

of the best expenditures which can be made in the interests of our people. (Cheers.)

Some there are who may criticise us for not moving faster. The problem of good roads cannot be settled in a day. The leading and more advanced States of the American Union have only recently taken the subject up, and I believe the results have been satisfactory. Public opinion is fast developing in this Province, until today there is no doubt that we are justified, after providing proper safeguards in entering upon a policy involving the expenditure of capital which will be upheld by the electorate. I think our opponents were at one time afraid that this capital expenditure would take place when the judgment of the electorate was being sought. The Government preferred to outline their policy and make it the subject of discussion during this election. I am glad to be able to say that up to the present our policy has not been the subject of political criticism.

#### MR. BAILLIE'S APPROVAL.

The gentleman who represented this County and to some extent undertook to speak for his colleagues in the House, expressed his warm approval of the policy outlined. So, whatever may be the result in other countries, I can at least say to you that the principle of the Act, which the Legislature has adopted has been approved by Mr. Baillie and you can come to the conclusion that our policy in this respect will not be the subject of criticism in this County. On the great question of roads he will frankly admit that at this moment the policy of the Government is sufficiently progressive to satisfy him.

And so, after all, in the light of the facts, whatever may be said to the contrary, I feel I can say that the policy of the Liberal Party has been progressive along all the lines which properly come within the scope of Provincial legislation. (Cheers.) I cannot hope that the Conservative Party will unanimously agree with this statement of mine, but I can say that our policies in respect to the development of our mines, our agriculture, our technical education, on the question of temperance the care of the sick and now our roads, while not being approved unanim-

ously by all of our opponents, have each in their turn received the commendation of many intelligent opponents of the Government. This justifies me in the belief that if their more advanced adherents can speak of our progressiveness on these matters of which they know most, I can surely feel that there is in our record, taken all in all, very much which should commend itself to the judgment of our citizens.

#### THEIR WARREN RECORD.

It would furnish food for reflection if our intelligent electors should ask what contribution our opponents had made to our splendid mining legislation, to our agricultural education, to our technical educational system, to our road and bridge policy, to our efforts to supplement the Provincial revenues by royalties and increased subsidies. These are the matters which concerned our people for the past number of years. Can any person in Nova Scotia point to any contribution which our opponents have made in respect to any of these matters of supreme importance? The people of Nova Scotia will expect an answer to these questions.

They will expect at least leadership on the part of our opponents, from a man who will be able to make a definite and responsible statement as to proposed reforms and a progressive policy. They have not yet reached the stage when they are prepared to trust the Government to a class of men who, up to the present moment, have simply criticised every effort that has been made to give our people legislation along progressive lines and to place our Province in a position where no Nova Scotian need apologise for it by way of comparison with any of the Provinces of this Dominion. (cheers.)

The day will surely come when the Liberal Party will be obliged to hand over their stewardship to their successors, but in my opinion that day will be delayed until our opponents are prepared to courageously deal with Provincial problems not along party lines or in weak criticism, but along lines which will appeal to the patriotism and sound judgment of our electors. (Great cheering.)