

Scotch, English and Irish from the old regiments that England brought over here for the conquest of Canada. They settled on the north shore of Murray Bay. Murray Bay is as French as you can make it, but Murray was one of the officers of the English army who settled there and gave his name to the place. All these English, Irish and Scotch officers who settled there over a hundred years ago, are more French to-day than the French themselves, and we are asked to leave that population which has done so much for us, tied up, I say it is not fair, and I say plainly that while I in no way favour extravagance, or unusual expenditure of money, yet when I see a wise Parliament donate to railway schemes, not two or three millions, but hundreds of millions, what is in the air to prevent Parliament granting to the secluded inhabitants of that portion of Quebec some relief? We thought nothing of voting \$45,000,000 to the Canadian Northern railway two years ago. To-day fifteen million is only a flea-bite, and this Parliament is asked to refuse a few crumbs to the province of Quebec. What does it mean? Have we got two measures and two weights? What has the Canadian Northern railway done for Canada more than those people on the north shore of the province of Quebec? And it is the people of the provinces of Quebec and Ontario who are largely paying; they are paying per capita five-sevenths of the expenditure. There are not more than 700,000 people in the Maritime Provinces; not more than 1,500,000 in the whole of the Northwest, and we are 5,000,000 in the balance of Canada. So that Ontario and Quebec are paying to build those roads through the West, and we have no hesitation in voting millions upon millions to those who undertake those noble enterprises—that is the word, they are noble, but very, very unproductive, they do not pay; but all Canadian Governments are at their feet. All they have to do is to put their hat out and the Canadian Government, be it Liberal or Conservative, throw the money into the hat. Now when it is proposed to acquire railroads in Quebec which are already paying expenses and paying dividends, two of them—not as a loan or for maintenance, but actual acquisition—there is an objection. Well, hon. gentlemen, I am not going to bow down to that objection. I do not care who Rodolphe Forget is. He may be a "Sir" twenty times over; he may have led foreign investors

into error; he may have enticed them to lose their money in his propositions; with that I have nothing to do. All I know now is that there is a proposition before Parliament to acquire three railroads of certain mileage with a certain equipment, with certain revenues. I am prepared to stand by that bargain, irrespective of what has passed, irrespective of what the hon. senator Dandurand has told us in regard to the disastrous results which have clung to the transactions of Sir Rodolphe Forget and his associates. I accept the responsibility here to-day as given to us by the Government, that this region of the province of Quebec is entitled to have that service, and I believe the Government has taken the proper precaution to safeguard the interests of the public in the matter.

The House divided on the amendment, which was lost on the following division:

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Hon. Mr. WATSON—I think probably Mr. Thorne forgot that he was paired with Mr. Thompson.

Hon. Mr. THORNE—I only paired with Mr. Thompson for yesterday. I told him I would pair with him for yesterday.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—I did not vote because I was paired with the Hon. Mr. Beith. If I had voted, I should have voted against the amendment.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill.