

of this country must come to the conclusion that it needs two transcontinental roads. No country in the world is so dependent upon transportation as this great Dominion, in which we have the honour and privilege of living. What must that transportation be? Can we afford to let it go into the hands of anybody and everybody? We must take great care of it. One member of this House said to-day that if we had to resort to direct taxation to pay the deficit on those roads he would be willing that should be done.

I have some questions to ask the honourable gentleman from De Lanaudière (Hon. Mr. Casgrain), who is a great authority on railways, or at least thinks he is, and I want to have him here so as to learn something from him; and as I have some doubts about things he said, I wish to put some questions to him. When he talks so much about money, is he going to ask us not to pay any deficit on the Grand Trunk Pacific road, which is in trouble? We have to pay that money. I would also like to ask him what he is going to do with that road. I will wait until he is here so as to have the opportunity of asking him, because that matter is important. As I said the other day when discussing transportation and shipping affairs in this House, I am not going to quarrel with what the Transcontinental road cost. It has been built and we have paid for it. What is the use of worrying ourselves over spilt milk? Let us go on and make the best of it. I do not want to make any party capital out of matters of that kind. I know that my honourable friend from Victoria (Hon. Mr. Cloran) is going to give us that practice from this night on, because I can tell from his looks that he has changed his mind to-night. In the other House it may be reasonable to expect some partisan speeches from men who are compelled to go before their constituents, but our call to this House is the call of the King for the purpose of advising the King without any hesitation, and without any doubts in our mind, and doing the best we can for the people of this country. My honourable friend frequently says that in the other House they sit longer than they ought. But what matters it so long as we have the control? We will see that everything goes straight and right until the new Parliament comes in. My honourable friend must not forget that he is here and we are here, and we are going to see that the public affairs of this country are carried on properly, no matter what is the inclination of

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the other House, and if my honourable friend and others on that side of the House will give up partisan speeches and partisan affairs we will get along a great deal better, and when we have a Bill before us as to the principle or policy of which not a single honourable gentleman on that side of the House can raise a question, what reason have they for opposing it by their votes?

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: There is no principle to the Bill.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: The principle of the Bill is this: shall we keep on giving the Canadian Northern money to carry them along, or shall we stop?

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: That is not a principle; that is a matter of closing down on the purloiner.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: Well, then, I cannot find what is the principle of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: There is none.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: Then the Bill is a good deal like my honourable friend.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: I am glad you admit that.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: There is no use in discussing it with him.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: If you withdraw the Bill I will withdraw; then there would be two no-principles go out.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: I have nothing to withdraw. We have a Bill with a principle in it; therefore you may withdraw, but I have something I do not want to withdraw. My leader has given me permission to move the adjournment of the debate, and I would be very glad to do that, so that I might conclude my remarks when the honourable gentlemen are present to whom I have alluded. I therefore move the adjournment of the debate.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Adjourn until Monday morning. I see no good reason why we should not proceed with the debate on Monday morning.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: So far as I understand, there was no intimation given that there was to be a sitting on Monday morning.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: The honourable gentlemen who have gone to Toronto and Montreal do not expect the House to meet until three o'clock.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I was about to give notice of motion. It is de-