

Hon. Mr. Fielding—I am not in a position to state whether they are actually organized as yet under the laws of this Province, but of course before the undertaking can be carried out they must be organized under the laws of Nova Scotia. That is, however, a matter about which we are not particularly concerned at present. The proposed enterprise is a large one and well worthy the attention of the Legislature and the public. If anybody can show that Mr. Whitney has got a very good bargain out of this undertaking we shall not regret it very much, for we want him to have a good bargain. We want the venture to be a success, and we want the investors to reap the benefit of their enterprise. We desire to be able to show Mr. Whitney and the gentlemen associated with him that the mineral wealth of Nova Scotia is a solid reality, and I trust that their success will be the means of bringing many other capitalists to invest in developing the resources of this province. We have boasted so much of the mineral wealth of Nova Scotia, and have proclaimed so frequently that all the Province wanted was to have its great natural resources advertised, that I trust our wishes in that respect will now be accomplished and the mining interests of Nova Scotia will flourish to a much greater degree than ever before.

In the name of the Government of Nova Scotia, I submit this measure to the people's representatives with the fullest confidence that every reasonable effort has been made to guard the interests of the people, and that if this measure is adopted it will be the means of adding greatly to the wealth and prosperity of Nova Scotia.