

has fastened itself upon our Prime Minister, who stoutly maintains, notwithstanding the most convincing evidence to the contrary, that he is the author of the All-Red line project. Sir Charles Tupper hardly needed to remind us that the proposal was his own, or that it was defeated by the action of Lord Aberdeen and Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Our Prime Minister conveniently forgets his bottle-necked proposals of 1898 and the shout of triumph from his party friends at the supposed establishment of a fast Atlantic service. He apparently forgets what the Allans have accomplished on the Atlantic and what the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has achieved on the Atlantic and the Pacific as well, since his famous scheme broke down. Upon his return from the Colonial Conference he said at Quebec. "During the last days of the conference I announced a new idea which has become almost historic, the All-Red line."

**His motion was moved before the Colonial Conference on the 14th May, but the proposal which he claims as a new idea and as his own was that of Sir Charles Tupper in 1896.**

And more than a month before Sir Wilfrid's resolution was moved, certain capitalists had addressed to each member of the conference a proposal "to link together the different parts of the Empire by a service of fast steamers and fast trains working in conjunction and forming through routes through British territory." Yet this is the new and original idea which Sir Wilfrid announced a month afterwards.

#### INTERESTS OF CONSUMERS MUST BE CONSERVED.

We have no details of the Government's proposal, and we cannot profitably consider it until these are made known. The best possible passenger service is desirable, but we must not sacrifice the interests of our producers for spectacular effects. Conditions have changed since 1898. The necessity of a thorough and efficient freight service with a complete system of cold storage at the lowest possible rate is more apparent now than ten years ago. Eighty per cent. of our population are directly interested in low freight rates and a cold storage system. Less than one per cent. are directly interested in a faster passenger service.

#### ELEVEN YEARS OF LIBERAL RULE TIRES THE COUNTRY.

The *Toronto Globe* has courteously expressed its approval of my proposed tour, as well as the hope that after the next election I