

What I am now moving is this:

Be it therefore resolved that, in the opinion of this House, the proposals of the said Resolution of the 16th of March, A.D., 1914, should be carried forward to completion at the earliest possible date.

The railroad that I am talking about in the county of Victoria was practically started in 1911 along with several other lines of railway in Guysborough, Pictou and Halifax counties and other parts of eastern Nova Scotia: They were dropped with the promise that later on they would be taken up again. I trust that "later on" has arrived and that before long the Government will take such steps as may be necessary to carry out the proposition involved in my present resolution and the resolution which was accepted by the Government on the 16th March, 1914.

I trust I have made my position perfectly clear, also the position of the people of the island of Cape Breton, Guysborough and Inverness counties, of western Nova Scotia, as well as the sections of Quebec and New Brunswick particularly concerned in the scope and purpose of the resolution.

I do hope that the day is not far distant when the minister will be able to gladden the hearts of these old settlers who have been in this country, they and their forefathers, nearly two hundred years, and who have been looking from time to time for the benefits of railway extension. I trust the minister will have the satisfaction of feeling that he is the one who brought this great benefit to this very excellent class of Canadians, who have too long been left out in the cold, without the facilities which have been properly extended to other parts of Canada.

Hon. J. D. REID (Minister of Railways and Canals): Mr. Speaker—

Mr. SPEAKER: Unless the hon. gentleman rises to a question of personal explanation, the debate is concluded.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

OPIMUM AND COCAINE.

*MR. MOWAT:

1. Has the importation of opium derivatives and cocaine into Canada during the last four years been abnormal?

2. Is it a fact that in the four fiscal years ending March 31, 1915, and the like period ending March 31, 1919, the following figures are approximately correct?

[Mr. McKenzie.]

	Importations. Quantity.		Amount.	
	1915	1919	1915	1919
	Oz.	Oz.	\$	\$
Cocaine. . .	1,361	29,470	2,224	227,040
Morphine. . .	7,181	125,317	15,602	640,304
Crude Opium	21,818	63,898	105,566	823,512
	30,360	218,685	123,792	1,690,856

3. If not approximately correct, what are the facts?

Hon. Mr. REID:

1. The importations of cocaine and morphine for the four year period ending March 31, 1919, are much in excess of those for the four years ending March 31, 1915. With respect to opium, however, the importations during the four years ending March 31, 1919, are not abnormal, as 139,645 pounds of opium were imported in the four year period ending March 31, 1911.

2. Yes, as to cocaine and morphine, but not as respects opium.

3. The importations during the two four-year periods were as follows:

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PUBLIC DEBT, EXPENDITURE, ETC.

On the question (Mr. McKenzie) respecting the public debt, annual expenditure, etc.:

Mr. McKENZIE: For some mysterious reason this question was dropped from the Order Paper the other day. It has re-appeared, and I should like to get an answer as soon as possible. I notice a mistake in the first paragraph of the question. The year should be 1919 instead of 1917.

Mr. SPEAKER: I shall see that the necessary correction is made.

Question stands.

CLASSIFICATION OF HOUSE OF COMMONS OFFICIALS.

Mr. J. A. ROBB (for Mr. Tobin) moved:

For a copy of all papers, correspondence, plans, schedules, drafts of classification, and all other documents respecting the re-classification of the House of Commons permanent employees of all grades, sent by any official of the House of Commons to the Board of Civil Service Commissioners, or to the experts engaged by the said board to re-classify the Civil Service of Canada.

Hon. A. K. MACLEAN: Does the hon. member ask for a return giving the names of all the permanent employees in the public service?