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"was valued at one dollar an acre, which would amount to \$15,360,000. For this the Government would undertake to pay \$100,000 a year to British Columbia, which was interest at 5 per cent on two million dollars. That was to say that in the purchase of these two million acres, Government would be the gainer to the extent of \$13,360,000 with which to assist the railway that would be undertaken. The Government insisted upon that as a *sine qua non* condition.

"The land must be under their control in order to aid the railway."

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"MR. MACKENZIE * * * In the discussion upon the admission of Newfoundland last session, they were asked to vote \$150,000 a year, in view of the disposal of public lands to the Dominion. *He had stated that he preferred leaving the lands in the hands of the Province, because they brought in a revenue of \$3,000 a year, and cost for their management \$1,000. He took the same ground now with reference to the land grant to aid the railway through British Columbia.* He believed these lands in that Province were almost valueless, though he had to confess that he was about as ignorant on that point as the government themselves (laughter.) But all the evidence they had went to show that the land west of the Rocky Mountains was of a rocky character. The Minister of Militia claimed that it was valuable for mining purposes; but now-a-days large capital was necessary for the development of mineral wealth. The very fact that there were large imports for consumption indicated that the land was not much good for farming purposes. He was bound therefore to look upon the acquisition of that colony as simply a political necessity, which he admitted was a somewhat urgent one."

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"MR. MACKENZIE. The only valuable land available for that great purpose was from Winnipeg River to the Rocky Mountains."

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"West of the Rocky Mountains, the country was very rough, and it would be difficult to build a road over it."

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"He thought it was most unjust to lead the people of British Columbia to believe that we could complete that work within ten years, and he entered his protest against deluding these people and leading this house astray in the matter of the railway."

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"MR. MASSON: * * * British Columbia offered us more than the North-West could offer us; for it had gold mines and coal fields."

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"MR. YOUNG * * * The grant of a hundred thousand dollars on account of the lands for the Pacific was objectionable. That amount capitalized at 5 per cent, was equal to two million dollars, and brought to mind the proposition to give \$150,000 per annum to the rocks, &c., of Newfoundland two years ago."

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"MR. BLAKE * * * It was an utterly vain expectation that the government would be able out of these lands whether the country was settled or not, to make any considerable sum of money."

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"MR. BODWELL * * * With regard to the proposed annual payment of \$100,000 for lands from British Columbia, that was a mere pretence."

"MR. OLIVER.—* * * It had been proposed that thirteen million acres of land running alongside the railway should be appropriated. If so, these lands would be a constant cause of expenditure for management and surveying (Hear, hear.) It would be better that these lands should remain in the hands of the local

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