

Rights Consultants Limited to look after their interests. This firm is looking after the interests of these people, as well as their interests in connection with the building of a pipe line and another railway spur, the second one in Saskatchewan.

The C.N.R. could very easily have saved millions of dollars of taxpayers' money if the management of the railway had used their heads, made a proper survey and routed this spur in a sensible place. If it is ever possible to do so we must find out how much it is actually going to cost before we can see how many millions of dollars were wasted through this stupid, idiotic placing of the spur line.

That line has now been completed, and the railway company is trying to make settlements with the farmers whose farms have been destroyed. What hope is there of making any kind of a reasonable settlement? I do not know how the railway will be able to make a settlement after the destruction it has caused, after the inconvenience to the farmers, and all the other things that enter this expropriation. The C.N.R. management will probably offer the farmers the assessed value in the municipal district, but that will certainly never, never be accepted.

Besides all the value of the land that has been taken away, just think what it means to a farmer to have a railway line crossing his farm at an angle and destroying all the existing set-up of fields, shelter belts, and all his planned farming operations, dividing one end of his farm from his farmstead, his granaries and his other installations. It is an appalling situation for these people whose land has been desecrated by something like this that appears to have the approval and the protection of the laws of Canada. I cannot say, much as I would like to, that it is approved by this government, because probably this government did not know about it. Members of the government may have known, but it is possible they did not. I did not know that things like this could be done, and I have lived there all my life.

The railway company was supposed to provide crossings at proper places. It has not done so. It was supposed to provide underpasses for cattle. It has not done that either. But it has made crossings where it is impossible to use them. That is the kind of arbitrary action that the railway company has undertaken there. It just is not right, Mr. Speaker. It violates the rights of the free citizens of Canada. It makes me wonder what

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Canada is coming to when a child of the government can undertake actions like that and veritably steal the land from the farmers and desecrate their private property.

Just think, Mr. Speaker, we have 105,000 Canadians lying dead over in Europe because they fought to protect the rights of the people of Canada. Is their memory to be treated in this way? We have to get busy and get our laws changed, make them good for something for the majority of the people and not just for a company like the Canadian National Railway, which is the child of the government and therefore is actually the government.

It amounts to the fact that we have dictatorship in Canada. We are not a free country. We are not a democratic country any more. We have a dictatorship here, and this dictatorship is conducted by crown corporations like the C.N.R. As that lady said in her letter to the *Journal*, "If you think you have rights in Canada, try dealing with the Canadian National Railways". Parliament has to do something to amend the laws, to make it mandatory that things like this cannot be undertaken without consultation with and approval by the whole of parliament. This has happened because some half baked act was pushed through parliament to make it easy for somebody to destroy private enterprise and take over from private enterprise.

I just do not know what this country is coming to. I do not want anybody to think that I am blaming the present government for this situation, because this was in effect before it came into power. But I do blame the members of the government for forcing the new railway legislation through parliament without due consideration being given to the amendments to that act, bill—I have other words for what it has turned out to be. I blame members of the government for refusing to accept the amendments that were proposed from all parts of the opposition in the House of Commons. When we in the opposition try to amend government legislation we are not doing it for our own good. We are doing it with the interests of the people of Canada at heart.

I think my time is almost used up, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to thank you for allowing me to get this off my chest. I am terribly worried about the situation in this country of ours. I know that the government is also involved with the Expropriation Act. To realize this, all you have to do is to hear about the troubles that have arisen in the