

continue this discussion. I have made my position perfectly clear. Every step I took in the Railway Committee was in the interests of the province of British Columbia by securing an all-Canadian line on Canadian territory; and to secure it beyond doubt, we should hold as a guarantee that the Canadian portion of the line should be built, crossing the boundary by diverging a short distance into the United States. If we have failed, we have at least done everything the people of British Columbia ask us to do. I feel perfectly satisfied that I have done nothing contrary to the interests of British Columbia.

Mr. D. ROSS. All I have to say in reply to the hon. gentleman for Halton (Mr. Henderson) is this, that the people of British Columbia will not forget what he and his friends have done.

Mr. HENDERSON. I am glad to hear that statement.

An hon. MEMBER. Everybody is satisfied.

Mr. HENDERSON. Is everybody satisfied? The people of British Columbia will not object to what I have done. I have done all I could to secure a Canadian line on Canadian territory before allowing any divergence to the United States. I am much pleased with the hon. gentleman's statement.

Mr. KENNEDY. I would like to tell the hon. gentleman that the people of British Columbia will not forget the part he took in doing his best to fasten something on them which he would not attempt to do in his own province. He does not want our railways to be run into American territory for fear that they will carry away Canadian trade. Why did he not take that line when the Canadian Pacific Railway got a charter to draw trade from Winnipeg to St. Paul and from Vancouver to Seattle?

Mr. HENDERSON. The answer is very plain. I hold in my hand a copy of a resolution passed by the board of trade of Chilliwack.

An hon. MEMBER. Where is it?

Mr. HENDERSON. I know where the place is, if the hon. gentleman does not, but I am not here as his geographer. The resolution is as follows:

Resolved that Mr. J. B. Kennedy be urged to move or support in the Railway Committee an amendment to the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern charter to the effect that the road to the west from Princeton be laid out, constructed and operated through Canadian territory to the south of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and that construction be commenced continuously with the beginning of construction in the boundary district, and that this be a condition precedent to the granting of the said charter.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. Who is Mr. Kennedy?

Mr. HENDERSON.

Mr. HENDERSON. The hon. member for Westminster. There you have the board of trade from his own district asking the identical thing I proposed in my amendment. I was acting in the interests of the people of British Columbia by endeavouring to have carried out what they desire, as shown by the resolutions of their board of trade, and I have my course of action confirmed here by the telegram in my hand giving a copy of the resolution of the Chilliwack board of trade. I think that when the hon. member for Westminster considers the whole question, he will be satisfied that my course was in the interests of the people, and in not one instance did I say a word or call for a vote that operated against their interests.

Mr. HAGGART. The object of the amendment of my hon. friend from North Toronto (Mr. Foster) was to provide that if this road be built westward in the Similkameen Valley, it should be built upon Canadian territory; and if found impossible to build it entirely upon Canadian territory, power was to be given to the Governor in Council to inquire into the subject and allow a diversion into American territory. The other part of the amendment was to empower the Governor in Council to take means to see that the western part of the road, the road to Vancouver, should be built, not *pari passu* with the eastern section, but to see that there should be some guarantee that it should be built. I am not sure but that, under the clause proposed, all that is required by the amendment of my hon. friend from North Toronto is provided. I think the clause throws the responsibility, if the road passes out of American territory, upon the Governor in Council; and if any arrangement should be made with the lines to the south, the responsibility of the whole arrangement is cast upon the Railway Committee. In the meantime I do not see any objection to this section passing. The only thing suggested by the hon. member for North Toronto, which perhaps is not in the Bill, is that there should be some guarantee that the western portion of the road will be built. However, after it passes through committee, the next stage will be taken on Wednesday, and the hon. member for North Toronto may then be here and move his amendment to the Bill.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I have no desire to offer any amendment to this clause at all or to consider the matter further than to suggest that, in the interests of the people and of those promoting the legislation, it would be very much wiser for them to amend the form in which it now is. Leaving the gentlemen who are responsible for this legislation to deal with the suggestion as they choose, I would submit that the clause be amended by inserting the following words, at the beginning of the section: