

Mr. MANION: Oh yes, the Minister of Public Works was up.

Mr. SANDERSON: I hope the Minister of Railways (Mr. Manion) will get up a little later on.

Mr. MANION: There is no necessity because we are all in entire support of the bill.

Mr. SANDERSON: Yes, and in a moment or two I shall have something to say in regard to the money which it is proposed to spend in the riding of my hon. friend the Minister of Railways.

Mr. MANION: Go ahead. If you know anything about it you will say something for it.

Mr. SANDERSON: I will say what I have to say, but before coming to that I will say this to the Minister of Railways who interrupted me, that despite the money that will be expended in his riding he will experience the same fate as the Conservative candidate who was defeated in that riding in the last provincial election.

Mr. MANION: My hon. friend and his friends have been saying that for five elections, and in four of them my opponent lost his deposit. He will lose it next time too.

Mr. SANDERSON: I will say to my hon. friend the Minister of Railways that there always comes a time if you stay long enough in politics, and especially if you join one party and desert it for another, as my hon. friend the Minister of Railways did—you cannot play all sides all the time—I will make this prophecy, that the Minister of Railways will go down to defeat in his riding when his government gets the courage to appeal to the people.

Mr. MANION: I will take a chance on that.

Mr. SANDERSON: I am afraid the Minister of Railways has lost his influence with his friends in his constituency. He went up there and made two or three speeches for the Conservative candidate in the provincial election—

Mr. MANION: My hon. friend is just as right as usual. I made one speech. My hon. friend is just one-third right, about as usual.

Mr. SANDERSON: That was enough. If the minister had made two there would have been a thousand more votes against the Conservative candidate.

Coming back to this bill and looking over these expenditures of the taxpayers' money, which is going to be spent apparently in an effort to get back into power this discredited

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government which has lost the confidence of the people, this ramshackle government which is trying to get back into power by the expenditure of money on public works, and in which the riding of my hon. friend the Minister of Railways is going to share, may I say to the Minister of Public Works that I have gone through this schedule very carefully and I do not see one dollar for Brockville or Leeds, and I have come to the conclusion that the Prime Minister and his government have decided that my hon. friend the Minister of Public Works has not the ghost of a chance to be elected in the next election.

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): I want to tell my hon. friend that he is one hundred per cent wrong in both the statements he has made.

Mr. SANDERSON: I shall be very glad to accept the explanation of my hon. friend the Minister of Public Works, but the electors won't. If you go carefully through this schedule of expenditures for public works in the province of Ontario, it is really marvellous. Take the county of Oxford, for instance. It is one of the banner counties of the province of Ontario, and in the last gerrymander, because it was not a redistribution but a gerrymander in the province of Ontario, the two Oxfords, north and south, were united. In all probability my good friend the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Sutherland) will be the Conservative candidate in Oxford in the next election. There is not a dollar of expenditure in this vote for Oxford.

Mr. SUTHERLAND: I do not need it to win.

Mr. SANDERSON: My good friend the Minister of National Defence predicted that in the by-election in South Oxford, the Conservative candidate, his namesake, another Donald Sutherland, would have one thousand of a majority whereas the Liberal was returned by fifteen hundred of a majority. Let me say to the Minister of National Defence that it is not because he does not need it that there is no expenditure for Oxford county in this bill. I have come to the conclusion that the Prime Minister, because we know that at times he is ruthless, and if he thinks one of his colleagues is going down he throws him to the scrap heap, has arrived at the conclusion that the Minister of National Defence has not a chinaman's chance in Oxford at the next election, and that is the reason there is no expenditure for that county.

Mr. SPOTTON: Well, well!