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up occurs. After the information comes in representations will be made to the railway companies to furnish sufficient cars at these points to relieve this threatened danger. In view of the fact that the railway management had stated they cannot procure sufficient rolling stock he would advise the companies to build coal sheds at central points so that they may be able to distribute to advantage in the winter months and thus keep the cars mostly in the grain trade. Surely if the railways cannot get the cars they will not object to providing such facilities as are within their reach.

He hoped that the announcement of the federal premier regarding the Hudson's Bay railway will result in immediate work on this important route. He believed that the opening of the Bay to commerce would relieve the burdens at present bearing so hard on the business interests of the country through lack of transportation facilities.

The question of an agricultural college is very urgent and he would impress upon the government the necessity for the immediate establishment of this institution.

With regard to the question of municipal administration he hoped that there would be provision made for the machinery of government to cost as little as possible, so that the big expenditures will be on permanent improvements. We should have a better system for spending public money and he did not believe that party patronage method as these funds should be expended regardless of party interests.

HON. F. W. G. HAULTAIN. Mr. Haultain after paying feeling tribute to the memory of Lady Victoria Granville, by whose death their excellencies were bereaved, congratulated the mover and seconder upon the way in which they had discharged a somewhat difficult and thankless task. It was a pleasure he said to change from the gloom of reading in the speech from the throne of the irreparable loss, to the good news that the first minister was progressing well towards recovery. Apart from the bad form of the hon. gentleman who prepared the speech in not leaving that reference to the honor of the House he could not give to the spirit. There was sort of constitutional feeling, that the speech from the throne is prepared by the government as a bill of fare for the session, and naturally the leader of government would have a hand in its compilation, so that the reference therefore, in better form, left to the House. While calling attention to this, he could at the same time join with the blunderer at the sentiment expressed.

Pessimistic Spirit. Unfortunately, after the expectations of the members were raised by this particularly optimistic paragraph, there follows three sections of blank dismay, black pessimism, of black hopelessness. They were doubtfully irresolute, cowardly impotent in the face of great difficulties. Confronted with high duties they take the position of an infant crying for light—an infant crying in the night—without any language but crying and possibly a letter to the newspapers and possibly some equally futile effort. We had looked upon these gentlemen as guardians of the interest and business of the country, and had hoped that some day they would grapple with the important problems confronting us as a people. But instead of that we have in the words placed in the mouth of His Honor the statement that if the intolerable state of affairs continued much longer the equanimity of these gentlemen would be disturbed.

Produce Something. The speech said that the government hoped that the efforts of certain people would produce something. (Hear, hear, government.) We all hope it will produce something. Is not that commonplace as when the hon. gentleman knew the people were facing death in this country, and wrote a letter to the papers of the country calling them to the aid. Of course it was interesting to know. But we expect something more than mere regret at these conditions existing in the country, and something more than the suggestion that these gentlemen will not be able to stand the much longer. It would be interesting to know the extent of the equanimity of these gentlemen which is to be disturbed. We find ourselves confronted in this speech with what I hope will be some very useful legislation, but otherwise it is an catalogue of woes, a dreary wall of impotence.

Transportation Needs. Coming to the transportation question all knew what the railways were up against. They had enormous expansion and enormous increases in population to cope with. The products of the country had increased beyond expectations, and the result was that the railways were found short of equipment. Whether or not the remedy for such a state of affairs rests with this House was not for him to say, but at the present time the House could do a great deal of good by presenting the position of the country before the railway commission. The commission was west last summer, and the members of the government appeared before it. Mention was made of the fire guards, but I am not aware that any other matters were brought to their attention by the government.

Railways in Trust. The railway companies are to a large extent the trustees of our interests. I do not believe in the alienable right of the railway to their franchise; they simply hold them in trust, and I believe the people have rights as well as the rail-

way companies and these rights must be enforced. And when the railway company trespasses over the line and into the rights of the people, they must be driven back by the lash of the law. But who is to apply the lash of the law? This province and the attorney general. What has been done by the gentleman entrusted with the administration of justice. The only occasion upon which the attorney general was represented was in the case of prosecutions for prairie fires at some place west of Regina, and I was astounded on reading in the papers that the prosecution was conducted by Mr. Frame for the attorney general, and that the railway was represented by Mr. Allan, of the law firm of Lamont, Allan and Turgeon of Regina. No men can serve two masters. Nor can the hon. gentleman in connection with his colleagues, the ministers of agriculture, take upon himself the part of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. He must fight or he must not fight, he cannot do both.

In the same way the minister of agriculture cannot fight the well fought grain combine and at the same time write letters practically in their support, and unnecessary letters as well. We cannot have the members of the government taking impossible positions so far as the interests of the people are concerned.

Marketing Grain. Following the topic of grain for a short time, the questions of the conditions under which the grain is marketed was the most important before the House and the country at this time. The House might not be able to do much legislating in regard to it, but there was splendid scope for an investigation to be made by the government into some of the problems concerning the selling and marketing of grain. He himself had been more or less connected with the grain trade prosecutions in Winnipeg, and he assured the House that it was a complicated question requiring experts to understand it. He made the suggestion that the government should employ someone to take such steps to go into the whole question, and he believed that if such action were taken it would solve some very important questions as far as the farmers are concerned.

Terminal Elevators. If the establishment of a system of interior or terminal elevators would help the situation any, then by all means let them be constructed, but just at present he had not given the matter sufficient consideration for his opinion to carry weight.

Coal Shortage. In regard to the coal shortage, he pointed out that if the municipalities had power to stock coal, and thus put it up to the dealers to lay in a supply, there might be relief to the situation. He would point out to the government, in advance, however that another strike was imminent. The Crow's Nest mines were threatened with a tie-up, and unless the government took some action to prevent it, there would befall the country a calamity far worse than that through which it had just passed.

The coal famine of the west had given the hon. minister of agriculture a chance to write many letters. It had been said that he did much, but what did he do? He made a trip to Winnipeg, and Mr. Whyte was not there. He had one of those same kind of conversations with Mr. Whyte that his leader had had with Mr. Mitchell. Fortunately Providence intervened, and the warm weather came. There was no suffering more due to the conversation, the minister of agriculture didn't have to do with Mr. Whyte, and the one the premier did not have with Mr. Mitchell.

The hon. gentleman had known since March last year that the strike was on. They knew all along that there would be a shortage, but the hon. gentleman had to wait till the people were cold, and the only remedy was to write letters saying that we were now facing a serious difficulty and suggesting that some of us who had a little more coal in our cellars than we needed should not burn it too quickly. As soon as the government hear that this new strike is on they should dispatch their strike breaker, or the hon. gentleman should write a letter in advance. Then there is the other suggestion that the minister buy a coal mine of our own. I suppose this will be one of the mines that we gave away a short time ago. It is somewhat refreshing to find that the hon. gentleman are beginning to realize that they let go something they needed, and it is very significant indeed to find them rushing in one should find and buy back what they should never allowed to have been taken away. That brings up the whole question of the lands, the timber and the minerals, and what we lost by the Saskatchewan Act. Ontario has a revenue from a small portion of her lands twenty times that of Saskatchewan, and it may be possible that there is more than one Cobalt.

Farm Laborers. Mr. Haultain continuing his criticism said that another question which would be a vital one in the west this summer was the farm labor question. He said there would be 20,000 or 40,000 laborers on railway construction in the west this year, and there would doubtless be a great scarcity of laborers for the farm. It behooved the government to move in the matter before it was too late.

Referring to the provincial conference he said everyone was glad to see the increased subsidy, but a year ago the hon. gentleman thought it folly that more money should be wanted or even accepted. The government had made application for a port on the Hudson Bay and the land that would come with it. He agreed with the requests, but would like to see increased revenue consequent upon taking if the government at the same time had made application for the

ing over this territory, or if the land and timber and mineral resources would be turned over to the province or left with the Dominion. He could not agree with the minister of education that the land up there and south of the C.P.R. main line was worthless. Mr. Calder denied that he had ever made such a statement, but Mr. Haultain still persisted that he had. Mr. Speaker called upon the leader of the Opposition to accept the denial, but Mr. Haultain pointed out that he was not obliged to. Mr. Speaker gave a ruling against the leader of the Opposition and promised to quote his authority at the next sitting.

Pursuing, Mr. Haultain said he quite agreed with the idea of the municipal commission, but he thought there would be certain matters which would be beyond the scope of that body and which should be dealt with in another way.

Education. On the question of education, Mr. Haultain said he could not place any confidence in the government. His side however, would fight for a university without political or religious prejudice, a monument to the province. They had lost all confidence in the government so far as educational matters are concerned, but that would not prevent the Opposition from doing its duty. He pointed out however, that while the secondary education was in need of care, it was really in the elementary training that the mind of the pupil was moulded, and there should be great advancement along that line as a result.

The agricultural college he looked upon as a prime and immediate necessity, and he thought it should be affiliated with the university, which would allow of its inauguration sooner than the minister of agriculture hoped for.

Regarding an endowment for the university, he thought that it should be a handsome one. No paltry 250,000 acres such as Manitoba got would be enough, but he greatly feared that the province would have to go begging or buying to Ottawa to get the wherewithal for the endowment.

C. P. Exemption. His old position on the tax exemption of the C.P.R. was reiterated by Mr. Haultain, and he added the arguments against the inquiry that Saskatchewan had to meet outside railways with the assurance that they would be taxed within their greatest competitor, the C.P.R. remained untaxed. In this respect, at least, the Saskatchewan Act exceeded the powers of parliament. Concluding he said there would be doubtless a great deal of good useful work this session, but he warned the government in advance that the position would not tolerate such a state of affairs as that which existed last year, when they had to look in to shape the government legislation. They did not propose to be engaged as draughtsmen-extraordinary for the government, and would expect legislation brought in to be in shape. The opposition was this year to fight and fight hard and square. They will continue to fight until these momentous questions were settled by the highest courts of the Empire.

ATTORNEY GENERAL. Mr. Lamont in replying to the leader of the opposition deal with the attacks on Mr. Motherwell only by saying that the country would ever be grateful to the minister of agriculture for his pointing out the scarcity of fuel at the time of the famine. He considered this gratitude would be the most effective answer to the opposition charges.

The great evil in the grain trade was lack of transportation facilities, and he pointed out with the other members that the railways were simply unable to keep a supply of rolling stock equal to the demand. The grain growers had suggested internal elevators, and it was possible that in this there might be a solution. At present such a scheme was in the dark distance, however, and would need more investigation.

On the provincial conference the greater part of the speech of the at-

torney general was read. He pointed out the benefits that would accrue to the province if this north land is added to its territory, and with a view to pointing out that the present leader of the opposition, had at another time been of the opinion that the north land was not required, he quoted a resolution of D. H. MacDonald, then leader of the opposition in the Territorial legislature, asking for all un-tilled lands north and an amendment by the present leader of the opposition, then premier substituting the opinion that the House was opposed to the moving of the Manitoba boundary northward, thus, by inference, agreeing to the placing of the north country in the hands of Manitoba. At the conclusion of the attorney general's remarks, the resolution was put to the House and carried unanimously. The House rose at ten minutes to six.

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Many Appointments  
Owing to this new system the government side of the bar will be well depleted when all the appointments are made. It is rumored that among those likely to get preference are R. Rimmer and Jas. Balfour, of Regina; Mr. Grayson, Moose Jaw; and Levi Thompson, Wolsley.

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