

the fact that the action of the Government should be left out at a meeting of this character.

Mr Hearn said that he was aiming to show what it was our interest to have, and if he could only impress on those present that these interests were being neglected, he thought that that appertained to the point at issue.

The speaker continued :—I say that we have not been treated as we ought to have been. I do not say this so much to censure the government as I do to condemn our own apathy and silly enmity of one another. I think that it rests a great deal with ourselves whether or not we shall have the dock completed in the way that according to Mr Perley it should be. There is no justification for not completing it in the most desirable way, and I think I am justified in saying that the question of expenditure ought not to weigh so seriously with us as to keep us from agitating and demanding through all fair and legitimate channels that the dock be completed in the way declared to be the best, by the government's own engineers. In this connection, I may be allowed to make reference to an idea which was given expression to by the Mayor at a recent meeting. He said there was very great reason to believe that at no distant date, the Lake St. Peter debt and much of that contracted for the improvements in the port of Montreal would have to be assumed by the Government, and such being the case, it ought to follow that the debt of the Harbour of Quebec would also have to be assumed by the Government. The Dominion assuming these debts, Quebec would be blind to its own interests if its people were not to seek for the adoption of getting the best plans, regardless of the objection which has been made on the score of cost.

Mr. Forsyth here rose and said : The plan which will be