

Mr. Smith, since the first, has been the field engineer and it is admitted that no man possesses the same breadth of information as himself. We ask that these maps and reports be produced forthwith. We ask that Mr. Smith be called before the House to give his view to the country on this all-important question involving millions and millions. We are entitled to this information and must have it; it cannot have been kept back for any good motive.

It is true Parliament has the power to so far forget its duty, as supreme guardian of the public interest, as to commit the people of Canada to this suicidal policy; the press so far have been very reticent, and the people to-day have no voice in the matter. But we feel confident that Parliament, weighing maturely the consequences of this policy, represented in millions to be sunk to no practical purposes, will not commit the country to this construction until Imperial co-operation has been secured, as affirmed in the Canada Pacific Railway Resolutions adopted during last session. We call upon Parliament to stand firm by this policy: Either Imperial co-operation in the building of this Imperial and Canadian highway, or no construction in British Columbia,—the task is beyond our strength.