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now before the house, and hangs upon the vote to be given here to-night. If that ques- tion should be decided in a certain way, disaster and ruin would overtake, not only the Northwest country by keeping back immigration and retarding its prosperity for many years, but disaster and ruin would overtake the whole of Canada. I say it would be very difficult indeed, for many years to come, to give such an impetus to the development of that country, as the construc- tion of this railway has been giving it for the last few years. It would shake the confidence of men who have invested there or intend to invest there, and would seriously check im-

migration, and send a chill through the whole of the business circles of Canada. And, Sir, it is of the utmost importance, that just at this moment, when capitalists are thinking of aiding in developing our common country, we should not only throw no obstacles in the way and shake their confidence, but show that we have faith in the future our- selves. Mr. Speaker, I shall have much pleasure in supporting these Resolutions, not only, as I said, from a Northwest standpoint, but from a Dominion standpoint, because I believe that if they fail, the result would be disastrous to both the Northwest and the whole Dominion.