

and our financial standing at the present time, that I make one more

appeal to the right hon. gentleman.

I have spoken from conscientious motives; I have spoken at length; I have devoted much energy and time to a study of this question; and, in the years to come, if St. John, if Halifax, if Quebec, if the eastern part of Canada, do not receive the benefits they expected from this great enterprise, then the member for South Renfrew will have his conscience clear in the knowledge that he has done his duty in notifying and warning the people of this country, and the members of this Government, and the members representing these constituencies of what he conscientiously believes the evil result of all this will be.

Before taking my seat, Sir, I move, seconded by Dr. Pugsley:

That the report of the commissioners appointed by the Government to inquire into the construction of the Transcontinental railway is so wilfully partisan and misleading as to be wholly unreliable; that the manifest object of the said commissioners was to misrepresent for party purposes rather than to investigate in the public interest, without regard to the serious consequences to the country or this great national undertaking; and that for the appointment of such commissioners, and for accepting and endorsing their report, the Government deserves the severe censure of this House.

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