

and he said that the harbour of Toronto was a harbour that was being improved in the interest of the whole country. I did not intend nor do I intend to oppose any expenditure of money on the harbour of Toronto, but I was merely pointing out that if the people of Toronto wanted money spent in their own town they should not be so small as to object to the amounts of money being spent in the smaller towns and in rural districts.

Mr. INGRAM. I asked the hon. minister about the parties the department bought this lot from and I quoted :

Potter, F. A., Potter, D. and Moore, T., executors estate of late Ann Moore, purchase of site, \$2,500.

The hon. gentleman said that they bought this site from these people. Is that correct ?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. My information is that this property was owned by the executors of an estate. There is no doubt about that, because the hon. gentleman has read the names of the executors.

Mr. INGRAM. Who is the party that the lot was bought from ?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. It is an estate known in Clinton as the Potter estate.

Mr. INGRAM. Is there any name that the hon. gentleman could give us ?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. You have the names there.

Mr. INGRAM. That is what I cannot understand. Last year, we were not told that; we were told an entirely different story. We were told last year that the lot had been purchased from Mr. A. W. Wilkie, who happened to be a good Tory.

Mr. HOLMES. Mr. Wilkie was simply the tenant of the property. The property was bought from the Potter estate.

Mr. INGRAM. All I have to do is to quote the Minister of Public Works :

We have bought the site there from a good opponent of ours, Mr. A. W. Wilkie. We will spend more than \$8,000 on the building.

Which statement is correct ? I am bound to believe that of the hon. member for West Huron, in view of the fact that he displayed such a Christian spirit at the Sunday school convention recently held in Owen Sound during the late election there. I am bound to say also that we have a good running mate for the hon. member for West Huron, in Preston, the gentleman who sang at a meeting of Sunday School children in St. Thomas, during the famous corrupt election in West Elgin. 'There is Sunshine in my Soul.' I would like to put these two gentlemen together as they make an excellent team.

Mr. DAVIS.

Cobourg—Towards construction of armoury, \$15,000.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). I do not suppose we will be called upon to sit all night.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. Perhaps it is a little unreasonable to sit here wasting time altogether. If my hon. friend has any proposition in regard to these items we may arrange to adjourn.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). Of course I sympathize with my hon. friend in the obstruction he has sustained on his own side of the House, but, we are not responsible for that. The suggestion I was going to make was that as we have made pretty fair progress with these three items, and as we have discussed some of these matters pretty fully, which no doubt will save discussion on similar items in future, we should now rise and report progress.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. Allow the present item to be passed and we will agree to adjourn.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). We will allow that item to pass on the understanding which I have with the minister that if any hon. gentleman who is not here wishes to discuss it he may do so on some other item.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). Perhaps the hon. member for West Huron (Mr. Holmes) will give us some explanation about that Sunday convention.

Mr. HOLMES. I will if the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. Hughes) will tell us something about limelight views in North Ontario.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). I accept the hon. gentleman's challenge and on a later occasion will throw some limelight views on his actions there.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. I am afraid we will not have to call the hon. gentleman opposite (Mr. Hughes, Victoria) to account for doing much Sunday school work. I move that the committee rise and report progress.

Motion agreed to.

On motion of the Minister of Finance, House adjourned at 11.45 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, March 26, 1903.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 37) respecting the Ottawa, Northern and Western Railway Company.—Mr. Brown.