

We are going to get down to business and make a start on this all-important project.

The hon. member for Hants-Kings (Mr. Foster) asserted last night that if he cast in his lot with the majority of this House for this estimate his vote would be based very largely on sentiment. There are three factors in the life of any individual,—and what concerns the individual concerns the nation, because the nation is simply the individual writ large—they are intellect, which gives vision; sentiment, which adds fire; will power, which manifests itself in action. And by action we capture objective after objective in life. So I say to the hon. member that he is not basing his vote on a broad enough foundation. I should like to see him go further and say that so far as his vision and his sentiment and his will power are concerned, he intends to put them together and tell the people of the west that he is wholeheartedly back of this proposition, and by his vote will do his best to put it through the Commons.

The hon. member for St. Lawrence-St. George (Mr. Cahan) was good enough to tell the House that the representation from western Canada was an important representation, that we try to take a wide view of things, that we honestly stand back of what we think should be done for Canada. I thank the hon. gentleman for those sentiments, but I would remind him that as representatives from western Canada we are simply carrying out the desires of our electorates in the stand we take on this important question, because there is no doubt about it throughout Manitoba, throughout Saskatchewan and throughout Alberta, the people want the government to go forward and complete the Hudson Bay railway without further waste of time. The people of the west expect us to cease talking and to show our faith in a greater Canada by moving northward—because our destiny is in that direction as well as in the east and in the west—and tap that great area, thus proving to the world that we are ready to overcome the difficulties that lie before us. That is the only way an individual or a nation can be successful. You know the saying, "He who doubts is damned already." If we are going to have doubts regarding great national projects of this nature, then I say we are not going to make history as our fathers did in days gone by.

The hon. member for St. Lawrence-St. George said that the completion of this road would add to the obligations of Canada, and on that argument he based his advice that we should pay off all our debts before we proceed further with this undertaking. But,

Mr. Chairman, that is not the way we do business. A business man pays his debts as he goes along, and he reaches outward and beyond his present area of activity continually. It is men of this type who are successful in their own undertakings or in the management of great corporations. Therefore I do not think the hon. gentleman's advice should be accepted either by the government or by the country, for it would entail delay and ultimately stagnation. Let us go forward and meet our obligations as they mature just as we have met them in the past.

The hon. gentleman also said he would like to see a further investigation made of this project. We talk about commissions and committees of investigation, until we are gradually getting into the condition of losing faith in the power of our own initiative. We must rely upon the individual and collective enterprise of our people. Without wasting further time in talk, let us go ahead as quickly as possible with this undertaking.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I notice the same hon. gentleman mentioned the agricultural and fishing possibilities of the Hudson bay country. As to the former, I can assure him that the experimental farm branch of the Department of Agriculture carried on investigation work during 1925 throughout the area along the Hudson Bay line. We find tests were made with several varieties of wheat, oats, barley, peas, mangels, turnips, beets, carrots, sweet clover, alsike, red clover, brome grass, timothy and western rye grass. The seed was sent forward early in May, together with directions for its use.

Mr. DICKIE: I would like to ask the hon. gentleman a question. How many settlers are along that road from The Pas to rail end, approximately?

Mr. McINTOSH: I never took a census of those settlers, so I could not say definitely. But it is not the settlers there now about whom we should concern ourselves; we are concerned about those who will be there ten, fifteen or twenty years from now.

Mr. DICKIE: These settlers have had railway facilities for three or four years.

Mr. McINTOSH: The railway facilities have not amounted to anything for years. This \$3,000,000 is going to give them some real railway service. But to return to the investigations of which I was speaking. These were carried on at Hudson Bay Junction, mile 137 and mile 185, and the results were wonderful. I would like to place them on