

Hudson Bay road themselves or to use the public money of the Dominion for the purpose of subsidizing such a road.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—When the subject of utilizing the Hudson Bay for the purpose of opening up a route to the North-West was discussed in this Chamber, I was quite a strong supporter of the project, and I am yet. I believe it is necessary and that it will be found practicable in the end for commercial purposes. My hon. friend from Halifax is illogical. He first says that this road would be useless—that it would not be practicable for commerce—that it would be spending so much money for nothing—that it would not take the trade which the people of the North-West believe it would; and the next moment he complains that it would divert trade from the Maritime Provinces and take it by that route.

HON. MR. POWER—I said that if it were a practicable scheme that would be the effect of it.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—My hon. friend reasoned that it would have the effect of paralyzing the trade of existing channels. My hon. friend went further, and said that if we had closer commercial relations with Europe it would interfere with the trade of this country. We are trying to get more direct and rapid communication with England, in order to help the trade of this country. Now, if we have spent \$100,000,000 on the North-West—and I do not believe we spent two-thirds of that amount—no money was ever invested in any country from which greater advantages have been derived. It has opened up a country with immense capabilities—a country whose future we cannot realize, and whose resources we have not yet appreciated. Not only ourselves, but all Europe and especially England, are alive to the importance of the development of our country, and Canada will never be what it should be until we have a larger population in the North-West Territories. My hon. friend spoke of Manitoba: that is not all of the North-West; it is but a small portion of that vast country, and if Manitoba, out of its small revenue, feels unable to expend the large amount of money which would be necessary to make this undertaking a complete success, it is unfair to

say that it is regarded as impracticable there. I believe that Manitoba is now alive to the advantages which would result from the construction of that railway, and is willing to contribute a large proportion of the expense of opening up the route. The hon. gentleman from Halifax says that with our North-West it is "hope on, hope ever." If the hon. gentlemen who are opposed to the Government had succeeded in their policy where would the Pacific Railway be now? They prophesied that the road would not be built for forty years; they said that the resources of the country were not sufficient to complete it, and that if it were built it would not pay for the grease on the wheels. That is what we heard from the hon. gentlemen when the Canadian Pacific Railway was still a projected undertaking. Now the hon. member from Halifax says that after all the Canadian Pacific Railway has done nothing. He does not seem to know that it has attracted the attention of Europe, and of England especially, to the advantages which this country affords to an industrious population. He does not seem to be aware that it has given us a status that we never would have had among the commercial countries of the world if that Pacific Railway had not been built. Now, I believe the North-West country will ere long be filled up with an industrious population. While I was abroad I was asked over and over again for information about our North-West, and the principal objection that I heard made to it as a field for settlement was the difficulty of getting the produce of the country to European markets. Men who have given attention to the subject have expressed a belief that until we do open up the Hudson Bay route for commercial purposes we cannot expect a great influx of people into our North-West Territories. Much depends upon that. My hon. friend who moved this resolution probably took a rosy view of this matter. I believe he made the best of the case—probably he magnified it in his desire to serve his country. I appreciate the position of my hon. friend in that country, and the vast importance of this subject to the people who are struggling to find outlets for their products to the markets of the world. He has put the case forcibly before us, and in a manner creditable to himself and to the country which he represents. On the