

## **BUSINESS MAN AND MANAGEMENT**

With the address from the Throne foreshadowing certain things to be done this session, have the Conservative Government anticipated the growth of the country, have they during the last three years given us constructive legislation, have they given us reasonable, honest business management? That is the question. The hon. member for the Soo says we have not done anything for the north country. "Absolutely nothing," were the two words he used. Why, Sir, let me remind this House that one of the first things this Government did on coming into control was to select from the north country one of the most capable business men in that north country—a man with great experience in connection with mines and timber, and the general business of the north country. That man was put in charge of the Department that has to do with the north country. Did the Liberals ever do that when they were in the Government of this country? No. Then if we didn't do anything else we did a good thing for the north country when we put the Hon. Mr. Cochrane in charge of that Department. I say, Sir, that the Conservatives did more in that one act than the Liberals had ever done in years to develop and straighten out matters in the north country. Is it not only natural that a man who has lived his life among the timber and minerals of that north country should understand more of the working out of the regulations and more of the needs of that country than a tanner in the County of York ought to know? It stands to reason he should. Nothing particular to his credit if he did know. But, Sir, in putting such a man in charge we have done something, and something of a practical nature, and the results are showing every day.

## **Water Powers of the North**

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**Liberals Gave them Away—Conservatives Dispose of Them  
to the Best Advantage**

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Now, Sir, take the question of the Power Bill alone. That does not, perhaps, affect the north country more than anywhere else, but it is a question that affects the whole of the Province. Suppose the Liberal Party had taken some means or some manner of protection for the water powers of the north country fifteen years ago, what would have been the condition there to-day compared with what it is? Here is what happened to our water powers in the north country, and, I say, Sir, the honorable gentleman did not say a word about it. A great deal of time is taken up by talking about the Niagara water power. What happened to be the water powers of the north country during the Liberal administration?