

the older provinces, as a resident of the city of Montreal, of any effect that will be produced on the eastern provinces by the opening up of that route. No; Mr. Speaker, the more you can develop that Northwest by additional routes, the more you develop its value as a factor in the progress of the whole country. If you can secure to the people there a means of getting their grain out of the Northwest by way of Hudson Bay, and from that point to Liverpool, by a shorter line than the route by Montreal, and if, as the result, there is a large increase in the trade and population of that country, I say that will inure to the great advantage of every part of this Dominion, and we may fairly look forward to increased competition for the trade of that Northwest, by the older channels, as soon as the new one is opened up. All that is wanted is that people will be true to the country. Sir, it seems an extraordinary thing that men

can imagine that by a mere stroke of the pen that country can be covered by an iron girdle of railways traversing it. Wonders have been already accomplished in connection with it. No other part of this continent has seen similar wonders; and if hon. gentlemen will only give that country a chance, and make up their minds for once that they will sink their party and think only of their country—if they will only allow capitalists to have full confidence in that great country, I venture to say that before five years are over we shall hear no more of Manitoba grievances, because the practical experience of those five years, and the practical results accompanying it, will be such that every semblance of what to-day is regarded as a grievance will have passed away, and the country will be in that condition of prosperity which every man in this country earnestly hopes for it. [Loud and continued cheers.]