

Continued from first page. opinion both inside and outside the House, and it seemed to him that the reference to it in the Speech would have been much better omitted. However, he felt it to be a duty imperative upon him to reiterate his protest against the Railway policy, which has been to complimentary alluded to by preceding speakers. It was a policy that he (Mr. C.) had opposed from its very inception, and through all its forms, and he would still oppose the legislation contemplated during the present session if it conceded any greater advantages or benefits to parties with whom the Government have contracted for the building of this Railroad. Nothing was clearer to him than that this Railway policy must terminate in Confederation. This was a scheme that a large majority of the people of this country had expressed themselves opposed to in 1869, and they are known to be still adverse to it. But the Confederation proposed in 1869 and the one which is the inevitable goal to which our Railway policy leads are vastly different. Had we entered into Confederation in 1869, we should have done so of our own accord and as men; but the Confederation of the future must be entered into by us—as a necessity—and we shall be papers asking for admission on the ground of political charity.

Mr. Little regretted that the copy of the speech that has been so ably referred to by the two hon. gentlemen who have spoken in favor of this motion for the Address in Reply, was not furnished the Opposition. Had they been furnished with a copy, hon. gentlemen on his side of the House might have been prepared to discuss the several matters contained within its four corners. The hon. member, Mr. Watson, has in the course of his speech, gone into the details of matters with which we have all been thoroughly acquainted before. The hon. member who followed him seemed to be labouring under a heavy cold and he (Mr. L.) was unable to hear his speech until it came to the popular subject of the railway, when it forced his voice to resound like the familiar screech of the locomotive. Brounckis alone was to blame that the hon. gentlemen's remarks should be delivered *sotto voce* or in an undertone, but the speech itself, with one exception, dealt with matters stereotyped on the public mind. The speech of Mr. Hor or the Admittorator however lately referred to a matter of the greatest importance to the people of this country, an enterprise which, he trusted, would be the means of effecting a revolution with regard to our traffic and industries, and of bringing happiness to the people of this country. In all other respects it merely stated facts that are generally known to the public. We know the results of the Labrador and Shore fisheries, the failure of the salmon fishery, and of the state of the ship-building industry. It is necessary for those having seats in this House to be posted up in such matters. It was nice say for His Honor the Admittorator to formally repeat to us year after year events and circumstances we are perfectly cognizant of. If the fisheries were successful we have to be formally informed by His Excellency's Speech. In this country we have no need of a Mr. Venor, because if the weather is bad His Excellency in his Speech will not forget to remind us that it has been unpropitious for the pursuit of the fishing avocations of our people; and should there be a demand for our fish in foreign markets we are here informed of the fact. This Speech presents nothing fresh to our minds. True the French Shore question is noticed by it, but in such a meagre and glibbed way that one sees a margin has been still left for much doubt and difference in the public mind upon this vexed question. He merely took now upon the information placed before the House by this Speech. It does not particularise what those rights and privileges are that have been conceded. We are merely told that our people may occupy land on that Shore, subject to the Treaty rights existing between Great Britain and France. That leaves the matter exactly where it was before. Licenses for land on that part of the Island have for some time past been issued by our Government backed by similar conditions and on a similar understanding. The concession of representative institutions to the people there must be regarded with satisfaction as its positive and unqualified concession must certainly be viewed as a great constitutional boon to that portion of the colony, and he for one would willingly accord to the hon. Premier the meed of praise he was deserving in connection with the matter. He (Mr. L.) would not feel satisfied with anything short of an unqualified concession of these rights until those people possessed those representative privileges as fully as we enjoy them on this part of the Island. He must refrain from endorsing the expressions on this point that have fallen from the lips of the hon. gentlemen who preceded him. As regards the Railway, we are all in accord except a few dissentients—and he hoped that when they find the employment that is being given to our

people and the capital expended in our midst—they too will unite in endorsing the policy of the party that initiated this great measure. It is not customary for us to discuss the Speech on this first day, but to reserve anything we have to say in debate until the Reply to it is brought forward. He could not, however, permit this occasion to pass without congratulating the House upon the presence in the Council Chamber to-day of His Honor the Administrator of the Government, Sir Frederick Carter who had been deputed to open the Legislature and to deliver the Speech from the Throne. While he deplored the absence of His Excellency the Governor, and looked for his early return, he had to congratulate the Legislature that such an able substitute has been found in the person of Sir Frederick Carter, a gentleman who is indeed a credit to this, his native country. He (Mr. L.) concurred with the observations made by the hon. gentlemen who proposed and seconded the motion for a reply to the Speech respecting the successful performance of the great work proposed and legislated upon here last session. For himself he had no reason to regret the position occupied by him when this subject was under consideration last year, but was still desirous of assisting and supporting the hon. Premier on this question. This island of ours is possessed of incalculable wealth and untold resources far exceeding the popular estimate. Its agricultural and mineral resources alone would offer sufficient inducement to capitalists to construct a Railway to that portion of the Island and he hoped the day was not far distant when it will be accomplished. If such a project were undertaken it should and would have the hearty support of every well-wisher of the country. As far as he [Mr. L.] was concerned, when any measures of public utility whereby the independence, comfort and happiness of the people were advanced or secured, no matter by whom introduced as long as he [Mr. L.] had the honor of a seat in the House, he would consider it his duty to give it his support. He cared not about parties—government or opposition—if measures are introduced here tending in any way to benefit the people he considered it his solemn bounden duty to give them his support. There would be another opportunity when the House again met of discussing and considering the Speech before the House and at present he would not delay the House further than to remark that portions of the Speech refer to subjects requiring the most careful attention at the hands of every hon. member of the House.

Mr. Parsons commented on the extravagance of the receiver general, and stated that the revenue of the past year was largely in excess of former years. He had much to say during the present session and was determined to say it. He would not at present delay the House by any comments upon the several paragraphs of the Speech but reserved them for a future time. Chairman of the Board of Works [Mr. Frazer,] moved for the appointment of a Committee on Legislative Contingencies. Mr McKay moved for the appointment of a Committee on the Printing and Reporting business of the House. Mr. Scott moved for papers in connection with the receipts of the General Water Company for several years back in relation to sewerage Accounts. On motion the House then adjourned till Tuesday next at 3 1/2 o'clock.

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