

Unemployment Relief

the majority obtained in the last election, our opponents will not abuse their power and spend large amounts levied on the people through taxation, in order to favour their friends, so that at the next general election, they may be well supplied with funds, and thereby receive the people's support through the distribution of these funds in accordance with the practice followed in the last general election.

Mr. DURANLEAU: I do not think that my hon. friend should bring into this discussion events which took place during the war. I think my hon. friends on the other side of the house mentioned the war quite enough during the past campaign, and it is not necessary to speak of it in this house. The Union government did its work during the war, and I am sure that Montreal will have no cause for regret when the division of the relief moneys is made. I repeat, Mr. Chairman, that my hon. friend on the other side should not speak further of the war. We had enough of that during the late campaign in the province of Quebec.

Mr. ST-PERE: May I ask the Minister of Marine (Mr. Duranleau) if his statement is of a sweeping nature? I have been elected on four occasions in the city of Montreal and I have never spoken about war.

The CHAIRMAN: I must ask hon. members to keep to the point at issue.

Mr. ST-PERE: May I ask the Prime Minister if it is his intention to implement pledges made on his behalf in my riding during the last election? My opponent, Mr. Simard, guaranteed to every unemployed man in my riding that if the question of unemployment relief was considered in this house every unemployed person in Hochelaga would receive \$25 a week. Is the Prime Minister ready to put that pledge into effect?

Mr. MERCIER (St. Henri): Mr. Chairman, in the wording of the resolution I find the expression "for the relief of unemployment in construction, extending or improving public works and undertakings, railways, highways, etc." May I assume that the government will be ready to assist the government of the province of Quebec in the construction of a bridge over the St. Lawrence river between Caughnawaga and La Salle?

Mr. LAPOINTE: No answer.

Mr. MUNN: It was not my intention to take up the time of the committee on this occasion, but I received a telegram from the

[Mr. Denis.]

city clerk of the city of North Vancouver which reads as follows:

The mayor and council of the city of North Vancouver by unanimous resolution respectfully urge that cooperation with the provincial government with a view to immediate commencement and completion of the Pacific Great Eastern railway between this city and Prince George together with the extension of the railway into the Peace River country be included as an integral portion of the program of the federal government for the relief of unemployment.

The telegram is signed by George S. Shepherd, city clerk. Fortunately we have in British Columbia a climate which is most favourable for outdoor work during the winter. This road leading from North Vancouver to Squamish, then from Quesnel to Prince George, can be constructed in the winter season. No doubt in the near future this government will be finding ways and means to construct an outlet from the Peace River country to the Pacific Coast, and if at this time they connect those places they will have gone a long way towards supplying such an outlet. May I remind the Prime Minister that he is under special obligation to the constituency from which I come, that of Vancouver North. In the last parliament it was represented by his own organizer of victory, to whose efforts and organization he owes his presence in this house as Prime Minister.

Mr. IRVINE: In the event of some part of the money voted by this parliament being spent in Vancouver, will the hon. gentleman guarantee that the city council of Vancouver will withdraw its printed advertisements that employment will not be furnished to people who were not born in Vancouver or have not lived there for the last year or two? If public money is to be spent in Vancouver for relieving unemployment, we should have a guarantee that if a man happens to drop in there from some other part of the world, he will get a job.

Mr. MUNN: It is hardly fair to ask me that question. The city of Vancouver is represented here by a gentleman who is also a member of the city council. Why pick on me?

Mr. BRADETTE: I wish for a few minutes to deal with unemployment as it affects northern Ontario. I am in sympathy with any measures that will afford relief to the unemployed under present conditions. There is one question that I want to ask particularly of the Prime Minister, and of the Conservative party as a whole. This afternoon I listened with a good deal of attention to the remarks that were made by the hon. member for Muskoka-Ontario and the hon. member for