

in Canada they should be in the province of Nova Scotia; but we have no good roads there. There is no country in the world that holds out such inducements for pleasure-seekers who have money to spend as the Dominion of Canada, and there is no part of the Dominion that has greater inducements to offer than the province of Nova Scotia. Therefore I say when we have those roads constructed, this country will be filled not with men looking for work on the roads, but men looking for places where they can enjoy a splendid vacation and spend all the money they can spare. Of course, they can get only soft drinks, but in the summer time they are willing to come even on that condition. Speaking of my own province, though we have no roads there, our Government has made provision and appointed a board, and even if I came to the conclusion that the money was not going to be spent exactly as it should be, I would vote for this Bill, because I feel confident that the board we have in Nova Scotia, with the Premier and the Governor in Council, dealing with the contracts that will be let for building the roads will see that the construction work is done in the best possible way. That is why I am going to support this Bill. You can always take our province for an example, and in that province there are places where farmers cannot make a success because they cannot get to market without great cost. The roads are bad, and we have not as many branch lines as they have in the West. The western people have been coming down here and getting money out of the Treasury of Canada to build railways in every part of the West. Down in our province we have the old Intercolonial railway, which is now part of the Canadian National railway, and, I am proud to say, the best part. On that road we have the most polite and efficient men in charge of all departments. We have a dining car service second to none in America, and our parlour car service is equally good.

Hon. Mr. McMEANS: Why do you not build roads down there?

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: We would not build many if we followed your policy. If my honourable friend will vote for this Bill, we shall get some good roads. I should like to see any man in this House who would dare to stand up and say that he is not in favour of good roads.

Hon. Mr. BRADBURY: We are all in favour of good roads.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: Well, one thing is sure: we cannot get them without money, and if honourable gentlemen wish to gratify the desire of everybody in Canada, they will vote for this Bill and give them good roads. That is my reason for supporting the Bill. It does not do all that I should like it to do, but it will give us an opportunity of bettering our condition.

Hon. G. W. FOWLER: I want to congratulate the honourable gentleman who has just taken his seat (Hon. Mr. Crosby) on the fact that though this is a very hot afternoon, he has made a very lively speech, a speech filled with wit, humour, buffoonery, and athletics—everything except facts and arguments. My honourable friend is ready to criticise everyone who has spoken; he found fault with the speech of everybody except that of the honourable member for Wentworth (Hon. Mr. Smith), forgetting completely that he himself contributed nothing in the way of new light on this subject.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: I am waiting for you.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: Well, I can give you some ideas, but I cannot supply you with the understanding that is necessary to take them in.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: You would have to borrow that.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: There is not a man who has spoken here this afternoon who is not in favour of good roads. The argument of those in favour of this Bill would seem to be that every one who opposed it was against good roads. I take second place to no man in the desire to see good roads throughout Canada, and if the Government of New Brunswick had taken my advice in 1910, which I tendered them in Council, although I was not a member of the Council, that province would have been grid-ironed with first-class roads, roads as good as those in the neighbouring Republic, and they would not have wasted \$6,000,000 in the St. John Valley railway, which resulted in discrediting some of the men concerned.

I am strongly in favour of good roads. I believe in good roads; but I believe in the Federal Government keeping within its own jurisdiction, and the provincial parliaments keeping within their own jurisdiction. Further, I am not in favour of spending this \$20,000,000 at the present time.

Some honourable gentlemen argued that, because money had been wasted in the past,