

the advantageous offer of Messrs. Ross and Onderdonk. By examining the actions of the late and present Premier, one can easily see who had the work at heart. The present Government after doing all they could to kill the scheme have voted aid for the railway under pressure, still they try to kill it by a member of the Government on March 25, 1890, saying: "He was willing to stake everything and take the responsibility than support a scheme whose success was not certain."

This coming from a Minister of the Crown would naturally frighten English capitalists. It is a direct attack on the road to Hudson's Bay while Mr. Norquay's words at Emerson were intended to prevent a damage being done the Province should the road not be built as soon he and all desired. He did not rant that it was a "vital necessity," but he gave it practical support. Before ending this paper I would quote from the pamphlet of a true Liberal, James Fisher, M. P. P., for Russel—referring to the Ross and Onderdonk offer:

THE LOST OPPORTUNITY.

I felt very strongly then, and have felt ever since, that the one and only opportunity that has ever been presented to the Province, of securing, without doubt, the construction of that much desired highway, was thrown away by the then attitude of the Government towards the scheme. Never before and never since, so far as the public have learned, has there been any evidence that the promoters of the road have succeeded in making such financial arrangements as would ensure their ability to construct it. There was evidence at that time, as I think, that arrangements could have been completed on the basis of the smaller grant mentioned.

Had Mr. Norquay remained in power before now the words used on the Hudson Bay question in 1883 would be accomplished:—"For the man who is able, amidst the difficulties, dangers and the opposition which he will surely meet, to bring about the result of a road being built from Winnipeg to Churchill, a future is open such as few men are able to grasp in the history of the world. He will by his act change the trade of Western America and develop it through his province to a new seaboard."

Mr. Greenway's love of deception has prevented their applying to him.