

spend this money to clean it up. Did not the contract for salvage contain anything which would provide for the mess to be cleaned up?

Mr. ELLIOTT: My hon. friend knows very well that when several buildings are being removed, after they are taken away it is desirable to make your own levels yourself, rather than leave it to the parties who removed the buildings.

Mr. CHAPLIN: I could understand that answer if each individual owner of property demolished his own building, but the government made a contract with one firm to look after all the salvage, for which the government received so much, and the mess they left was nothing more or less than a crime. They took away all the stuff that was any good and no provision was made to have them take away the rubbish, which should have been looked after when the arrangement was made.

Mr. HOCKEN: That will provide another contract.

Mr. CHAPLIN: It means that another contract will be given in order to spend a little more money.

Mr. PECK: I have not yet received an answer to my question; I want to know the area of this land, and if the minister does not know let him say so.

Mr. ELLIOTT: I have not the area of the land, but I can obtain it.

Mr. STEVENS: Give us the dimensions.

Mr. BRADY: I have waited for a day or two in order to get the proper orientation with regard to these estimates, and I am thoroughly convinced that the people throughout Canada who are building up this country feel disgusted and ashamed with what the government are doing with these estimates. According to the Bureau of Statistics, during the past five years 573,854 immigrants have entered Canada, while during the same period 591,121 Canadians left for the United States.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. BRADY: I wish to bring out my point in this way: Throughout the length and breadth of this country we are pleading for the people who are building up Canada, and who are being denied even the bare necessities which will keep them in Canada. I protest against this extravagance, and I am sure that protest will be echoed by many members. We must now decide squarely—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Louder.

Mr. BRADY: I will speak louder in a moment if it is necessary. We must decide right now whether this absolute waste on matters which do not concern the well being of the country is to pass unchallenged in this house. The other day we voted \$3,000,000 for the city of Ottawa, and the sum of \$8,000 was mentioned for pulling down the buildings on that square. We have now \$30,000 to clear it up, and when it is cleared up, I think it will simply be used for the unemployed to sit and gaze at the House of Commons. I have written to the Minister of Public Works, I have presented appeals for necessary works throughout my great constituency, I have gone many hundreds of miles that I might get the exact facts to put before the minister, and what has been done? The voice of the common people, that the Liberal party repeatedly say is the voice they listen to, is not heard when these estimates are being prepared or discussed. Provision is rightly made for legitimate expenditures in the great province of Quebec but to-day there is nothing short of tyranny in the handling of questions affecting the interests of the people of western Canada.

I shall read a letter that I wrote to the minister when I presented to him a statement of the necessary public works, supported by his own federal engineer and supplemented by requests from large representative bodies. What was the result? I do not know yet whether we shall get even a fraction of what has been asked; but I say this that any government that does not give consideration to the legitimate needs and wants of this country can only have one ending, and that is that the people will have enlightenment enough to put in a constructive government when the hour of voting comes. Here is the letter which I wrote to the minister:

I most earnestly request that some provision be made in the supplementary estimates for the following necessary public works in the constituency of Skeena, which are appended to this letter.

None of the works and improvements I present in this report are brought forward but in strict accord with the legitimate needs of the localities concerned.

As the minister must be aware the crying need throughout western Canada, the latest to be developed among the provinces, is good roads and wharves, in brief, transportation facilities.

Where roads and wharves are lacking, and where either or both are not kept in proper repair, transportation is handicapped and communities and settlements suffer.

I am well aware of the fact that the federal government of public works has to look after the needs, not of one constituency or of one province, but of the whole of Canada. Conceding this, still I feel that through lack of knowledge of conditions in the Skeena