

reason in a country like Canada for objecting to a reasonable expenditure, always provided that that expenditure was useful and fruitful. (Hear, hear.) What we object to—what we have a right to object to—was piling tens and tens of millions of debt upon the people and making them no return, (Hear, hear.) What we objected to, and what we had a right to object to, was that the whole future of the old provinces should be mortgaged, as they were mortgaged, for the benefit of the younger provinces, and that the lands from which we ought to have been recouped were practically thrown away.

Klondike Administration.

You want to know how the Liberal party have discharged their trust in that respect? (A voice—We do.) I invite you to compare their conduct in respect of the administration of the Klondike with the conduct of our predecessors with respect to the administration of the northwest. In each case great possibilities were open; in each case a vast heritage was put at the disposal of the people of Canada. We have taken the Yukon in hand; we have expended large sums in the Yukon; but up to date the Yukon has not cost the rest of the people of Canada one copper. (Hear, hear.) Up to date all that has been expended in the Yukon has been extracted from those carrying on mining operations in the Yukon, most of them, be it remembered, aliens and foreigners—(hear hear)—who were justly entitled to contribute to the revenue here. (Cheers.) Now, as I have said, we always contended that any expenditure should be made fruitful.

Crow's Nest Expenditure.

Let us take one case which has been much criticised, one case to which my friend Mr. Campbell has alluded—that is, our expenditure on the Crow's Nest Railway. For that we gave the Canadian Pacific Railway a matter of \$3,300,000 or thereabouts. We exacted from them divers concessions of great importance to the northwest, of great importance to the manufacturers and artisans of Canada. Now, sir, what has been done for the people of Canada? Very lately I had occasion to inquire of a gentleman very well conversant with that whole country what the result of expending that money in constructing the Crow's Nest Pass had been in the way of adding wealth and value of the properties thereby developed; and after