session for this Government to take action; but