If I had gone on with the road I did not pay import locomotives plates, and not locomotives, of duty, and if the Government Speech at London by the the work it would not have paid under the law the Governm Minister of Railways. If, therefore, we had allowed to bring in everything free, turers would have been no w THE OPPOSITION ANSWERED. they were before. (Hear, under the present arrangeme pany cannot A Complete Reply to the "Gentlemen locomotive, or a car into this c out paying duty. (Applause.) of the Agitation." railway spikes, which are to under this contract, are not Wrought iron spikes are mentio REFORM FIZELE AT KINGSTON. and assuming that the 30 pe plied to them were applied spikes if not made free, the on spikes for the whole of would be but \$65,700. Th is required to pay the Mr. Blake Coldly Received in Toronto. everything else except bridg If the bridges were built of woo MEETINGS AT QUEBEC AND ELSEWHERE. no duty would be payable, and bridges is made free in order t Contraction Paters and the LONDON, Dec. 28 .- This evening Str pany may be encouraged to Lannos, Dec. 23.—Inis evening Sr Charles Tupper addressed a very large meet-ing of the electors of the city in the City Hall an the subject of the Pacific railway contract. Mr. W. R. Meredith, M. P. P., occupied the shair. Among those present were Hog. John Carling, Messrs. D. McMillan, M. P., and (Applause.) Including the brid the total rebates of duty would \$90,181. But, sir, we do not int the National Policy to be disturb ause we are going to give the mai drawback which will enable ther facture those spikes and bolts in The CHAIRMAN, in briefly introducing the (Loud applause.) But, sir, jus great man like Mr. Blake exercis The CHAREMAN, in briefly introducing the Minister of Railways, stated that the pro-quers of the Liberal meeting last night had da lined to parmit Sir Charles to meet Mr. Biske on that occasion. He regretted that both sides of the question had not been placed before the same audience, but he had no doubt that the reply to Mr. Blake in Mr. Hiske's absence would be none the less while discussing a work which year ago was to cost the count 000, over about \$100,000 of dut dering why every intelligent mar try has not his hair standing on s he says, we are sacrificing Policy, for which he has such a They say we allowed them to s CHARLES TUPPER spoke as follows :-and, that it was their option, say it was very different in Mr. bill when the rocks and swamps road had to be taken. Well, 1 they have been reading it (Laughter.) I have it in my h the clause.) Now, mark you, 55,940,000 acres of land, one-th was to be absolutely controlle use as they pleased, and the oth he assumed the management of v able to sell an acre, unless they on a price. They could thus h for twenty years by sim to agree on the terms. Ur othing would give me greater pleasure han again to meet this great constituency, ad, in the presence of any gentlemen, dis-use in public a question that is second to rangement, however, the r quite different. (Applause.) I that the land is to be of fair ave is in public a question that is second to be in importance that has ever been sub-tied for the consideration of the people of nada. I regret, I must say, that it was t convenient to have had that discussion en both sides of the question could be pre-tied to the same success. I, of course, You were told last night it might swamp. (Laughter.) What has "fairly fit for settlement." V not a great Chancery lawyer-I might also be able to split newed laughter.) That is god says of "average quality." This because it says "fairly fit for recognise the fact that Mr. Blake is a leman not only of very high standing but very great ability-(applause)-and 1 because it says "fairly fit for When average quality could be immediate vicinity it was to b very great ability-(applause)-and 1 Id only be emboldened to meet him on and only be emotivened to meet him on a great question on the conviction that the use I advocate is one sufficiently strong to able me to meet even the ablest—(cheers) and that the result of that discussion would by the Governor-in-Council. w the magnificent character land you might possibly think w mable me to meet event the ablest-(cheers) and that the result of that discussion would to eatisfy these who brought on the con-ideration of the effection that after a calm and dispassionate judgment the Government if the country has no ground to fear the fullest and most exhaustive discussion. Cheers.) I am not at all surprised that the fort to excite the people of Canada on this uestion has been about the most signal allare that has ever presented itself to my political party in this country. my an attempt to excite the public, for you now that for several months past the organ the Opposition has need every possible cause to excite the public mind, and you now that, Parliament having been in session r come time, there has been a tolerable dis-sion. The country, however, has not proved. Everybody seemed satisfied; no mon seemed at all excited. (Applance,) and the press brought as an exponse with country, sit, the erators of our oppo-tion of the press brought as a response with the press brought as a response of the press brought as a response of the press brought be subsecter it might be; tassessible is subsecter it might be; tassessible is subsecter is such as to command itself to the "average quality" gave them. What more? Why, sir, we are dicate have the option of picking lands in the North-West. Wh find that out? It is not in the the very reverse. It says :--- " hereby agreed to to be so mad sections of 640 acres each, !exter miles deep on 'each side of Winnipeg to Jasper house, in a lands shall be vested in the Gov company receiving the section even numbers, but should any tions consist in a material not fairly fit for settlement the not be obliged to receive them i grant ; and the deficiency there any further deficiency which he insufficient quantity of la portion of railway to compl 000,000 acres, or from the pr and water stretches in the made up from other portions to the company in the track is fertile belt." The option is <text><text><text> river. So you see they are alternate section for twenty-fo reciposal of the discretances of the command itself to the at large. Under these circumstances grutheman betook themselves to ablic platform to see if they sould on each side of the line, at the option of the company go outside. What that be? That

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nate square miles The Government would not branches at its own cost, but if do not choose along the main build branches to connect. (He is a small matter and one which is a small matter and one which expected the Opposition would take and public attention in (Hear, hear.) They say isn't monopoly to allow them to build lines. Well, I don't know. ines. Well, I don't know. policy of the late Government in Mr. Mills brought down, enablin who so chose to build a line any North-West so long as it within a parallel distance of from the Canadian Pacific railwa And they would deny this pany that has taken or shoulders the responsibility this great line, when they k shoulders the responsibility this great line, when they k greatest blessing that could be the North-West and on Canad have the railways stretching er open it up for settlement. And, that at their own cost and cha hear)—and they do not get one if they build 1,000 or 5,000 mi lines, except roadway free thro ment land, nor a dollar from th Canada. (Cheers.) But what d of Mr. Mills provide? That e can do what these gentlemen wo this company, and lay out lin they please, merely depositing the Government, and for every of road built they are to be ent square miles of land on each side and if the Government prefer, ti them \$10,000 per mile cash taken treasury of Canada. (Hear, he they go up into the Peace River can have not 10,000 acres of land which say one is entitled under can have not 10,000 acres of land which any one is entitled under 20,000 acres per mile, and if the prefer, they can give them in lar value not, to exceed \$10,000 in ca and yet, with this policy laid on the House as their policy, they raise a hue and cry through the we are allowing the syndicate 3,000 miles of road through called for years an inheautral called for years an inhospitabl nothing upon which to sustain The privilege of opening up by s country for settlement in such these 25,000,000 acres, which alternate sections, in the mar country in the position of g dollar back which has been expe road. (Applause.) I think I in the time of the meeting in di np the time of the meeting in di matter at any greater length. over, say "You have not divide right. You have given too mud a section and too little to the ro should that distarb them? They the roads built. Suppose they what is Mr. Blake's policy? And you as Canadians whether this which you will endorse. He is throw up a national line which you will endorse. He throw up a national line, a to adandon at once and fo hope of having a great n of inter-communication, exte the Atlantic to the Pacific, wery section of this great Co mow away this policy, do not swenty millions in building a li Lake Superior, although every to come out of the lands of the and the road is to be constructed at a rate which will enable every in connection with it to be w in connection with it to be w value to be received from the la value to be received from the lar road is built. (Cheers.) Let t build a line from Nipissing and Marie to connect with what? with the Northern Pacific rails hears.) One would suppose, if know that the man's character is and that he was supprise

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