

be carried out, and because I believe that it is practicable. My hon. friend might have employed some of the time of the House which he occupied in details of local politics, for a better purpose in showing the manner in which the industries of his province might be developed if as ready means were found of moving the produce of the Island in the winter time as in the summer. Only this very afternoon a subject was here mentioned which is closely connected with the subway. If the Experimental Farm concerning which I asked the question this afternoon is carried out successfully somewhere in the neighborhood of Prince Edward Island, if not on the Island itself, because it must be observed that if the subway can be constructed and carried into practical operation all objections which can be urged against the Island as a site for the Experimental Farm will be removed at once, and it will open a new era in the agriculture of the province, no longer will farmers depend on carrying their bulky produce to market and consuming a large portion of its value in freight, but they will concentrate it into a product of greater value, in fact they will learn how to carry the manufacture of agricultural products to a greater extent and so economize their expenditure for freight. In my province it has been the practice to export potatoes by the cargo, and many too often rot and are ultimately heaved overboard at the dumping grounds. Scientific agriculture will teach our farmers how to utilize those products now often wasted, and to condense them into articles which can be cheaply transported through this subway under the Straits of Northumberland to the markets of the world. Perhaps it is not right for me in this crude fashion, without preparation, to urge these questions before the House but it has occurred to me, with regard to the opening of communication of the more important character which my hon. friend refers to, that Georgetown will be one of the important ports which is to become a future Atlantic port of the Dominion. At my time of life of course it cannot be expected that I shall live to see such undertakings carried out. Indeed while my hon. friend was speaking, my mind re-

curred to some words which fell from the hon. gentleman from DeSalaberry with regard to an expression which he objected to in the address recently passed by this House to Her Majesty the Queen. It seemed to me, if the hon. gentleman objected to the word "conquered" he had at all events this important result to look back to that his French ancestors as pioneers had conquered some of the greatest difficulties to be encountered on this continent and they had shown remarkable sagacity in selecting its most salient points. There was Louisburg in Cape Breton, Port Royal, Quebec, Montreal, Detroit and quite a number of others. Notwithstanding the previous ignorance of this continent they had lighted upon all the leading salient points of the whole continent, but this very one which the hon. gentleman from Alberton referred to, Georgetown, was probably one of the earliest points discovered in the St. Lawrence. It is of record that Sebastian Cabot discovered the St. Lawrence and sailed up this strait and it is indeed still doubtful whether he did not enter the Gulf of St. Lawrence before Columbus discovered one of the Islands in America. That is a moot point still—but it is rather a singular fact that this line which my hon. friend refers to was actually discovered so many years ago by one of the first navigators who sailed up this great estuary of ours. Therefore should my hon. friend's vision be realised, it will be a strange concatenation of facts altogether, to find such a great change from the present routes take place. I hope my hon. friend may live to see this vision realized; but let me say this in all good faith and candor, I do hope that if the hon. gentleman intends to push this project forward and to recommend it to all parties, to all candid and thinking men in and out of Parliament, that he will cease to agitate it in connection with local party politics, but if he does not do so, by all means let him give us notice and we will be prepared for that discussion.

HON. MR. CARVELL—It was suggested, while my hon. friend was on his feet, that it would be well if the Government would at once buy Prince Edward Island and make of it a sheep farm, and,