

fix; he has the poor lamb *doon* on his back, and pressing in his windbag with his enormous hoof; the two of them are evidently a "done Brown." It is a fair indication of what their opposition to this great enterprise amounts to. In spite of all that these gentlemen can do I am satisfied that the hon. the Premier will see the road built, and that he is now hurrying it on so that he can come over and see us. He will exercise a watchful eye. He, himself, has told me that he did not like travelling by sea, he said he preferred going by rail. Well, Sir, we shall, therefore have to dispense with the pleasure of seeing him until he gets the railroad built.

AN HON. MEMBER: Let me see that picture.

MR. BUNSTER: I am going to have the picture put in as a matter of history. As I have just hinted, the hon. the Premier has promised that as soon as the road was built he would come and see us. I know he intends to have it built before the next elections.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Ha! ha!

MR. BUNSTER: You may laugh. It will take three or four years for the elections to come round, and he knows the building of this road in the meantime will make him doubly sure of carrying the country again. Let me tell the House how long it took the Americans to build the great Union Pacific Railway. Although Geo. Francis Train on the occasion of breaking ground predicted the road would be constructed in five years, history records that the Railway was completed and in working order in three years, six months and ten days. That, Sir, brings my words correct. The hon. the Premier will have this road completed in about three years and six months, and if he does not he ought to. He has the money and the brains—if I may be allowed to use the word—and there is sufficient muscle in Canada to build the road in that time. If he does not get it finished I will not vote for him at the next election. That will make up for the bullying and abuse we have received. Who are not so hide bound that they will keep the naturally resources of this country tied up for the want of getting through them. While, to-day, Canada is sending relief to the starving Irish, she could render them a

greater help by getting them to come over to till our own soil, develop our resources and raise their own food here, and, at the same time assisting our Treasury. We were told in that very long speech of the hon. member for West Durham, which took five or six hours, to which I have before referred, or rather nearly two days to deliver, a great deal about taxation. Do people expect build railways without taxation? British Columbia has submitted to taxation. When we joined Confederation our dutiable goods were 10 or 12 per cent., now they are something like 20 per cent. But we have this advantage, we export more than we import. We are producers of wheat and all cereals we have any quantity of lumber; we have inexhaustible gold and coal mines, as I have said before; we have an abundance of the finest fish in the world; and, all we require is a little more population and the establishment of our own woollen and other manufacturing mills, which will be the natural outcome of this grand policy of the Government, called the National Policy. The hon. member referred to one thing which I was proud to hear, the visit of Mr. Edgar to our Province. He came and offered \$750,000 to buy up British Columbia.

MR. MACKENZIE: No, he did not.

MR. BUNSTER: Yes, he did; but we were not in the market. If I had time I could refer the hon. gentleman to the page in the Blue-book. Mr. Edgar was sent to Mr. Walkem, without sufficient authority, and Mr. Walkem refused to deal with him. We had also another visit from a nobleman, sent by the late Government. I refer to our late Governor-General, the Earl of Dufferin. There was a great deal of talk, but I would like to know how much of his promises have been carried out. Even the Mother Country felt aggrieved and insulted, that a Treaty should be entered into and not carried out. British Columbia has carried out her part of the contract to the letter, and to her disadvantage. She has, at the request of the Canadian Government, reserved a twenty-mile belt on the line of the Pacific Railway, on Vancouver Island, and this has driven settlement on to the mainland. People came to the Is-