

and the men all back to work, everything working smooth and satisfactorily. Over on the western division in the United States things are fairly satisfactory. Down on the Ottawa division things are also fairly satisfactory. But up here in Ontario we find a great number of men are charged with being disorderly and with doing everything that they are not guilty of, and for that reason they have been kept out of service. Who is to blame? The gentlemen in control of the G.T.R., who have when they have absolutely no regard for a contract or agreement, are to blame, they alone. (Applause.) And they have been assisted to make good that position and to carry through their desire in that connection by certain gentlemen on the floor of parliament, who should have known better and should have more interest in the welfare of the laboring men. (Applause.) I refer to such gentlemen as Mr. Lennox, Mr. Northrup and Mr. Blain, who have discussed this situation from every standpoint but the proper one (Applause), who, so far as I can see for no other motives than political ones have blamed everyone but those who are to blame, that is, the G.T.R. officials, who have no regard for their contract or their agreement.

What is the situation every time Mr. Hays is asked "Have you reinstated the men within ninety days?" "Yes, sir, we have done that." "Didn't you agree to pay the increase from May 1st, 1910?" "Yes, sir, and I can assure you we have done so, every man has been paid." The facts are entirely to the contrary, but yet you didn't find these gentlemen who are criticizing on the floor of Parliament or in other localities placing the blame where it properly belongs, on the shoulders—shall I say?—of a number of aliens, who have come over here and benefitted by the magnanimous consideration of the Canadian people, and are now undertaking to grind down and hound good Canadian citizens in this province of Ontario. Those are the men to blame, the men who are in charge of the G.T.R. (Applause.)

In conclusion I want to say to you—because Mr. Campbell wants to soon be breaking the Sabbath if we don't stop—I am very sorry, ladies and gentlemen, that I have not more time to more than skim over this matter, but I want to say to you for the Brotherhood of Trainmen, I want to give it to you as my candid and honest opinion as I stand on this platform, and you cannot say it is biased by political sentiments, because I have told you and it is absolutely the truth, that I have never voted for the present Government—I want to say to you to-night that if it had not been in my opinion for the magnanimous consideration and assistance given to us by the Minister of Labor and by the Dominion Government, the organization of which I am a member, would have been totally annihilated on the G.T.R. (Applause.) Would that have been any worse than the situation that we hear so much about now? Would it have been any worse for these men to have to go back humbly and apologetically and ask for their positions, one by one, and to have been weeded out as the company saw fit? Would it have been any worse for the organizations to have been wiped out of existence, for no signed agreements to have been made for present rates of pay and future standardization? I say to you, yes, a thousand times more deplorable, because we have had the situation before us and know what it means, and I say to you in my opinion,—and my opinion is the opinion of other members of the organization who have analyzed this thing and have heard the story and have seen the truth and the facts—my opinion is that if it had not been for the assistance rendered by the Government through its Minister of Labor and its Minister of Militia, the organizations