

of the west and other Progressives from central Ontario, should see that something is done. Ontario is suffering to-day through lack of elevator capacity. Most of the railway stations have no facilities nor have the flag stations, and the farmer has no place to take his crop in course of shipment. According to a return made to the House, these terminal elevators are very largely located in the west. I have no objection to that; I hope they will get more of them to take care of the grain crop, but there is need of a large central terminal elevator in western and central Ontario to take care of the small farmer and his products. In the memorandum which was presented by the United Farmers of Ontario backed up by boards of trade from Toronto, Hamilton, the Niagara district and other parts of Ontario as well as by representatives of the Ontario government itself, these matters were fully set out and the deputation were promised some action. Sir Thomas White, who was then Minister of Finance, said that a strong case had been made out, and that had it not been for the war the government would grant immediately the request of the deputation. Last year, Mr. Chairman, there was a vote for an elevator at Halifax and another at Edmonton, and the minister said he would visit the Ontario district and look into the strong case for such an elevator in Toronto. We are always glad to see him there. I notice he attended a Liberal meeting in the Toronto district recently, and I am sure if he would consult with the farmers of the district he would find that we are badly in need of an elevator in central Ontario. Some years ago there were seven or eight private elevators in Toronto harbour, but to-day there is not one. The deputation proposed that this elevator should be built in the logical situation, in the city of Toronto. I am not prepared to say where it should be built, but I do say that the government should build this elevator for central and western Ontario on economic grounds. The Farmers' government were not in office in Toronto one month before they were down here taking up this question. Hon. Mr. Manning Doherty, Minister of Agriculture in the Farmers' government in Ontario, representing Premier Drury, and many others were on the deputation. This matter has been before the House for three or four sessions, and I would like to see something better than promises now. True, an elevator has been built at Port Colborne, but that is more for grain east and west. There is need for an elevator in central Ontario to take care of the different classes of products of central and western Ontario. A case has been

made out, reports have been made by the grain commission, and I would like the minister to state what the intention of the government is regarding the building of this elevator. Ontario has been overlooked. We have been taxed to construct elevators in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba, and at Halifax and Prince Rupert, and Ontario has been neglected. The other day we had a continuous wail about the Hudson Bay railway. The government of the province of Ontario has itself had to build a railway similar to the purely provincial Hudson Bay road.

Mr. CAMPBELL: Is the hon. gentleman aware that Ontario is building this railway through its own land? If the western provinces owned their resources, it might be a different question. Ontario in building through its own land is appreciating the value of the land.

Mr. CHURCH: A poor argument. I come back to what I said. The government of the province of Ontario had a policy to build a railway to James bay with federal assistance, but got none. A deputation waited on the Conservative government and applied in vain for a federal subsidy, and they were told it was purely a provincial railway. So also is the Hudson Bay railway. I am not objecting to the western provinces getting a liberal elevator policy, for they may deserve it, and Ontario should support them in that respect, but what I do ask for is equality of treatment, and that the farmers of Ontario be treated commensurate with their needs. The facts are all set out in the memorandum in Hansard which I have read before on two or three occasions, and I shall not read it again to-night. I am pleading for what was promised last session. Ontario is to-day being taxed to build elevators in other parts of the country and gets nothing in return. I want to see equality of treatment in this matter. I would ask the minister what has been done since last session to meet the representations of the deputation and to come to the relief of the long suffering farmers of central and western Ontario who are taxed to-day for building elevators all over the country, and who can get no relief from the present anomalous condition of affairs.

Mr. LOW: This is not a new proposal at all. It was made to my predecessors, and Sir George Foster turned it down. I have no doubt the day will come when Toronto will have an elevator, but my hon. friend will have to wait until the revenues are more buoyant than they are to-day. He made some