

the people of the other Provinces of the Dominion."—(Hansard, 1912, p. 4735).

This was the first occasion when, in his judgment, there was a full discussion of the question of the rights of the Provinces. What was the attitude of the Conservative party on that occasion? He (Hon. Mr. A.) found that the member for Colchester—the brother of the hon. member for Colchester in this House—voted against that resolution. He found that the member for Lunenburg, Dr. Stewart, voted against it. He found that the member for Digby, Mr. Jamieson, voted against it. He found that the member for Halifax (Hon. Mr. Borden) voted against it. He found that the member for Queens-Shelburne, Mr. McCurdy, voted against it. Every Conservative member from Nova Scotia present voted against this resolution. That was where the Conservative party from Nova Scotia stood on this subject. It was instance of the absolute inconsistency and insincerity of hon. gentlemen opposite, on even an irrelevant question.

Every Conservative at Ottawa opposed that suggestion of Laurier, that the extension of the boundaries of Manitoba were unfair to the Provinces, and at the same time unfair to the Province of Manitoba itself. The hon. gentlemen opposite complained that a return had been brought down here lacking the names of those who signed the recommendation. That was not a very serious matter, because all they wanted was in the body of the report. Was that any reason why this matter should not be dealt with by Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues? He was bound by pledge to restore to the Western Provinces their lands, he had given a guarantee without much assurance of its being carried out.

#### **KNOCKING THE H. & S. W.**

He (Hon. Mr. A.) had some observations to make about the H. & S. W. matter, but must apologize for the time he had already occupied, and would be obliged to pass that over without any comment, because we would probably have another opportunity of discussing some phases of the matter. He only regretted that hon. members opposite found it necessary, year after year, to use their efforts to minimize the importance of railway construction and extension on the South Shore. There was no justification for this criticism, because it was a public service of great importance to the people along the South Shore, and ought by this time to be thoroughly appreciated by them. One of the hon. gentlemen opposite stated the other night that we never should have built it, that the Dominion Government should have built it. The Dominion Government could come in and take it over now, they owned 40 per cent. of the common stock. They have guaranteed a large amount on the stock and bonds of the railway, and there was nothing to prevent them negotiating with the owners of the Canadian Northern. It was not a matter over which this Province could exercise jurisdiction.

There was some criticism about the H. & S. W. Ry. affording only a 5 day service per week between New Germany and Caledonia, and not a 6 day service. They seemed to think that if it were taken over by the Dominion Government they would have a much better service. Don't be too sure. On the Transcontinental, now operated by the Dominion Government, a train was run every other day. The Dominion