

Mr. BOULTON—I beg my hon. friend's pardon, it is not ; they ask to have inserted a particular clause, giving the Government control over our lands for ever.

Mr. OLIVER—How many new tracks did the Northern Railway plant since the application for license of occupation by the Credit Valley Railway ?

Mr. BOULTON—I am not aware. We did not lay any track in consequence of the application of the Credit Valley Railway ; we simply continued a track.

Col. CUMBERLAND—We have not laid an inch of track since the application for license of occupation was made, or probably for six months before the application.

Mr. BOULTON concluded by claiming the right of reply, should it be deemed necessary.

Mr. CASSELS—My learned friend Mr. Wells, has brought up this pamphlet, and made quotations from it which he considers binding assertions as to what I consider the necessities of the Grand Trunk Railway Company. It is unfortunate, however, that he has merely taken a few extracts from it without reading the balance of the statement to which he refers. If he had quoted the statement of the Honorable Mr. McDougal, he would have found that his argument was that the Credit Valley Railway Company had no existence at all, because his idea was that local legislatures had no jurisdiction to create railway companies. That is on record also. I am sure that Sir Charles Tupper will bear me out—and if the whole of my remarks are examined it will be seen—that I took a firm stand against the Grand Trunk Railway Company being robbed of its lands by anything else than an Act of Parliament. I am prepared to show here that the stand taken by the Grand Trunk Railway Company, from the very beginning, has been of a most friendly kind towards the Credit Valley Railway. There has been no hostility to that Company, and there is none now, because, as everyone knows, the Grand Trunk Railway will benefit most by the Credit Valley Road coming into Toronto, and, therefore, her interests are not antagonistic. We have in our charter the right to take one hundred feet of land, the Northern have the right to take one hundred feet also, and we have between us and the Toronto, Grey & Bruce, a space of one hundred feet only. We have half the land that we are entitled to take under our charter ; half the land that the Legislature thought we required when they gave us that right ; and I say that there is sufficient vacant land, as I will demonstrate from the evidence of Mr. Bailey and Mr. Frank Shanly, outside the strip of one hundred feet. There is plenty of vacant land with grass growing upon it, and as smooth as a billiard table all the way from Queen Street to Bathurst Street, and I ask is any Legislature prepared to say that we are not justified in refusing to give up our property while there is that vacant space, and until the Credit Valley Railway has built upon that vacant land to a point where it is blocked ? Mr. Wells says the Ontario Government has objections to giving that land. Well, if the Ontario Legislature is not going to help a railway incorporated by itself, it is rather absurd to come here and ask Parliament to compel us to give them right of way. The Ontario Government has granted this company seven acres of land for nothing.

Mr. WELLS—For nothing ?

Mr. CASSELS—Well, for what ?

Mr. WELLS—For payment.

Mr. CASSELS—We are asked to give up our lands for nothing.

AN HON. MEMBER—You got it for nothing.