

he spoke on this project in Regina on March 17th? This is what he said on that occasion:

Mr. Dunning said that "Bob" Rogers had been flapping his wings and was somewhat concerned as to what his, Mr. Dunning's, attitude was.

That is in respect to the Hudson Bay railway.

"Mr. Rogers had said that the opposition in the Saskatchewan legislature had moved an amendment to the Hudson Bay resolution and lost out and that man Dunning would bear watching." Mr. Dunning then told the story of the attempts of the opposition in Saskatchewan a few months ago in connection with this resolution.

Then he goes on to say:

My attitude on the Hudson Bay railway is very simple. It is my job from now on to build it and I am going to do it. The job has got to be done.

Mr. DUNNING: Hear, hear.

Mr. ROGERS: And yet the hon. gentleman comes down to-night with a proposition that does not provide for the building of one mile of that railway. That is how he intends to fulfil his pledge. Still that is in harmony with the record of the Liberal party throughout the whole history of this Dominion. I challenge hon. gentlemen opposite to name any occasion when they have honourably and honestly fulfilled any railway contract they have ever made. If they had done so we would not be discussing the Hudson Bay project to-night, and we would not be suffering, as we are suffering in western Canada, on account of the lack of fair treatment in the matter of railway legislation on the part of the Liberal government. We are forced to look for relief in some quarter, but we shall not get it from the legislation which hon. gentlemen opposite are proposing in connection with the Hudson Bay railway.

Now let me make one more point and I shall have done. In the Speech from the Throne, placed in the hands of His Excellency by the government, I find the following:

My government propose to submit provisions for the completion forthwith of the Hudson Bay railway.

What provision do they submit to-night? They submit a proposal to repair a portion of the line that is already built. In my opinion that line could do all the 9 p.m. business it was required to do without very much repair. I take it the present vote of \$3,000,000 is only an attempt to fulfil a promise made to a certain group in this parliament and to the people of western Canada. It is not proposed to build a single mile of railway in fulfilment of the pledge contained in the Speech from the Throne. Yet the people of this country, and of western Canada in particular, are expected to believe the statements being made by the

Minister of Railways in this matter. Is it any wonder that we are excited in western Canada when we view the disappearance of the last hope we had of getting relief in the matter of railway freight rates? Is it any wonder that we feel this way in view of what has occurred in this House to-night? I fancy that some people in the west will not be surprised at what has occurred, but a great many of them will be when they find out that once again their hopes have been dashed to the ground, that once again the Liberal party have failed them. The Liberal party were very strong in their pledge when parliament opened to construct this railway forthwith. That was when they were appealing to certain quarters of the House for support, support which they expected to receive and which they have enjoyed throughout the session. Now when the session is about to close they simply bring in a vote to repair the Hudson Bay line and they state that the work is going to cost \$3,000,000 when it could be done for two hundred thousand or three or four hundred thousand dollars at the most. That is the situation with which we are faced to-night. I appeal to the sense of honour of every member of this House no matter where he sits. I ask every member from the west to consider what position he will place himself in and what his constituents will think of him when such a proposition is made in view of the pledge broadcast through the country that the Hudson Bay railway would be completed forthwith? I ask every hon. member from western Canada what they think of the deception which has been practised on parliament and the country by the government of the day in regard to the construction of this line? That is all I have to say for the present but I promise you, Mr. Chairman, that I will take an early opportunity of dealing with the general record of the Liberal party to the satisfaction, I hope, of the House and the people seeing that I am denied the privilege of doing so to-night.

Mr. DUNNING: I have just a few remarks to make with reference to the speech of the hon. member for South Winnipeg. I do not intend to say much on the political aspect of the matter. Apparently we on this side of the House are to be placed in this position: We are to be attacked by hon. members along the line just adopted by the hon. member for South Winnipeg (Mr. Rogers) for not putting enough money into the estimates for the Hudson Bay railway and we are at the same time to be attacked by other hon. gentlemen opposite, some of whom have already given an indication of their sentiments in that regard, for putting